

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13 JULY 2016**

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT Bernadette Lappage (Mayor), Christine Hamilton (Deputy Mayor), Abdul Abdullahi, Nesil Cazimoglu, Lee Chamberlain, Nesimi Erbil, Haydar Ulus, Daniel Anderson, Dinah Barry, Erin Celebi, Jason Charalambous, Katherine Chibah, Lee David-Sanders, Nick Dines, Sarah Doyle, Peter Fallart, Krystle Fonyonga, Alessandro Georgiou, Suna Hurman, Doris Jiaage, Adeline Kepez, Bernadette Lappage (Mayor), Vicki Pite, Claire Stewart, Dogan Delman, Ali Bakir, Chris Bond, Yasemin Brett, Alev Cazimoglu, Bambos Charalambous, Christiana Doring, Patricia Ekechi, Achilleas Georgiou, Christine Hamilton (Deputy Mayor), Ahmet Hasan, Elaine Hayward, Robert Hayward, Ertan Hurer, Eric Jukes, Nneka Keazor, Joanne Laban, Michael Lavender, Dino Lemonides, Derek Levy, Terence Neville OBE JP, Ayfer Orhan, Anne-Marie Pearce, Daniel Pearce, Michael Rye OBE, George Savva MBE, Toby Simon, Alan Sitkin, Edward Smith, Andrew Stafford, Doug Taylor and Glynis Vince

ABSENT Guney Dogan, Turgut Esendagli, Jansev Jemal, Mary Maguire, Andy Milne, Jim Steven, Donald McGowan, Ahmet Oykenner and Ozzie Uzoanya

**1
ELECTION IF REQUIRED OF THE CHAIR/DEPUTY CHAIR OF THE MEETING**

None required.

**2
MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN TO GIVE A BLESSING**

The Reverend Stuart Owen from All Saints Church, Edmonton gave the blessing.

**3
MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ORDINARY COUNCIL BUSINESS**

The Mayor began her announcements by thanking the Reverend Stuart Owen for his blessing, the officers in the Mayoral Office, the Deputy Mayor, the Mayor's consort, the Deputy Mayor's consort for their support over the past month, and the people of Enfield for their invitations.

1. Engagements over the past month

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The Mayor announced that, in the past month, she had attended the following events and engagements:

- An event at Forty Hall, held to thank all the park volunteers for their commitment to the many parks and green spaces in the borough.
- The Capel Manor Garden Party and Open Day, for local residents, which she had hosted. This had also been attended by the Deputy Lieutenant and Mayors from several neighbouring boroughs. The event had been greatly appreciated by many.
- Capel Manor Awards Ceremony – watching young people who had been given life chances helping to fulfil their potential.
- Ponders End Community Event along with other local councillors.
- Events to celebrate the Queen's Birthday Weekend
- A visit to the Mayor's Parlour and Council Chamber from some children at Carterhatch School, which she had hosted.
- Judging the Glee Final at the Piccadilly Theatre – 18 Edmonton schools had taken part in the competition. The Mayor's award went to the pupils at West Lea School whose performance moved everyone.
- Armed Forces Day Commemorations, including taking tea with the participants at the British Legion.
- An afternoon garden party for elderly residents at Ingleborough Sheltered Housing, raising £750 for Macmillan Cancer Support.
- The opening of the Oncu Supermarket in Freezywater
- Barnet Arts Festival supporting the Enfield Harmony Singers, the Council's staff choir.
- The youth games at Crystal Palace: the female swimming team had come third and the boys' team sixth, in London. She congratulated all participants and reported that she was arranging a tea for them in the Mayor's Parlour.
- The Youth Launch of Enfield Sounds Great, attended by many of the borough's schools. The Mayor reported that she was now working on a music charter for young people and had been amazed at the enthusiasm and the quality of the performances of the young people involved.
- Other Music Events – Over the last month, the Mayor had also attended as many concerts as possible, including the Battle of the

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Bands, the Blues and Beer Event at Forty Hall, singing with the choir above the King's Head in the market square. She commented on how a famous composer had visited Enfield in the past month.

