

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**COUNCILLORS**

**PRESENT** Christine Hamilton (Mayor), Doris Jiagge (Deputy Mayor), Abdul Abdullahi, Daniel Anderson, Chris Bond, Yasemin Brett, Alev Cazimoglu, Nesil Cazimoglu, Erin Celebi, Bambos Charalambous, Jason Charalambous, Katherine Chibah, Dogan Delman, Nick Dines, Guney Dogan, Sarah Doyle, Christiana During, Patricia Ekechi, Nesimi Erbil, Turgut Esendagli, Peter Fallart, Krystle Fonyonga, Achilleas Georgiou, Alessandro Georgiou, Ahmet Hasan, Elaine Hayward, Robert Hayward, Ertan Hurer, Suna Hurman, Jansev Jemal, Eric Jukes, Nneka Keazor, Adeline Kepez, Joanne Laban, Bernadette Lappage, Derek Levy, Mary Maguire, Andy Milne, Terence Neville OBE JP, Ayfer Orhan, Ahmet Oykenner, Anne-Marie Pearce, Daniel Pearce, Vicki Pite, Michael Rye OBE, George Savva MBE, Alan Sitkin, Edward Smith, Andrew Stafford, Jim Steven, Claire Stewart, Doug Taylor (Leader of the Council) and Glynis Vince

**ABSENT** Ali Bakir, Dinah Barry, Lee Chamberlain, Lee David-Sanders, Michael Lavender, Dino Lemonides, Donald McGowan, Toby Simon and Haydar Ulus

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

Not required.

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

The Mayor's Chaplain, Martin Legg, an Independent Lay Preacher gave the blessing.

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

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and hoped that they had enjoyed the summer.

**1. Engagements since the last Council meeting**

Since the last meeting the Mayor and Deputy Mayor had attended five citizenship ceremonies. The Mayor said that she had been pleased to see so

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many people being made citizens of the borough, arriving with a sense of pride, in their finery.

Other engagements included:

- Events at Forty Hall including Love Forty Hall Park Day, Reggae on the Lawn and Spirit of Ukraine. There was a great turn out from all over Enfield.
- 11th Annual Chariot Festival
- Opening of the Marketplace Summer Fun Fair
- Mayor's Fun Run 17 September 2017 where hundreds of residents, including many of the Mayor's own family had taken part. The Mayor said that she was pleased to see how much support the Mayor had and that she had already put herself down to take part next year - in the 3K not the 10K.
- Livestock Music Festival on 29 July 2017 – a great success.
- Launch of the Camden Brewery in Enfield
- Bangla Mela – an exciting event
- Enfield Town Football Club – The Mayor said that she was a keen supporter of the club and tried to get to as many home games as possible. That night Enfield Town had been playing against Hanwell Town in an FA Cup game. The Mayor regretted that she was not able to attend.
- Inauguration of the Defibrillator Kiosk in the Enfield Town Marketplace.
- Masta Plasta Event – presenting the Queen's Award for Enterprise at Broomfield Park. The Mayor expressed delight that such excellent work was being produced in the borough.
- Canning Square Fun Day – a great morning out with residents celebrating their community

The Deputy Mayor had attended:

- The Enfield Carnival in August 2017 where she had a thoroughly great time
- The Arts and Photography Exhibition organised by Park Avenue Physical Disability Resource Centre – where she had been amazed at the work that had been produced.
- The Toddler, Baby and Bump Show at the Dugdale Centre – another exceptional event.

In September the Mayor also visited Gladbeck, Enfield's twin town in Germany, with Councillor Eric Jukes and Paul Everitt, Arts and Culture Manager. The Mayor said that it was an interesting experience and she was hopeful that some mutual joint working could be achieved for the future.

## **2. Mayor's Charity**

The Mayor said that her charity was now gathering speed and there were some exciting events due to take place in the coming months.

Over £1,000 had been raised at the Quiz Night on the 28 July 2017. For which the Mayor thanked everyone who had attended.

