

## **25 January 2017 – Council Questions**

### **Question 1 from Councillor Maguire to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council**

The Chancellor announced in the Autumn Statement a staggering £100 billion increase in borrowing. This large deterioration in the public finances is a result of BREXIT and Government decisions. Debt will now reach 90% of GDP. Given the statements in this chamber by the Opposition on the benefits to Enfield of the fiscal approach of the Government does the Leader of the Council believe that the Opposition will now concede that the Government since 2010 has simply penalised the poor while pursuing an economic policy of ineptitude?

### **Reply from Councillor Taylor**

It is clear that the Government has lost control of the National Finances. However it still feels able to cut certain corporate taxes. As always under a Tory Government it is the poorest and most vulnerable who suffer.

Members of this Council should join with me in condemning welfare reform that penalises our residents.

I concur with the arguments put in this question. The Conservative Government has been woefully inadequate in its control of public spending. We here in Enfield have been rigorous in balancing the books while the Government has been cutting the money from the central exchequer. Let us be clear, we have made £131m of savings since 2010 and, in this four-year spending review period, we will have lost £35m from our original 2015/16 grant, a cut of 28%.

Her Majesty's Government has consistently borrowed to bale itself out at the taxpayers' expense while the National Health Service and other public services are plunging into crisis. Simultaneously, inflation is rising and the pound is plummeting to new lows against other currencies.

The Government's new answer is to attempt to turn the country into a tax haven for the rich: an offshore low regulation community.

### **Question 2 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Will Councillor Anderson inform the Council of the number of prosecutions for the fraudulent use of the "Blue Badge" disabled parking permits for the council years 2006/10 inclusive and separately for the council years 2010/16?

### **Reply from Councillor Anderson**

2009/2010 = 61, we do not hold data prior to 2009

2010/2011 = 74	2014/2015 = 37
2011/2012 = 70	2015/2016 = 63
2012/2013 = 41	2016/2017 to date = 14
2013/2014 = 34	

### **Question 3 from Councillor Dogan to Councillor Georgiou (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Public Service Delivery)**

How is the Fairer Funding for Enfield campaign progressing?

#### **Reply from Councillor Georgiou**

Enfield Council has suffered for many years from underfunding from the Government. It is vitally important that we do everything we can to encourage local people to sign the Enfield Over 50s' Forum petition calling on the Government to give us our fair share of funding so we can meet the needs of our residents. Council-led promotional support for the campaign over the last month has included:

- Full page article in December Our Enfield and placed articles in local press
- Enfield Council social media promotion – Facebook and Twitter – and promotion via local community social media platforms
- Posters and petitions in all Enfield libraries and customer access centres
- Targeted promotion to the voluntary and community sector
- Internal promotion to all Enfield Council staff
- Emailer to all 50,000 plus Enfield Connected account holders

The on-line petition has now generated over 1,100 signatures – with many more people signing the paper petitions in our libraries and Council buildings. However, please do everything you can to encourage residents to support this campaign and make our voice heard. Residents can sign the petition online at <https://www.change.org/p/enfield-borough-over-50s-forum-fairer-funding-for-enfield>

More generally, I am grateful to local MPs for their support in raising this issue in Parliament and with Marcus Jones MP, the Local Government Minister. Both of these actions help to raise the profile of the borough, build goodwill, and help to reinforce the message that Enfield is serious about transforming the borough.

### **Question 4 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Would Councillor Anderson inform the Council of the number of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) and prosecutions for dropping litter for the council years 2006/10 inclusive and separately for the council years 2010/16, including the amount recovered in fines by the Council for both these periods?

#### **Reply from Councillor Anderson**

Period	FPNs Issued	Amount in Fines Received	Prosecutions
2007/8-10*	4,295	£199,920	514

\* There are no figures for the period before 2007/08

<b>ENFIELD LITTER FINES - 2006 TO 2016</b>										
<b>ALL FIGURES ARE FOR 1st APRIL TO 31st MARCH - SCHEME INTRODUCED MARCH 2009</b>										
	<u>2006/7</u>	<u>2007/8</u>	<u>2008/9</u>	<u>2009/10</u>	<u>2010/11</u>	<u>2011/12</u>	<u>2012/13</u>	<u>2013/14</u>	<u>2014/15</u>	<u>2015/16</u>
<b>NOTICES ISSUED</b>	N/A	N/A	330	3,965	4,733	4,556	4,405	5,536	6,203	7,414
<b>PROSECUTIONS</b>	N/A	N/A	20	111	383	605	317	548	280	217
<b>NOTICES PAID</b>	N/A	N/A	183	2,316	2,972	2,871	2,877	3,343	3,510	4,410
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	N/A	N/A	£14,640	£185,280	£237,760	£229,680	£230,160	£267,440	£280,800	£352,800
		<b>Notices</b>								
		<b>Issued</b>	<b>Prosecutions</b>	<b>Receipts</b>						
<b>Totals:</b>	2006/10	4,295	514	£199,920						
	2010/16	32,847	1,967	£1,598,640						

\*\* Please note that there are no figures available before 2008

### **Question 5 from Councillor Ekechi to Councillor A Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care**

Could Councillor A Cazimoglu tell us how we are working to extend housing options for adults with disabilities in Enfield?