2. Future events

The Mayor announced the following future events:

- A Musical Instrument Amnesty to take place on Saturday 23 July 2016 starting at 11am between Pearson's and Marks and Spencer in Palace Gardens. People were being asked to bring along instruments they no longer needed so that they could be put to good use. Susie Dawson from Standard Life was thanked for her support of this project. Anyone who came along would be given an Enfield Sounds Great Badge – much sought after.
- An International Busking Day was also being held on that day.
- The Open Air Cinema Screening of Mamma Mia on 10 August 2016 for which tickets were available at the Dugdale Box Office.
- Enfield Racial Equality Council AGM, Thursday 14 July 2016 at 7pm at the Civic Centre.
- Music on the Lawn at Forty Hall on Sunday 17 July 2016 at 1pm with lots of music and activities for families.

3. Awards

The Mayor announced that the following Council teams had recently received awards:

3.1 Sustainability Service

Enfield Council's Sustainability Service had won Team of the Year at the prestigious Local Government Chronicle Awards at a ceremony at the Grosvenor House Hotel in March 2016. Competing against 98 other UK local authorities, Enfield's team had beaten off stiff competition to be named as the team of the year.

The team stepped forward. The Mayor congratulated them and presented them with their award.

3.2 CCTV Team

The CCTV team had received 9 awards from the Metropolitan Police as part of the Metropolitan Police Annual CCTV Awards Ceremony, hosted at New Scotland Yard. The awards had recognised the teams' efforts on a number of notable incidents across Enfield.

The team came forward so that the Mayor could congratulate them present them with their awards.

4. Retirement of Les Bowman, Enfield London Fire Brigade Borough Commander

The Mayor announced that Les Bowman, the Enfield Borough Commander of the London Fire Brigade, had recently retired having spent many years working for the people of Enfield. The Mayor said that last week she had had the privilege of visiting Southgate Fire Station and had been impressed at the professionalism of the personnel and the sacrifice made by those individuals to the service of others.

She invited Les Bowman to come forward, so that she could thank him, in person, on behalf of the people of Enfield, and she then presented him with a small gift.

5. Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme

The Mayor reminded members that, on 1 July 2016, it had been the anniversary of the date of the Battle of the Somme, and asked that there should be a pause with a minute's silence to remember the sacrifices of all those who fought and lost their lives in that conflict.

6. Death of Jo Cox, Labour MP for Batley and Spennings

The Mayor said that she had been shocked and saddened by the tragic death and circumstances of the death of Jo Cox. She also drew members' attention to the fact that a photograph, marking refugee week, donated to the parlour, by Councillor Brett had been dedicated to honour the memory of Jo Cox.

The Mayor and the Deputy Mayor stood and a minute's silence was held in honour of both those who had died at the Battle of the Somme and Jo Cox.

7. Changes to the Council Procedure Rules

The Mayor announced that the meeting was to be the first since changes to the Council procedure rules had been agreed. A copy of the new rules had been provided for all members at the meeting, she, herself had sent out an email including details of the changes and three briefing sessions for all members had been held. She asked everyone to be aware that there might be some teething problems as everyone adjusted to the new rules.

8. Comfort Break

The Mayor announced that she planned to continue to have, as had been introduced at recent meetings, a comfort break at a suitable time (likely to be at 8.30pm) during the proceedings: She suggested members used the time to view the new photographs of scenes, from each of the borough's 21 wards, displayed on the walls of the Council Chamber .

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 JUNE 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2016 were agreed as a correct record.

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dogan, During, Esendagli, Jemal, Maguire, McGowan, Milne, Steven, Oykener and Uzoanya.

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillor Lee David Sanders.