A MacMillan Coffee Morning to be held in the Mayor's Parlour, was being organised for the 29 September 2017, to which she urged as many as possible to attend.

The Mayor was also planning a Charity Blues Night with the Chickenshed Theatre on 22 October 2017. This was in addition to several other fundraisers to be held at the Millfields Arts Centre, the Dugdale Centre and Forty Hall, due to be advertised shortly.

**4**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 JULY 2017**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2017 were confirmed as a correct record.

**5**

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barry, Chamberlain, David-Sanders, Lavender, Lemonides, McGowan, Simon, and for lateness from Councillor Levy.

**6**

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Oykener declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Motion 10.4 in the name of Councillor Alev Cazimoglu on the crisis in social care and Councillor Alessandro Geogiou declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Item 13.1 Motion in the name of Councillor Laban on the extension of the Mayor of London's Ultra Low Emission Zone as he worked for a company which had a client who was involved in the industry.

**7**

**CHANGE IN ORDER OF 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 and to take Motion 10.5 in the name of Councillor Orhan as the next item of business.

The change in the order was agreed, after a vote with the following result:

For: 34  
Against: 19  
Abstentions: 0

The minutes reflect the order of the meeting.

**8**

**MOTIONS**

**Motion 10.5**

Councillor Orhan moved and Councillor Fonyonga seconded the following motion:

“We on this side are very proud, that despite the huge cuts from central government we, in Enfield, have been able to keep all 17 libraries within the Borough of Enfield open, whilst other London Authorities have had to cut their Library services. We are spending over 9 million modernising and working with partners to bring our libraries into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

The Council agrees that libraries today in the modern age should not just be places where residents read or borrow books but be a place for the wider community to use and interact with the Council.

This Council agrees with the present strategy and with working with partners and the local community to deliver on the aspirations of the strategy. We further agree that the elected members could be actively engaging with the local community groups to seek volunteers and support our Library staff.

Council agrees to promote its Library Service to local residents.”

Following a debate the motion was approved after a vote with the following result:

For: 33  
Against: 19  
Abstentions: 1

**9**

**OPPOSITION BUSINESS: LIBRARY SERVICE PROVISION IN ENFIELD HIGHWAY**

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

1. Issues highlighted by Councillor Laban were as follows:
  - That the Enfield Highway Carnegie Library, built in 1909, was one of the few old buildings in Eastern Enfield. It was the Opposition’s view that it should be preserved and should continue to be used as a library.
  - That answers were needed as to why the proposals involving the Sexual Health Clinic had not worked out and what could be done to find another partner which would enable the library to continue as a library.

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- Why it had happened that both Edmonton Green and Enfield Highway libraries had been put under refurbishment at the same time, in one of the most deprived parts of the borough.
  - Why the library had been closed, stripped of fixtures and fittings and the books put into storage so prematurely and why the books could not have been made available to other libraries.
  - Concern at the lack of communication with the public about the library closure.
  - The view that first floor office accommodation in a nearby business centre was not an appropriate library replacement.
  - That for a similar cost to that of providing the inadequate temporary library - a bus with two computers and a shelf of best sellers - the original library could have been kept open.
  - Concern that the Council had only managed to recruit 50 of the required 200 volunteers to help run the libraries.
  - That the public deserved an apology from the Cabinet member for the way that this matter had been handled.
2. Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection, responded on behalf of the Majority Group highlighting:
- That it had been a clear manifesto commitment to keep the boroughs' libraries open and this had been adhered to. Councillor Orhan was proud of the library offer and proud that Enfield had the highest number of libraries in London. All in the context of huge reductions in Government grants and a 48% reduction in revenue.
  - The new proposals for Enfield Highway Library were in her view the best option. The library would be in a new improved location, it was a large airy open space fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, accessible and modern. A cost effective way of delivering on the library strategy enabling the Council to retain a much used facility. With excellent internet connectivity, public access to council services and including a specialist resource for local businesses and new start-ups.
  - Councillor Orhan invited members to visit the new building.
  - A temporary mobile library had been provided during the closure to give residents access to library services. Residents were also able to visit the borough's other libraries.
  - Plans for the old library building included options for community use.