#### **Reply from Councillor A Cazimoglu**

1. With strategic drivers to support the delivery of care closer to home, and the growing emphasis on prevention and early intervention, the importance of good quality, accessible housing that facilitates independence and enables people to take control of how and where they are supported to live their lives cannot be underestimated.
2. The local authority seeks to facilitate the continual development of a specialist housing market that is equipped to improve lives and maximise positive outcomes for people who require housing, support and care. Working in partnership with directly commissioned service providers and the wider supported housing market, we look to realise a vision whereby people have choice of a range of supported housing providers offering high quality, safe, accessible and affordable services from a vibrant and diverse marketplace. Through the right housing options, we seek to maximise the independence of adults and older people with disabilities, so individuals feel in control of their housing and person centred care;
3. To help realise this vision the Council works in partnership with registered providers and key stakeholders to secure capital funding for the ongoing modernisation and development of Enfield's supported housing supply. The Council has successfully supported or submitted bids to secure over £1.8m from the first round of the Mayor's Care & Support Specialist Housing Fund and more recently the Housing & Technology Fund (Department of Health). This coupled with Affordable Housing Grant, registered provider and private investment has helped to deliver strategically relevant supported housing services for local people. This includes the borough's first Extra Care Housing Scheme for older adults with learning disabilities, which opened in 2016.

4. Whilst supported housing plays an important role in enabling adults with disabilities to live independently in the community, the supply of good quality, affordable general needs housing is also vital. The Council's Allocation Policy seeks to reflect the needs of adults with disabilities. Innovative projects to further address this need include the Housing Gateway/Adult Social Care Pilot project. This pilot project, now underway, will enable the purchase of up to 10 homes from the open market, to provide secure, affordable and appropriate accommodation options for people with disabilities. It will enable Adult Social Care to help meet the exacting property requirements of some people with disabilities, for whom alternative properties cannot be secured.
5. From a development perspective, the Council is committed to ensuring that 10% of all new development is built to wheelchair access standard. Our Adult Social Care services work closely with planning and housing development teams to facilitate the development of housing that meets local need – providing consultation on planning applications, and contributing to the development of local planning policy.
6. We also seek to innovate in respect of housing tenure, and last month secured funding to further roll out our shared ownership offer for adults with disabilities. This will enable adults with long term disabilities to purchase an accessible home of their own from the open market.

**Question 6 from Councillor Alessandro Georgiou to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection**

Is Councillor Orhan satisfied that Enfield is the worst performing borough in London when it comes to Primary Schools?

**Reply from Councillor Orhan**

We are very proud of the achievements in our schools over the past 5 years and are of course disappointed with the dip in KS2 outcomes in 2016. I do not need to remind Councillor Georgiou that when I came into office only 72% of schools were judged to be good or better in Enfield. Currently all but one primary school is rated good or better by Ofsted which is an improvement of 25% and we are confident that Starks Field will achieve this rating later this year. We have no maintained schools below the new challenging floor standard (although the only primary academy is below the floor standard). My officers and schools have worked together to bring about that improvement and we will do the same with improving the results overall.

Attainment at the end of KS2 in Enfield was the lowest in London, and we are not proud of this fact. We are working with schools to ensure that this is not repeated in 2017. Our children had an issue with the reading paper and this was our weakest area, partly, but not solely due to our high numbers of English as Additional Language (EAL) pupils, who could not access the increasingly difficult language of last year's papers. It is very important to note that individually some of our schools produced some excellent results in 2016 and are very proud of the staff and children in these schools, However, our overall percentage was brought down by a small number of schools that did not perform as expected. These schools were previously

high performing and had been judged to be good or above by Ofsted so we had not been working with them. The schools that had been supported by my education services did perform as expected.

It does make me very concerned about the future for our 74 maintained schools now that the government has cut the funding to support them and yet has not cut our responsibilities for them.

**Question 7 from Councillor Barry to Councillor Fonyonga, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Health**

Has Enfield been selected for the NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme?

**Reply from Councillor Fonyonga**

Enfield was selected together with its collaborating partners in Barnet across the Local Authority and the NHS. The successful application was led by the Enfield Public Health team. This is a pioneering NHS programme, where people at risk of type 2 diabetes will be offered education and lifestyle coaching in an evidence-based intervention. Enfield is preparing to refer in 2017/18 and 2018/19 a total of 2,950 patients who are at risk of diabetes to this lifestyle intervention process. The programme will officially launch on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 and the provider will be able to implement the service within 6 weeks. Those who are invited but not ready to join will be given a brief advice on lifestyle during the consultation by local GPs.

**Question 8 from Councillor Alessandro Georgiou to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection**

Will Councillor Orhan explain why Enfield is the only borough in London not to have improved in terms of reading, writing and maths in our Primary Schools?

**Reply from Councillor Orhan**

Firstly, I need to correct Councillor Georgiou's assumption that we are the only borough not to have improved.

There were several changes to the rank order of local authorities in London from 2015 and several local authorities were as disappointed as we were with the drop in their results. However, we are not making any excuses and as I have already said in Question 6, we are confident that it was a one year blip. We are not complacent about this situation and we are working with colleagues to investigate the strategies that worked well in those schools that did improve so we can share this with all our schools. We know that several schools in Enfield did not dip and prepared their children so that they did as well as predicted. We have analysed every schools' results and are very clear about the reasons.

Secondly, it is important to reflect on the advice from the Standards Testing Agency (STA) and Ofsted advising local authorities that 2016 outcomes are not comparable to 2015 outcomes and they are not making the comparisons that the Councillor has made. Children sitting Key Stage 2 tests in 2016 were the first to be taught and

assessed under the new national curriculum. The expected standard has been raised and the accountability framework for schools has also changed.

These changes mean that the expected standard this year is higher and not comparable with the expected standard used in previous year's statistics. It would therefore be incorrect and misleading to make direct comparisons showing changes over time.

### **Question 9 from Councillor Chibah to Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development**

Could the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration & Business Development please update us on what the Council is doing to ensure that local and small and medium sized enterprise (SME) businesses benefit from Meridian Water?

#### **Reply from Councillor Sitkin**

The Council has proactively taken the initiative on this crucial agenda and put together a very strong governance system to develop concrete responses. This includes a 'Meet the Builder' event which has been arranged for March 10th 2017 to allow local SME businesses to meet representatives from Barratt and other developers active in the borough. It is worth noting Meridian Water master developer, Barratt London's commitment to ensuring local SMEs form part of the supply chain to build Meridian Water.