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DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

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OPPOSITION BUSINESS - CUSTOMER SERVICE

Before the start of Opposition Business, it was reported that a petition of over 4,000 signatures had been received. The Assistant Director, Legal and Governance, advised members that the petition had been received on the day before the Council meeting, that officers were in the process of verifying signatures, that it was subject to legal proceedings but that it would be brought forward to a future Council meeting if appropriate.

Councillor Laban introduced the issues paper, prepared by the Opposition Group.

Issues highlighted were as follows:

1. She began by stating that Opposition Business enabled the opposition to bring forward issues affecting the community and that the level of customer service being provided was currently an issue of great concern to the local community.
2. She felt that the problems were acknowledged by all and well documented on social media. Members of the public were often being kept waiting, at times 42 and more minutes, to get through to the call centre. The main Council number was frequently engaged, callers received no automatic message, were often kept on hold for long periods, and in her opinion there was little chance of speaking to anyone.
3. Customers were being asked to use the new website, but the website was not working well. Problems logged on line were not responded to,

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the relevant pages did not appear and customers were sent backwards and forwards in a loop between the old and new websites. The online payment system was frequently out of order. There were long queues of people waiting to speak to officers on the reception desks, queues, on many occasions, out of the door. It was also taking members much longer than the agreed standard of eight days to get any response through the Member Enquiries System.

4. An organisation which did provide help to members of the public was being threatened with closure by the administration.
5. These problems could not be blamed on a Government lack of funding, as it had been the current administration's decision to adopt the transformation programme responsible. On top of this the people in charge of implementing the new services had since left or were due to leave the Council.
6. She felt that it was the poorest and most vulnerable residents who were suffering the most. This was a real issue for Enfield residents and particularly those that relied on the Council's help: the Council owed it to them to sort out the problems as soon as possible.

Councillor Levy, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, responded on behalf of the Majority Group highlighting:

1. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee had set up a work stream to look into the Enfield 2017 Transformation Programme, including this area. On 14 December 2015, a paper had been considered setting out the scale and scope of the work. On 8 March 2016, a joint session with the Audit and Risk Management Committee had been entirely given over to an in depth study of the issues.
2. Work was also being carried out to look at the quality of communications including on a one to one basis and it had been found that they were not always as clear as they could be.
3. He felt that this was not a party political issue. The issues raised were already known and they were being taken in hand as part of the scrutiny process. If the Opposition group had had these specific concerns earlier, he felt that they should have raised them at the start and that they could have been included in the original scoping document for the scrutiny review.
4. The IT and the website did have shortcomings, Councillor Levy said he himself was an arch critic, but these were being addressed. He had visited the call centre in April, listened in to many calls and had been amazed at the patience and empathy of the staff, guiding people through the processes and dealing with these calls. There was no denying that some people had waited 42 minutes, but for others it was 42 seconds.

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5. Councillor Levy had also spent some time on the front desk with floorwalkers whom he saw as flexible and versatile, dedicated to helping people through the processes.

Other issues highlighted during the debate were as follows:

- a. The need highlighted by the members of the Opposition Group:
 - To recognise that the customer service provided over the past few months had been unacceptable and that people had been subjected to very long waits. Examples were put forward where vulnerable people in need of Council help had been subjected to severe delays over several months.
 - To recognise that there had been a failure of planning and management, that was not due to lack of money. Any change such as this should have been carefully planned and should have involved experienced staff, those with high levels of expertise capable of dealing with the public's issues.
 - To understand that changes were needed immediately, not following a slow and bureaucratic possible sixth month review.
 - To recognise that a responsible leadership would act immediately to resolve the problems: problems which were costing much officer time and money.
 - Although accepting that the current administration had acknowledged that things had gone wrong, members felt that this was not good enough, the Council was there to serve the residents and the service needed immediate improvement.
 - To admit the repercussions from reducing staff numbers by 792, as detailed in answer to Council Question 14, and the effect on standards that had not been handled well.
 - To acknowledge concern about the eviction facing the organisation in the Eastern part of the borough who were providing support and advice to people trying to access customer services.