3. Other issues highlighted during the debate were as follows:
  - a. The need highlighted by the members of the Opposition Group:
    - To acknowledge the concern about the failure of the Cabinet members involved to ensure that projects were run in a timely and cost effective manner.
    - To conserve the listed façade of the old library, a local landmark, which had been built, using donations from Andrew Carnegie, who had intended it to be used to give poorer communities access to books and to improve social mobility.
    - To recognise that Enfield Highway had been a well-used local library - among the top 10 in the borough.
    - To acknowledge the concern to know about the reasons as to why the library was closed, before alternative uses could be found.
    - To have a response to the questions raised about the processes that had led to the collapse of the previous proposals, and the need to investigate what had led to the current situation.
    - To support the view that the library should not be sold for housing.
    - To accept concern about the significant funds that had been spent on the failed project.
  - b. The need highlighted by members of the Majority Group:
    - To acknowledge that the new library was being re-provided in a location just across the road from the old library, unlike Weir Hall Library, which had had to be re-located over 3 miles away in a different area.
    - To recognise that the Labour administration had been able to preserve all the borough's libraries, despite huge Government cuts, and carry out major improvements to them: including the refurbishment of the flagship Edmonton Green Library.
    - To accept that discussions were continuing about how the façade of the old building could be preserved and with local GPs and the local health authorities about the possibility of creating a new community health centre in the old building.
    - Support for the new sexual health centre, a world class facility, which everyone should use and which was being provided in the place where it was most needed.

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4. At the end of the debate Councillor Laban summed up on behalf of the Opposition Group as follows:

Councillor Laban felt that the administration owed the people of Enfield Highway an apology and an open and honest explanation as to what had gone wrong; to know what had led to the library being closed prematurely and to the inadequate temporary arrangements. The Opposition wanted the Carnegie library to remain open as a library, the use for which it was intended

5. Councillor Taylor then summed up on behalf of the majority group:

Councillor Taylor said that he felt that the reasons for the delay had been explained during the debate, but would happily consider all options for future use of the building. He thought that this should be acceptable to the Opposition as it related to recommendation one in the Opposition Priority Business Paper. The administration did want to retain the building for public use, but not necessarily as a library, which might not be the most appropriate use for the future.

He would ensure that the community would be consulted on the future use and that residents would have a say in the future of the building.

Councillor Laban thanked Councillor Taylor for his response.

**10**

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME AND WORKSTREAMS 2017/18**

Councillor Levy proposed and Councillor Smith seconded the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee setting out the Scrutiny Work programme and work streams identified for 2017/18. (Report No: 49)

**NOTED**

1. That Cabinet had considered the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Work programme 2017/18 at their meeting on 13 September 2017 and recommended approval to Council.
2. Councillor Levy's speech in support of the work he had done as the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee over the past 3 years and more including
  - His dedication to the work of the Council not only on Scrutiny, but also on the quasi-judicial licensing and planning committees, and the local pension board, as well as for his constituents in Southbury Ward.

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- His pledge to continue with his work until the end of his term of office.
  - His comments about the behaviour of his fellow councillors on both sides of the chamber and the hope that members would in future reflect on what he had said and respect for others, standards of behaviour, and debate would improve.
  - That the work programme had been carefully put together, fully discussed, and agreed by all members of Overview and Scrutiny. It had an inbuilt flexibility to enable discussion of other topical or urgent items which might occur.
  - This year there would be more single item agendas, larger local projects requiring more in depth analysis and more joint meetings with other committees where it was felt that the subject matter warranted it.
  - Another work stream, which had yet to be scoped, would be added to the programme, on the topic of loneliness and isolation.
3. The comments of Councillor Smith for the Opposition:
- The work programme covered a wide range of topics although there were subjects which had not been included.
  - His view that the scrutiny function served a useful purpose which was better than nothing. Call in was an important tool a chance to analyse key decisions in detail although there were some concerns about the lack of frank exchange and discussion.
  - As Chair of the Crime Standing Work Stream he would be looking at the possible merger of police services in both Enfield and Haringey and knife crime.
  - His support for the other work streams planned.
  - Concern about the lack of sufficient commitment to scrutiny on the part of back bench members.
4. The response of Councillor Levy including:
- His thanks for the tributes and respect he had been shown.
  - His apologies to Councillor Laban and Councillor Rye for past behaviour.