### **Question 10 from Councillor Fallart to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

There is an ongoing problem with fly tipping and littering from car windows at the western end of Turkey Street. Would Councillor Anderson inform Council what action is being taken to address this ongoing problem including whether CCTV might be installed in this location as a preventative measure?

#### **Reply from Councillor Anderson**

The Waste Enforcement Unit has been directed to carry out patrols in this area to identify offenders and this includes 'out of hours' patrols working into the early hours on Friday and Saturday nights. Any littering witnessed by the enforcement officers will result in fixed penalty notices issued at the time. Should this not prove effective we will consider the deployment of a CCTV camera.

There are a limited number of deployable CCTV units, which as well as being hugely expensive are in high demand and therefore have to be prioritised. If necessary we will refer your request to the Joint Tasking Advisory Group (JTAG) for consideration. This will then be assessed alongside other demands across the borough.

### **Question 11 from Councillor N Cazimoglu to Councillor Brett, Cabinet Member for Community, Arts & Culture**

Can the Cabinet Member for Community, Arts & Culture say what plans are there to encourage the Voluntary Sector in Enfield to bid for external grants given reducing funding?

#### **Reply from Councillor Brett**

I would like to thank my colleague for raising this important issue. The Council recognises and fully appreciates the vital services provided by many of our local voluntary and community sector partners. The ability of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) to bid successfully for external funding is critical in helping to support some of our most vulnerable residents in these times of great austerity.

It is a situation that we continue to work proactively with our partners in the VCS to address. This is evidenced through the direct officer support offered by our Third Sector Development Team and in our partnership with Enfield Voluntary Action who provide regular training courses focused on how local VCS organisations can increase their chances of increasing income through effective bid writing.

This commitment is ongoing and highly visible. Our upcoming annual VCS Conference, organised by our Third Sector Development Team, to be held at Community House on 7 March 2017 will see representatives from national funders such as BBC Children in Need and National Lottery as well as the major regional funder, City Bridge Trust presenting to local groups on available funding opportunities. It will provide a unique opportunity for local organisations to discuss funding opportunities informally with these funders and receive valuable advice on how to bid successfully and help them build valuable networks for future bidding purposes.

Enfield Council remains a staunch ally of the local voluntary sector and will continue to assist them however we can in their endeavours to provide the means to support local people.

### **Question 12 from Councillor Chamberlain to Councillor Oyken, Cabinet Member for Housing & Housing Regeneration**

Asbestos poses a clear potential threat to public health. Would Councillor Oyken inform Council of the quantity of asbestos which has been removed and planned to be removed (if any) between 2010 through to 2018, as a percentage of the whole known amount in Council properties?

#### **Reply from Councillor Oyken**

Asbestos only poses a threat when it is disturbed. If it's in good condition and not likely to be disturbed it is left in place and properly managed. This is the Council's policy and in-line with Health & Safety Executive (HSE) guidance. Bearing this in mind the Council does not have a planned asbestos removal programme. However where asbestos is damaged or likely to become damaged it is removed such as in the case of refurbishment or other works. In these instances it is removed proactively

to enable safe completion of the works following legislation and HSE guidance.

If a more detailed breakdown of asbestos removed is needed, this can be provided outside of the meeting as more time will be needed to interrogate the data.

**Question 13 from Councillor Abdullahi to Councillor Oyken, Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration**

Could the Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration please update Council on planned housing completions on Council led schemes for the year ahead?

**Reply from Councillor Oyken**

166 new council homes are scheduled for completion in 2017/18 which is in addition to the 38 new council homes which are completing at Dujardin Mews in February 2017.

**Question 14 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Would Councillor Anderson inform Council how many requests there have been for bulky waste collections in the years 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16 and from April 2016 to date?

**Reply from Councillor Anderson**

Year	Number
2013/14	3265
2014/15	3429
2015/16	4113
2016-to date	3086

**Question 15 from Councillor Stewart to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection**

What assessment has Enfield made of the Pause Programme for women who have had more than one child taken into care, to help them to avoid this in future? Does the Cabinet Member have plans to introduce it here?

**Reply from Councillor Orhan**

Enfield has reviewed "Pause" which is a programme that works with women who have experienced, or are at risk of, repeat removals of children from their care. It aims to break this cycle and give women the opportunity to develop new skills and responses that can help them create a more positive future. In 2015 the Department for Education's Innovation Fund awarded Hackney funding to develop the "Pause" project which has since received a positive evaluation and is now being piloted, using Innovation Fund grants, in a further 6 areas: Doncaster, Greenwich, Hull,



Islington, Newham, Southwark and the pilot in Hackney remains ongoing. A “Pause” project will also be launched in Newcastle in late summer. The Innovation fund has been responsible for the scaling up and spread of “Pause” projects and additionally to this, “Pause” has won match funding from the Chancellor’s “Tampon Tax” Fund.

Enfield does not operate “Pause” locally, but is researching the potential regarding spot purchasing places on “Pause” programmes, in other boroughs.

**Question 16 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Would Councillor Anderson inform Council how many fly tip removal requests were received in the years 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16 and from April 2016 to date?

**Reply from Councillor Anderson**

The requested fly-tip requests are summarised as follows:

Year	Number
2013/14	6840
2014/15	6597
2015/16	5851
2016/17	2680 - up to end of Q2 September

**Question 17 from Councillor Jemal to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

What progress has the Council made with informing and encouraging residents and businesses to reduce levels of contamination in their recycling for a greener and more sustainable borough and to deliver value for money by limiting waste being sent to landfill?