Members were advised by the Assistant Director Legal and Governance that this matter was sub judice as it was a live court proceeding and should not be discussed. Councillor Lavender asked for her to provide some written guidance.

- b. The need highlighted by members of the Labour Group:
 - To recognise that funding was paramount. The Council had suffered from £100m worth of Government cuts since 2010 and would be subject to a further £56m by 2020. Providing services in the light of these was a

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considerable challenge. The transformation was being dictated by the finances and would result in £28m worth of efficiencies.

- To recognise that this was a big and complex programme and that there had inevitably been teething problems. The Council dealt with 50,000 calls, 30,000 electronic communications and 16,000 face to face meetings every month. The average wait time for calls was 4 minutes.
- To acknowledge that the Labour councillors carried out ward surgeries and the Council had more libraries than any other London borough.
- Five extra members of staff had been employed as a stop gap. The website was continually being reviewed and feedback acted upon. Improved access and staff training was being carried out so that everyone met the required standard. Improvements were being made to make the buildings more accessible. The whole process was under review and more people would be bought in if needed. Processes were in place to ensure that the problems were addressed.
- To recognise that despite the challenges, customer satisfaction levels with services including waste, door step recycling, parks and open spaces had increased. There had been a 200% increase in on line reporting of incidents. New 24 hour, 7 day a week services were being introduced including the ability to upload pictures, to choose days for the collection of bulky waste items, booking for on line events and sports pitches. Thus empowering residents who could use IT and leaving officers free to help those who could not and needed more support. Officers who were effective, tactful and well informed.
- To agree with the Opposition that services must improve and to recognise that work was being done to achieve this.
- To understand that the plight of many residents was a result of the imposition of Government cuts. Demand for Council services was increasing because of this.

During the course of the debate, the time for Opposition Business was extended by 15 minutes.

At the end of the debate Councillor Neville summed up on behalf of the Opposition Group as follows:

- That there was no excuse for poor service and he did not feel that the administration had provided adequate responses to the Opposition concerns. Customer satisfaction levels and polls were not to be relied upon.
- That local people were very dissatisfied and the impact fell most heavily on those least able to help themselves.

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- It was the duty of the Opposition to hold members to account. The response that scrutiny would be reviewing the issues was not enough. Action was needed now.
- The speed of progress was insufficient and he felt that each of the Opposition's recommendations should be addressed together with an explanation as to what work was already taking place. Simply, he felt more staff were needed.

Councillor Achilleas Georgiou then summed up on behalf of the majority group by saying that

- He felt that the Opposition paper was unnecessary as the matter was already in hand. The Administration was already doing more to improve customer services than was proposed in the Opposition recommendations. All the recommendations were being acted upon.
- Services were improving. Customers were now able to access services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Council was one of the first local authorities in England, possibly Europe, to use Amelia, a robot with artificial intelligence, to deal with customer queries.
- It was misleading to say that the changes were nothing to do with funding, savings had to be found. Services had to be transformed in order to find ways of continuing to provide excellent services in challenging financial circumstances, against a background of increasing demand. Increasing demand, the result of Government's policies, such as welfare reform.

As an outcome of the debate the Councillor Alessandro Georgiou requested that a vote be taken on the recommendations within the Opposition Priority Business Paper. In accordance with section 17.4 of the council procedure rules this was on a roll call basis, with the results as follows:

AGREED not to approve the following recommendations within the Opposition Priority Business Paper:

1. Recruit the necessary number of staff needed for the call centre to cope with the level of demand from our customers.
2. Review the new website to ensure that if it cannot show a certain information page, then the previous website can be accessed and used.
3. Carry out a full scale review of the effectiveness of the Gateway Services Hub.
4. Review of the number of Members' Enquiries (MEQ)s that are not responded to within the Service Level Agreement (SLA).

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5. Those departments that are not meeting the SLA from investigating MEQs will implement an action plan to improve the service as soon as possible.
6. Provide the necessary number of staff at the front desk of the Civic Centre to adequately deal with demand.
7. Establish a cross party working group on specific remit of customer services to report its work to Cabinet and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

In support of the recommendations: 20

Councillor Erin Celebi
Councillor Lee Chamberlain
Councillor Jason Charalambous
Councillor Lee David Sanders
Councillor Dogan Delman
Councillor Nick Dines
Councillor Peter Fallart
Councillor Alessandro Georgiou
Councillor Elaine Hayward
Councillor Robert Hayward
Councillor Ertan Hurer
Councillor Eric Jukes
Councillor Joanne Laban
Councillor Michael Lavender
Councillor Terry Neville
Councillor Anne Marie Pearce
Councillor Daniel Pearce
Councillor Michael Rye
Councillor Edward Smith
Councillor Glynis Vince

Against the recommendations: 31

Councillor Abdul Abdullahi
Councillor Daniel Anderson
Councillor Ali Bakir
Councillor Dinah Barry
Councillor Chris Bond
Councillor Yasemin Brett
Councillor Alev Cazimoglu
Councillor Nesil Cazimoglu
Councillor Bambos Charalambous
Councillor Katherine Chibah
Councillor Sarah Doyle
Councillor Pat Ekechi
Councillor Nesimi Erbil
Councillor Krystle Fonyonga

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Councillor Achilleas Georgiou
Councillor Ahmet Hassan
Councillor Suna Hurman
Councillor Doris Jiage
Councillor Nneka Keazor
Councillor Adeline Kepez
Councillor Dino Lemonides
Councillor Derek Levy
Councillor Ayfer Orhan
Councillor Vicki Pite
Councillor George Savva
Councillor Toby Simon
Councillor Alan Sitkin
Councillor Andrew Stafford
Councillor Claire Stewart
Councillor Doug Taylor
Councillor Haydar Ulus

Abstentions: 0

At the end of this item, the meeting was suspended for a 10 minute comfort break.

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CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Following the item on Opposition Business, Councillor Stewart moved and Councillor Taylor seconded a proposal under paragraph 2.2(b) of the Council Procedure Rules to change the order of items on the agenda so that the following items were dealt with as the next items of business:

- Item 8 Urgent Motion in the name of Councillor Alev Cazimoglu regarding the situation at the North Middlesex University Hospital NHS Trust.
- Item 8.9 Motion in the name of Councillor Brett regarding community cohesion.

The change in order of the agenda was agreed without a vote.

Please note the minutes reflect the order in which the items were dealt with at the meeting.

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MOTIONS

1.1 Urgent Motion

Council was asked to note that the Mayor had agreed to accept an urgent motion under Part 4 paragraph 11.6 of the constitution.

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The decision was accepted as urgent, as notice as under Part 4, Paragraph 11 could not reasonably have been given for the following reason:

“Since the publication of the agenda and the inclusion of Councillor Anne Marie Pearce's Motion (Motion 8.5 on the agenda), there had been a major announcement from the Care Quality Commission (CQC), on 6th July 2016, in relation to fundamental changes to the Board, including the accountable officer being the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of another out of borough hospital.

The matter was of immense concern to Enfield residents who would have expected their local representatives to respond to these changes and request action from the appropriate decision makers.”

Councillor Alev Cazimoglu moved and Councillor Abdulahi seconded the following as the urgent motion:

“The Care Quality Commission (CQC) report published on the 6th July 2016 rates the Urgent and Emergency Service at North Middlesex Hospital as inadequate. This Council is seriously concerned to learn of the failings identified in the report; and of the CQC's statutory Warning Notice issued to the trust requiring it to improve the care of patients in the Emergency Department (ED) by 26th August 2016.

The CQC's latest report follows their comprehensive inspection of the Trust in June 2014, which rated the Medical Care and ED as Requires Improvement.