**Reply from Councillor Anderson**

Enfield Council has been running a recycling communications campaign including a contamination strand since July 2016. Measures of success include:

- Contamination levels for recycling have reduced from 14% in November 2015 to 10.7% for the quarter ending December 2016;
- The Barrowell Green Household Waste Recycling Site has increased recycling from 44% in 2010/11 to over 65% for the current year and reduced residual waste disposed from the site by over 3,000 tonnes per year;
- Since October 2016 our partnership with 123 Recycle for Free - the FREE collection service for electrical items - has resulted in Enfield becoming the highest performing council in the North London Waste Authority (NLWA);
- Since October 2016 1.96 tonnes of textiles have been collected for re-use resulting in an 26.86 tonne reduction in carbon emissions (CO2); and
- Staff are currently implementing our policy to reduce contamination by identifying and targeting those residents who persistently and deliberately abuse the recycling service by putting nappies, food waste, textiles and black-

bag waste into their blue-lidded bins.

**Question 18 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

The Mayor of London has been consulting on proposals to improve Air Quality; one of the proposals includes extending the ultra-low emission zone (ULEZ) up to the North and South Circular Roads. Do you support the proposal?

**Reply from Councillor Anderson**

The Council will only support an extended ULEZ, which covers the whole of the Greater London Authority boundary as opposed to one which starts and finishes at, but does not include the North/South Circular Roads, which would create a very unnecessary divide across London.

A Greater London ULEZ would be more consistent as it would mean all Londoners would benefit and also mean, practically speaking, that our borough would not, in effect, be cut in two. By contrast, a ULEZ inside, but not including the North/South Circular Roads, would only serve to cause confusion and controversy amongst our residents. It would create a 2-tier system with all the health benefits accruing to those within the ULEZ and send the message, intentional or otherwise, that Inner London matters more than Outer London.

I believe that all Londoners should be given an equal chance to benefit from measures to tackle the harmful effects of air pollution as much as is practicably possible. A Greater London Authority ULEZ boundary inside the M25 would have the maximum impact in that regard.

**Question 19 from Councillor Simon to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection**

Would the Cabinet Member update the Council of the extensive work of the Enfield Youth Parliament and in doing so, join me in congratulating them on their commitment and hard work?

**Reply from Councillor Orhan**

As members are aware, the Enfield Youth Parliament (EYP) is the Council run, non-party political, democratically elected structure that has been running for the last 8 years. The EYP ensures the views of Enfield's young people (11-19 years old & up to 25 for those with disabilities) are taken into account across the Council and its partners. I am pleased to update you on a number of really important areas of work, that the EYP have been focussing on. This includes the following;

EYP Chair Reuben Decodts, now has a column in the Enfield Advertiser. The column helps the EYP to communicate their priorities and activities, by sharing key messages that affect young people. The column will raise the profile of the EYP and other services for young people. It will be published every 8 weeks.

The EYP continue to represent young people on a number of boards including the Enfield Strategic Partnership (ESP), Health and Wellbeing Board and Overview and Scrutiny Committee, this allows them to inform strategic decisions and service developments.

EYP members are working closely with Holly Baine (NHS Project Manager) to implement the Review of Child Sexual Assault Services for London. An EYP project group was set up, and has input into a new model called the "Child House" which is currently in development and will be beneficial to some of Enfield's most vulnerable children and young people.

Every year the EYP, elect two UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) members to represent Enfield nationally. One of our current representatives, Sean Sinnan spoke with great skill at the televised annual UKYP debate in the House of Commons this year. His contribution was well received by those participating and was a highlight of the debate.

EYP are committed to seeking new ways to engage young people in the Borough and are presently developing an EYP YouTube channel to do this. They will manage the channel to create films that directly link to their priorities and inform Enfield's Youth. EYP member Mudaser Ali, presented the idea and a funding application to the Enfield Strategic Partnership. The application was accepted.

I am sure members will agree, these kind of activities demonstrate the varied and important work undertaken by the EYP. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their dynamism and commitment to Enfield and the young people they represent.

#### **Question 20 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

How much would it cost to make Enfield's vehicle fleet compliant if the Mayor of London's proposal to extend the ultra-low emission zone (ULEZ) up to the North and South Circular Roads is implemented?

#### **Reply from Councillor Anderson**

We do not envisage any additional costs in making Enfield's vehicle fleet compliant if the ULEZ is extended up to, but not including the North and South Circular Roads. All LBE vehicles will be replaced within the timescales of the proposed extension and new vehicles that are procured are compliant with the future requirements of the ULEZ.

#### **Question 21 from Councillor During to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Could the Cabinet Member for Environment tell the Council what the Regeneration & Environment Department are doing to tackle unhygienic restaurants?

## **Reply from Councillor Anderson**

The food safety team provide advice and targeted support to Enfield's food businesses during inspections to assist them in complying with hygiene laws. However, where this is not heeded or the premises pose an imminent risk to health, robust enforcement action is taken to protect the public by the serving of notices, closure of food businesses and prosecutions.

In 2015/16, the food safety team served 60 notices, closed 13 food premises and prosecuted 3 businesses for unacceptable hygiene. So far, between April and December 2016, the team have served 110 notices, closed 12 food premises and prosecuted 8 businesses.

We have already commenced a campaign in the local press that will, in addition to the above, name and shame those businesses that have the worst hygiene.

Every food premises we inspect is given a risk rating and these ratings are then used to provide the customer-facing stickers in the businesses' windows, which rate the premises from 0-5; 5 being the highest rating and 0 being the lowest. (Previously known as 'Scores on the Doors', but now referred to as the 'National Food Hygiene Rating Scheme'). All food businesses have a right of appeal against a score given to them. Should we receive an appeal, the premises is re-inspected and assessed as to whether the conditions have improved to warrant a better rating. Along with other councils, we will soon be considering whether to start charging businesses for these revisits.

Premises scoring between 0 and 2 are considered to be non-compliant with the law. In such cases officers will work with businesses providing free targeted advice, but should conditions not improve robust enforcement action will be taken.

We run a widely recognised certificated food hygiene training course for food handlers. We have also recently provided sector-specific training to target those sectors of the business community where we have identified that additional support is required. This has included a training event specifically for kebab manufacturers, and food hygiene training delivered in Chinese and in Turkish.

## **Question 22 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Residents have complained about the fact that leaves are not being swept up properly and quickly enough therefore causing blocked drains and slippery highways. Would Councillor Anderson please confirm what action plans he has put in place in order to improve the situation?

## **Reply from Councillor Anderson**

The number of resident reports for leafing issues significantly reduced this season from last year (162 reducing to 131). However, we continue to seek improvement and will be reviewing the street cleansing fleet and equipment to increase the capacity for leaf clearance next season. In addition, street cleansing and parks operations will work closely together to address the encroachment of leaves from

park locations onto the public highway and reduce the impact to local residents.

**Question 23 from Councillor Savva to Councillor Brett, Cabinet Member for Community, Arts & Culture**

The government has abolished the Child Poverty Target. Can the Cabinet Member for Community, Arts & Culture tell us if we will be retaining it locally?

**Reply from Councillor Brett**

Child poverty remains an important issue in Enfield with most recent data indicating that 28% of our children live in relative poverty. Although nationally there is no longer a target, the Enfield ambition, as articulated in the Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy remains. The Board continues to monitor relative poverty – the indicator is the percentage of all dependent children under 20 (living in a household where income is less than 60% of median household income before housing costs.) The trend is downward from a baseline of 36% in 2008.

There has been much debate about measuring poverty but the measure that the Enfield H&WB uses is one that looks at relative poverty rather than an absolute measure, this is because living in diminished circumstances in a community with high expectations is particularly challenging and has been shown to be more closely associated with poor health than absolute levels of poverty.

**Question 24 from Councillor Delman to Councillor Fonyonga, Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Public Health**

Could Councillor Fonyonga inform the Council about the sports and leisure activities her department have on offer in order to encourage the less active residents in Enfield to participate?

**Reply from Councillor Fonyonga**

Activities available in Enfield to encourage people to become more active are:

*Women's Get Active programme* - this programme targets overweight and inactive women of all ages and provides activities such as zumba, aerobic dance, pilates, Latin fusion and tone zonefit at community halls, children's centres, schools and leisure centres.

*Active with Ease* - this programme targets adults with health issues such as diabetes, heart conditions, joint pain, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, respiratory conditions and weight. Activities take place predominantly in leisure centres and include gym, low intensity circuits, stretch and tone swimming, badminton and tai chi.

*Fall's prevention programme*; this programme targets people, mostly aged 65+ who have had falls or are at risk of falling. Tai-chi and other related sessions are offered to improve their balance, mobility and to increase their core strength. This programme is carried out in partnership with Age UK Enfield.

*Active Mum* – this programme targets pre and post natal mothers with classes focusing on posture and working abdominal and back muscles. Pregnancy yoga, pregnancy pilates and baby yoga are offered.

All the activities above are part funded by the Greater London Authority.

The Active Enfield Team (the Council's sport and physical activity team) offers lots of term time and holiday courses to local residents. The activities available can be found at [www.activeenfield.co.uk](http://www.activeenfield.co.uk).

The leisure centres in the borough are operated by Fusion Lifestyle on behalf of the Local Authority. There are five main facilities in the borough; Albany Leisure Centre, Arnos Pool, Edmonton Leisure centre, Southbury Leisure Centre and Southgate Leisure Centre. Concessionary prices are available for people on job seekers allowance, the unemployed, registered disabled and senior citizens. Details of activities available at the leisure centres can be found at the Fusion Enfield website [www.fusion-lifestyle.com/contracts/Enfield\\_Council](http://www.fusion-lifestyle.com/contracts/Enfield_Council).

All of these activities are additional to the many activities available in Parks and open spaces throughout the borough, and the 200+ sports clubs and associations we work with to ensure volunteer-led sports and leisure activities are also thriving.

### **Question 25 from Councillor Esendagli to Councillor A Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care**

Could Councillor A Cazimoglu please advise Council of the implications for Enfield relevant to Adult Social Care with regard to the recent Local Government Settlement Announcement?

### **Reply from Councillor A Cazimoglu**

There were three items which were relevant to Adult Social Care in the recent Local Government Settlement Announcement. These were:

- The announcement of a new Adult Social Care Support Grant, where £1.3m will be received in 2017/18. This is announced as a one off grant for 2017/18 only.
- Confirmation of the actual amounts due to Enfield from the Improved Better Care Fund Allocation increasing over the next 3 years. The allocations are 2017/18 £0.443m, 2018/19 £4.549m and 2019/20 £8.249m.
- The Adult Social Care Precept though capped at an overall increase of 6% over the next 3 years can be flexibly implemented so that the maximum increase in any one year does not exceed 3%. This does allow for the ability to bring forward funding if 3% increases in Year 1 and 2 are implemented, however the profile of increase is at the discretion of the Council but must not exceed 6% overall. An increase of 1% brings in approximately £1.1m per annum.

Whilst this acknowledgement of the pressures facing adult social care is welcome, it falls significantly short of meeting the growing demand for and cost of care and

support that local councils, including Enfield, face.

Many have also commented that the adult social care precept shifts an increasing burden to local taxpayers and deepens inequality by raising least in areas of greatest need.

It is not feasible to consider announcements about adult social care funding, without considering the wider context of local government funding as a whole. The reductions in central government funding to Enfield significantly exceed the amounts announced above. The Council's government funding will reduce by a further (£11.1m) in 2017/18.