This Council notes that North Middlesex Hospital A&E is one of the busiest Emergency Departments in London, serving a very deprived area with significant health needs. The Trust is under considerable strain, compounded by the financial underfunding of Enfield CCG; the lack of primary healthcare provision in Enfield; and government cuts to NHS services across the board.

This Council calls on the Secretary of State to urgently intervene to save our local hospital. The Secretary of State should ensure the Trust is adequately funded and supported in providing local people with safe, high quality services. We call on the Secretary of the State to guarantee the future of all current services at the hospital, including a fully functioning A&E department.”

During the debate Councillor Lavender put forward an amendment which was seconded by Councillor Neville.

The amendment was to delete the final paragraph of the motion and the words in the third paragraph following “The Trust is under considerable strain” and to replace these words with the following phrase “as a result of increased demand for services.” Also to add a new final paragraph “This Council calls on the new board to use the funds it receives efficiently in the best interests of the residents of Enfield”.

The Mayor advised that she was not willing to allow the amendment due to time constraints.

Following a debate the substantive motion was put to the vote with the following result:

For: 28
Against: 19
Abstentions: 0

1.2 Motion 8.9 in the name of Councillor Brett

Councillor Brett moved and Councillor Fonyonga seconded the following motion:

“Enfield is one of the most diverse boroughs in London and we very much value community cohesion which has been achieved through the public, statutory bodies like the council and police and non-statutory sector working together for a harmonious community. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our borough and we condemn these unequivocally. We will not allow hate to become acceptable.

We reassure all people living in this area that they are valued members of our community.”

Before the full debate began Councillor Neville moved an amendment, seconded by Councillor Laban, in which he asked to combine the wording of his motion on hate crime (Motion 8.6 on the agenda) with this motion.

The amendment was put to the vote and defeated with the following result:

For: 18
Against: 28
Abstentions: 0

Following a debate the motion was agreed unanimously, without a vote.

1.3 Remaining Motions

The following motions listed on the agenda lapsed due to lack of time:

In the name of Councillor Ahmet Oykener

“Homelessness is unacceptable and all central and local government bodies have a duty to eradicate it.

This Council recognises that:

Homelessness comes in many forms, from rough sleeping and street homelessness through to sofa surfing and those languishing in temporary accommodation. The loss of Council housing has added greatly to the desperate need for greater social housing.

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Homelessness is predominantly a London problem, yet the government funding to support Councils in tackling this serious issue is based on a Communities and Local Government funding model that is 15 years old. Enfield has the fifth worst homelessness problem nationally yet only received £550K from central government while other boroughs receive sums up to £8m per annum.

The Council therefore agrees to:

1. Publish on its website and through other means the details of all homeless shelters and charities that can assist those that are homeless, in particular those that offer services during the winter months.
2. Lobby the Minister of State for Housing and Planning to fund London Borough of Enfield fairly so to prevent homelessness.
3. Support the expansion and building of new council and social housing.”

In the name of Councillor Terry Neville:

“The Council notes the need for a last minute report to the Cabinet on 18 May 2016 seeking authority and substantial finance to purchase land at Meridian Water which the current owner had threatened to sell to a third party, and condemns the dilatory and potentially costly approach to assembling land for this “flagship development” shown by the administration over the past six years.”

In the name of Councillor Alessandro Georgiou:

“This Council recognises that the Union Flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is a symbol of Freedom and represents all that is great about the United Kingdom.

The Council will therefore have the Union Flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland present in all full Council meetings. The flag will have a prominent place either hanging behind the Mayor of Enfield’s chair or on a flagpole to the right of the Mayor.”

In the name of Councillor Alan Sitkin:

“Since 2010, Enfield's local economy has gone from a position of under-performing and below the London borough average, to one of out-performing other London boroughs. This is the result of the Administration's proactive, pro-enterprise interventions in the construction of an entrepreneurial state in Enfield. This Council resolves to continue with its successful policies and role to grow Enfield's economy further.”