The cost of meeting existing demand means that the adult social care department is forecasting a £3.6m overspend in 2016/17, this may be further exacerbated by the consequences for social care of unprecedented pressures on the local NHS in recent weeks. This underlying pressure, the cost of more people requiring care next year and price increases linked to the living wage together with statutory Deprivation of Liberty Safeguard duties means that the funding announced by government is some £6.6m less than required for adult social care in Enfield in 2017/18.

#### **Question 26 from Councillor Delman to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Labour MP Robert Flello, who sits on the Transport Select Committee, has blamed the 'loss of tarmac from building cycle lanes' for 'shocking congestion on Britain's roads'. Could Councillor Anderson tell us if he will listen to his own party's experts on cycle lanes?

#### **Reply from Councillor Anderson**

Firstly, Robert Flello MP is not an expert on cycle lanes: I understand that he is a tax advisor by profession. Mr Flello sits on the Transport Select Committee, which is currently carrying out an investigation into urban traffic congestion, and says on his website:

*'Of course it's a good thing to get people onto bikes in terms of health and environment. Currently there's a row going on between bike users who say they're making things better, and road groups who believe cycle paths are crowding other vehicles out. I want to know if anyone's done any credible research on the subject so we can get to the truth rather than constantly slinging mud. It's in everyone's interests to know what's really happening'.*

Our view, guided by expert advice, is that providing the infrastructure to get people out of their cars for short journeys is part of the solution to urban congestion as well as a major benefit to public health.

#### **Question 27 from Councillor Doyle to Councillor Fonyonga, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Health**

Could Councillor Fonyonga update the Council on the progress to stop young people smoking in Enfield?

### **Reply from Councillor Fonyonga**

Enfield is doing very well in stopping young people from smoking. We have the third lowest smoking prevalence in 15 year olds in London (1.5%). This is almost half the London and national averages. However as we all know, smoking kills and every cigarette is bad for you so we are not complacent and remain ambitious to drive smoking rates down further. We expect our on-going work with schools which includes our work through Education, Personal, Social and Health Advisors and the 'no smoking outside school gates competitions' to continue this downward trend.

### **Question 28 from Councillor Smith to Councillor Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency**

Spend on the capital programme in 2016/17 at the end of Quarter 2 was reported to the December Cabinet as follows:

Environment & Regeneration - £23m against a budget of £102m  
Finance, Resources, etc. - £8m against a budget of £21m  
Health, Housing & Adult Social Care - 7.5m against a budget of £63m  
Schools and Children's Services - £8m against a budget of £42m  
HRA - £19m against a budget of £65m

Could the Cabinet Member provide the estimated out turn expenditure on each of these programmes by the end of this financial year?

### **Reply from Councillor Lemonides**

The estimated outturn by group is the information provided in the final column of the table below. The other columns show the changes from the Budgets quoted in the question, which were based on the Q2 Capital report, to the current position at Q3.



£'000								
Department	2016/17 Budget @ Q2	Slippage to/from future years	Additions	Q3 Reductions	Capital Review Reductions	Virements between Departments	Actuals & Commitments @ Q3	2016/17 Forecast Outturn @ Q3
Environment & Regeneration	101,527	(25,240)	2,467	(2,673)	(813)	(828)	52,374	<b>74,440</b>
Finance, Resources and Customer Services	21,389	(5,596)	-	(54)	(1,308)	4,825	15,199	<b>19,256</b>
Health, Housing and Adult Social Care	62,707	(647)	173	(102)	(2,370)	(49,112)	7,523	<b>10,649</b>
Schools and Children's Services	41,692	(6,488)	-	-	(2,025)	-	21,285	<b>33,179</b>
Housing Revenue Account(HRA)	65,225	(12,281)	2,312	-	-	-	40,437	<b>55,256</b>
Housing Gateway *	-	-	39,940	-	-	45,115	5,055	<b>85,055</b>
Enfield Innovations *	-	7,754	-	-	-	-	7,754	<b>7,754</b>

**Question 29 from Councillor Keazor to Councillor A Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care**

Can the Cabinet Member for Adult Health and Social Care update the Council on how World Mental Health Day on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 was used to raise awareness of and promote good Mental Health?

**Reply from Councillor A Cazimoglu**

World Mental Health Day is held yearly on 10<sup>th</sup> October, its focus is to raise awareness of the mental health issues and to promote good health.

The theme is set by the world federation for mental health and in 2016 the theme was psychological first aid and the support people can provide to help those in distress.

In Enfield, a user led organisation, EMU (Enfield Mental Health Users), hosted an event on 16<sup>th</sup> October at the Dugdale Centre on the topic of Mental health first aid. It was a collaborative event steered by those who are regarded as experts by experience for relatives and friends of those with mental health difficulties, Enfield's statutory mental health services and the voluntary sector. It was supported by the Borough's Mental Health Partnership Board members and the event on the day was attended by over 150 people.

Workshops were run that provided information on how to support good mental health and the relationship to good physical health, mindfulness and how to support a person who may be experiencing distress.

Enfield Mental Health services are working together and with experts by experience to ensure that an early enabling approach focuses on a person's strengths and is central to support. The event was an opportunity to promote how people can help themselves and each other through times of distress.

**Question 30 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Councillor Anderson will be aware that during March 2017 the Royal Mint will be issuing a new 12 sided £1 coin. Can he confirm to the Council that all the Council's parking and any other payment machines will be ready for the new coin by the date of issue?

**Reply from Councillor Anderson**

The Council is going through a programme of replacing all its calibration units in pay and display machines to make them compatible with the new £1 coins. To date we have changed 120 out of 241 and all will be completed by March 2017.