In the name of Councillor Anne Marie Pearce

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This Council is very concerned to learn of the failings identified in the recent Care Quality Commission Report on the Accident and Emergency Department at North Middlesex Hospital, particularly as it is the second finding of failure at the hospital in four years.

The Council believes that the residents are entitled to a better level of service from the Accident and Emergency Department and calls upon the North Middlesex University Hospital Trust to take firm action to restore public confidence in the services provided.

In the name of Councillor Terry Neville

This Council condemns the recent rise in "Hate Crime" which has no place in civilised society. In this connection the Council welcomes the recent statement from Commander Mak Chishty, Metropolitan Police outlining their plans for giving reassurance to communities and dealing firmly with those who commit these despicable offences.

In the name of Councillor Ayfer Orhan

"It is a grave concern of this Council that the Government has established Regional Schools Commissions to be responsible for making critical decisions and to take action in underperformance schools and yet they have no staff and no funding.

For example, the Regional Schools Commissioner for North-West London and South-Central is responsible for making decisions for 27 Local Authorities. Traditionally each Local Authority was responsible for school improvements. But this Council is gravely concerned that the current proposed Regional Schools Commission would be woefully lacking in the essential staff, localised expertise and funding to effectively support schools at a time they might need it the most.

We are fearful that the implications of this are that schools will be allowed to fail and so be exposed to a take-over by a large Academy chain.

This Council believes that this is a cross party concern and asks the Lead members of both party to write to the Government to change its mind on its proposal to centralise School Improvements by 2017 and to continue to fund Local Authorities, who are best placed, to continue to carry out this important and critical role."

In the name of Councillor Alessandro Georgiou

"60,481 residents from across the London Borough of Enfield have voted to leave the European Union. They are joined by 17,410,472 or 52% of votes cast of the British electorate in leaving the European Union. As the country has voted to leave the European Union, this Council therefore will write to all three of the Borough's Members of Parliament asking them to respect the democratic will of the British people".

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COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

1.1 Urgent Questions

Two requests for urgent questions had been received but these had not been accepted as urgent by the Mayor.

1.2. Questions by Councillors

NOTED

- 1 The thirty seven questions on the Council agenda and written responses provided, by the relevant Cabinet Members.
- 2 The following supplementary questions and responses received, for the questions indicated below:

Question 1 (Camden Town Brewery) from Councillor Levy to Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development

“By way of clarity, please can the Cabinet Member confirm how many of the borough jobs to be created by the Camden Town Brewery will be new and how many will be bought over from Camden?”

Reply from Councillor Sitkin

“There will be 250 – 300 new jobs in total. One hundred being brought up from Camden and 150-200 newly created in Enfield”.

Question 2 (Interim Appointments) from Councillor Neville to Councillor Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency

“Can Councillor Lemonides confirm that the Council employs no interims, as there are a number of officers that have “interim” in their title? If the Council does have interims, can he confirm how many there are?”

Reply from Councillor Lemonides

“A written answer will be provided.”

Question 4 (Cycle Enfield – Appointment of Traffic Consultants) from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

“Does the Cabinet member not think that the appointment of Jacobs as traffic consultants, providing traffic modelling analysis for the Cycle Enfield Scheme, creates a perception in the mind of the public of a conflict of interest as they

are an offshoot of the company already employed by the Council to carry out highway works? Would it not be better to get an independent analyst to undertake the traffic modelling?"

Reply from Councillor Anderson

"The contractors were appointed following a full open and compliant process. The Council originally had its own framework agreement to find the required traffic analysis services. The consultancy firm Sinclair Knight Merz (SKM) was called off from the framework agreement and helped pull the original mini Holland bid together. They were subsequently taken over by Jacobs.

The Council entered into a call off contract via LOPAC with Ringway Jacobs and they were the successful contractor for North East London, providing a wide range of services. Following the award and for continuity it made sense from both a technical and economic point of view to employ them. There are also efficiencies in having the design team and contractor working collaboratively. Council officers have been engaged at every stage of the process."