**Question 31 from Councillor McGowan to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Can the Cabinet Member please update councillors on the revised approach to the provision of residents' disabled bays in Enfield?

**Reply from Councillor Anderson**

For many years the Council has provided on-street parking places in residential streets for people with severely restricted mobility. In the past, we required applicants to go through a rigorous application process only to provide a bay that could be used by anyone with a blue badge, not just the applicant. To address this, we have introduced a new type of permit bay which can only be used by the intended disabled resident. This should enable many disabled people to continue to lead independent lives without having to worry about not being able to park close to their homes.

**Question 32 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency**

Would Councillor Lemonides state how much money was spent on seeking outside legal advice for each council year from 2010 to date?

## Reply from Councillor Lemonides

External Legal Fees							
Description	2016/17 to date(17.01.17)	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11
Solicitors & Barrister & other fees	1,904,690	1,763,960	1,515,010	2,188,670	1,554,000	1,568,930	1,397,660
CAPITAL	1,162,710.00	1,921,130	679,770	48,280	123,120	102,060	137,440
HRA	685,510.00	617,210	78,050	53,460	111,910	109,300	80,090
Total	3,752,910	4,302,299	2,272,830	2,290,410	1,789,030	1,780,289	1,615,190

1. Capital Project Legal Fees commissioned directly by Regeneration Project Teams.
2. HRA Legal Fees – Council Homes returned to Council in April 2015.

## Question 33 from Councillor Hasan to Councillor Oykenor, Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration

Could the Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration please update on progress to deliver custom build homes in the borough?

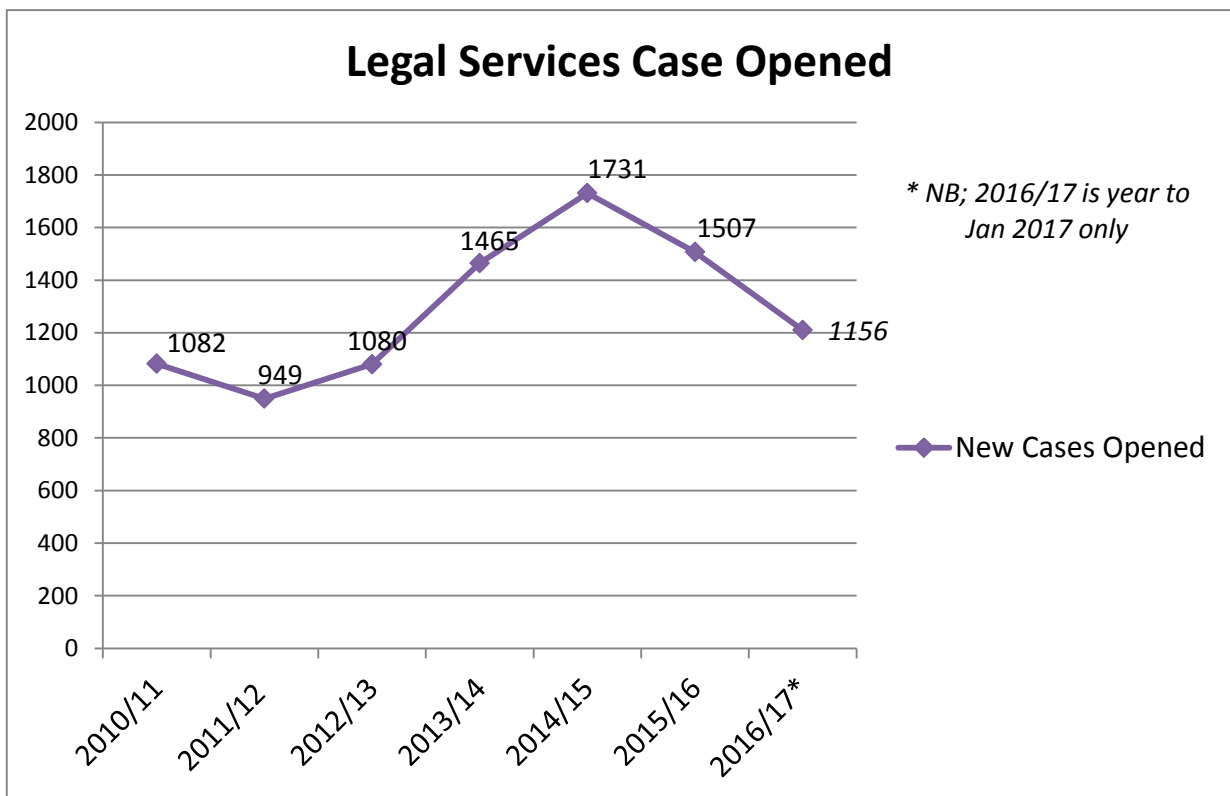
### Reply from Councillor Oykenor

In June 2016 Cabinet approved a number of small sites for custom and self-build. The first three sites, which will deliver 23 custom build affordable homeownership homes at a 35% discount to market value, will be submitted for planning this year ahead of commencing construction next year. Further sites will be brought forward next year.

## Question 34 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency

Would the Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency state how many cases that our legal team has been involved with along with the number that the Council has won in each council year since 2010 to date?

### Reply from Councillor Lemonides



The question also asks for the number of cases won. This information is not held on the legal case management system and it is not possible to produce a report from the system listing the successful and unsuccessful cases.

A manual search of paper and electronic files would be an enormous resource and a time consuming task. It is not always easy to identify how to categorise a case. For example, defending a successful judicial review brought against the Council may be deemed as winning a case, however, negotiating a settlement in a case where a compromise needs to be made could be deemed a loss. A case where the Council had to pay out compensation for an error could be described as a loss, but if the Council's lawyers had negotiated a settlement which was much lower than the likely figure, this could also be described as a success. Equally, there are many cases where the Council does not get everything sought at the outset, but gets some of the hoped-for outcomes. It is therefore impossible to comply with this request for the reasons set out above on all the areas of the law (Safeguarding, Corporate, Commercial and Contracts, Regeneration, Environment and Property teams) that the internal team cover.