Question 6 (Failings at North Middlesex University Hospital Accident and Emergency Department) from Councillor Anne Marie Pearce to Councillor Alev Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

"Does the Cabinet Member know if any meetings been put in place to monitor the future situation at the North Middlesex University Hospital Accident and Emergency Department?"

Reply from Councillor Alev Cazimoglu

"A meeting of the Programme Oversight Group would be held on Friday 15 July 2016 and this would include representation from the Council at the Director and Assistant Director level."

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COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 9 DURATION OF COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor advised, at this stage of the meeting, that the time available to complete the agenda had now elapsed so Council Procedure Rule 9 would apply.

NOTED that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9 the remaining items of business on the Council agenda were considered without debate.

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HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD TERMS OF REFERENCE

Received the report from the Chief Executive seeking approval for changes to the Health and Wellbeing Board terms of the reference. (Report No: 47)

NOTED

1. That the changes proposed had been approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board at their meeting held on 21 April 2016 and had also been considered by members of the Member and Democratic Services Group.

AGREED that the revised Health and Wellbeing Board Terms of Reference be adopted by the Council.

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT CONSULTATIVE GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

RECEIVED the report of the Director of Regeneration and Environment seeking Council approval for changes to the remit and membership of the Public Transport Consultative Group (Report No: 46)

NOTED that the changes had been considered by members of the Member and Democratic Services Group.

AGREED that

1. The following changes are made to the membership and terms of reference of the Public Transport Consultative Group:

1.1 New Membership

8 members of the Council (5 majority / 3 minority).

Representatives of the Voluntary Sector recommended by the Voluntary Sector Strategy Group and approved by the Cabinet Member for Environment.

One representative from each of Transport for London, the train operating companies providing services within the Borough and the London Borough of Enfield - Regeneration and Environment Directorate.

The chair shall be a member from the majority group of the Council.

The chair can invite, if deemed appropriate and necessary, other organisations to be members to make sure it reflects the demographic breakdown of the borough and those who regularly use the public transport network.

In addition the chair can invite guests where there are specific agenda items requiring their contribution.

1.2 Terms of Reference

- a. To consider and monitor the operation and provision of public transport facilities within the Borough.

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- b. To share information on key developments relating to the public transport network including receiving reports from representative forums and groups.
 - c. To identify strategic issues for public transport providers to address.
 - d. To provide input into the development of council policies and responses to relevant consultations.
2. To agree that corporate support is no longer provided for the Enfield Transport Users Group. Instead, there should be engagement with other groups which specifically represent transport modes, for example the Enfield Cycling Campaign and any community rail partnerships in the area.

It was noted that if there had been a vote on this matter, the Opposition Group would have voted against this decision.

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USE OF COUNCIL'S URGENCY PROVISION

NOTED the details provided of decisions taken under the Council's urgency procedures. The decisions were made in accordance with the urgency procedures set out in Paragraph 30 of Chapter 4.1 (Council Procedure Rules), Paragraph 17.3 of Chapter 4.2 (Scrutiny) and Paragraph 16 of Chapter 4.6 (Access to Information) of the Council's Constitution.

- Decision taken by the Leader under the Council's urgent action procedure concerning the purchase of a site on Gibbs Road, Montagu Industrial Estate, N18 3PU as well as the call in waiver employed.
- Extension of the interim contract with Ernst and Young (EY) to deliver procurement and commissioning activities on behalf of the Council until a full tender had been awarded for this work.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

AGREED the following changes to committee memberships:

- Councillor Ekechi to replace Councillor Brett on the Child Sexual Exploitation and Associated Risks to Young People Task Group.

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NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no changes to nominations to outside bodies.

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CALLED IN DECISIONS

None.

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DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

NOTED that the next ordinary meeting of the Council was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 21 September 2016 at 7pm at the Civic Centre.