**Question 35 from Councillor Pite to Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development**

Would the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development update the Council on plans for actions increasing customer footfall at Forty Hall?

**Reply from Councillor Sitkin**

Forty Hall and Park is an excellent example of Council staff working with partners from across the borough to present a varied range of family events that appeal to

everyone in our community. There has been ongoing increases in usage of the Hall and grounds since its refurbishment, and events planned for 2017 include a weekend celebrating Greek Easter, a Faerie Festival in partnership with the Funky Festival and ArtStart, A May Day Celebration in partnership with Forty Hall Farm, a Jane Austin inspired weekend, A Father's Day event, A Music On The Lawn Event and a Spirit of The Ukraine event with the Friends of Forty Hall Park.

There will also be a season of chamber classical concerts in partnership with the Royal Academy of Music, a programme of Craft workshops led by local artisans and historical talks.

Forty Hall also supports Forty Hall Farm in its popular monthly programme of Music in The Black Barn and its larger Livestock Festival in August.

The Long Gallery at Forty Hall is an increasingly popular venue specialising in private events ranging from weddings to private parties particularly at weekends. The venue is advertised on specialist websites such as Hitched.com which generates a lot of enquiries for the venue and also in the venue's own brochures which are distributed across Enfield and wider into Hertfordshire, Essex and London-wide through various distribution networks including Get Smart and London Calling.

The Parks Team will continue to run events that attract visitors of all ages and backgrounds. For example, Love Forty Hall Park Day on 22nd July will showcase the Park as a community space that everyone can enjoy with a range of engaging activities for people of all abilities and ages.

The visitor experience and understanding of the park is being improved by installing new information boards and interpretation trails around the site. That will be in place by the summer.

Forty Hall also continues to be promoted on line. The website has a high click through rate and the Forty Hall & Estate presence on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram has a good following – this will be built upon in 2017 to increase following and promote the Hall and park.

### **Question 36 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Achilleas Georgiou, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Public Service Delivery**

Would Councillor Georgiou, Deputy Leader of the Council in the interests of transparency give his commitment to residents and Council that all 'Called in' decisions once approved by the Monitoring Officer, irrespective of the nature of the decision, will be reviewed at an Overview & Scrutiny Committee Meeting?

### **Reply from Councillor Georgiou**

I am sure that Councillor Laban will be pleased, as I am, that the transparent process we have for call-ins means that decisions that are subject to call-in, and approved as valid by the Monitoring Officer, will be reviewed at an Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting. Similarly, all decisions that are called-in, I am sure Councillor Laban would agree with, should only be in the interest of Enfield residents, and not in the interest of party politics.

### **Question 37 from Councillor Stafford to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection**

Can the Cabinet Member update this Council of the outcome of the recent Short Quality Screening (SQS) of Youth Offending Work in Enfield?

#### **Reply from Councillor Orhan**

As part of a programme of inspection of youth offending work HM Inspectorate of Probation carried out a 3 day SQS inspection of Enfield Youth Offending Unit [YOU] in September. 2016.

It was an intense, detailed and exacting audit of cases of young people supervised by the YOU and the inspection criteria assessed against: Reducing re-offending; Protecting the public: Protecting the child or young person and Making sure the sentenced is served.

The inspection was a positive one and was covered very positively in the national publication "Children and Young People Now".

Overall HMIP stated that they found a dedicated and committed staff team who had built constructive relationships with the children, young people and their families and who spoke very positively about the support and supervision offered by their managers.

The inspectors stated "key strengths" of the YOU were the services provided to Referral Order [RO] Panels and the Courts, particularly that Pre-Sentence and RO Panel Reports were of a particularly high standard, and that the risk of harm to identifiable victims had been effectively managed.

They noted that the young people supervised by Enfield YOU included very complex and entrenched offenders and that the YOU was carrying out effective work to address offending behaviour and that YOU Workers showed a good understanding of the potential of MAPPA (Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements) to contribute to the management of cases and the protection of the public.

They also stated that: "joint working with other agencies was effective and helped workers assess and plan their work."

Whilst overall positive some areas of improvement were noted

Particularly inspectors said some intervention plans needed to be a bit more clear and precise and that they should be "owned by children and young people" and written in more accessible language and that management oversight of these could be improved.

In response to the Inspection report the areas for improvement have been incorporated into the Youth Offending Unit Practice Improvement plan.

### **Question 38 from Councillor Kepez to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Can the Cabinet Member please update councillors on the recent 'Safe Drive Stay Alive' initiative, particularly the pledges made by the young people attending the event?

### **Reply from Councillor Anderson**

Safe Drive Stay Alive is a theatre based performance for all year 12 students attending school in Enfield and in 2016 celebrated its 9th anniversary. It is aimed at young/pre-drivers and passengers and highlights the dangers of driving too fast, not wearing seatbelts, using a hand held phone at the wheel, and peer pressure. Since 2008, around 16,700 students have benefited.

The initiative is based around a video of 5 young friends who go out to have a good time, but through reckless behaviour in a car ends tragically. The video is interspersed with real life testimonies read out by emergency service staff who give the hard-hitting truth about crashes they have attended. There are also bereaved family members who speak about their losses.

For the first time at last year's Stay Drive Stay Alive event students were asked to make a pledge to reinforce the key road safety messages. The pledge included a credit-card sized reminder for students to take away and keep. The response from students has been positive, with as many as 75% of students from some schools signing the pledge on the day. The event will be evaluated in the coming weeks and further changes made to ensure that this high-impact initiative continues to have a lasting effect on the safety of our young people.