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- The arguments for more research support for scrutiny, which he had expressed at Cabinet, the preceding week, which would give more validity to the work streams.
- The introduction of call-ins of a different kind whereby Cabinet Members were invited to attend meetings to discuss issues in advance to avoid call ins being necessary.
- That many more members should be prepared to do some work and take a greater role in the scrutiny function.

**AGREED** to approve the scrutiny work programme and work streams for 2017-18.

**11**

**RIPA (REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT) - CHANGES TO POLICY**

Councillor Maguire proposed and Councillor Guney seconded the report of the Monitoring Officer setting out a review of the Council's Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) policy. (Report No: 37A)

**NOTED**

1. That the Council was being asked to approve the updated procedure which included the removal of the requirement for the Audit and Risk Management Committee to receive quarterly reports if RIPA powers were not used within the preceding quarter.
2. RIPA powers existed to aid the prevention and detection of crime. There were strict guidelines on their use and the Audit and Risk Management Committee had the responsibility to monitor this and to ensure that the law is complied with on behalf of the Council.
3. Councillor Neville agreed with the updated procedure, saying that RIPA powers were serious and should only be used sparingly. The powers were invaluable, but it was essential to balance the rights of the majority against those on the other side.

**AGREED** to approve the new version of the Council's RIPA (Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act) Policy and Procedure document and to note the removal of the requirement for the Audit and Risk Management Committee to receive quarterly reports if RIPA powers are not used within the preceding quarter.

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**CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF 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 and to take the following items in the following order:

- 10.6 Motion in the name of Councillor Brett
- 10.4 Motion in the name of Councillor A Cazimoglu
- 10.3 Motion in the name of Councillor Pite

The change in the order was agreed, after a vote with the following result:

For: 32  
Against: 13  
Abstentions: 0

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**MOTIONS**

**10.6 Motion in the name of Councillor Yasemin Brett**

Councillor Brett proposed and Councillor Oykenner seconded the following motion:

“Enfield Council requests the Department for Work and Pensions and the Conservative government to reconsider rolling out Universal Credit in Enfield from November 2017.

The start of the rollout in November means that families claiming Universal Credit for the first time will be left without benefit payments in the run up to Christmas.

Those switching over to Universal Credit from other existing benefits, will also risk a significant disruption to benefit income at a challenging time of year for low income households.

The DWP and government must be aware that many statutory and voluntary services are closed or operating at a reduced level over the Christmas period and assistance for local families who are in practical and financial difficulty will be exacerbated.

We call on the Leader to write to the Secretary of State to express the opinion of the Council.”

Following the debate the motion was agreed unanimously.

**10.4 Motion in the name of Councillor Alev Cazimoglu**

Councillor Alev Cazimoglu moved and Councillor Taylor seconded the following motion:

“Social Care is in crisis, and it is decisions made in Downing Street that have brought us to this point. The Prime Minister, Theresa May, must stop turning a blind eye to the problems in social care and address the funding crisis urgently. Cuts to NHS services are compounding the problem.

Since 2010 local authorities social care budgets have been cut by £4.6 billion. In Enfield we have seen our council budget cut by 40%.

Labour has warned time and again of the growing crisis in social Care. The competing pressures of an ageing population and chronic underfunding cannot go on.

This Council should write to Theresa May demanding that she must act now to make sure that councils like Enfield have the money to provide quality social care for all who need it.”

Following the debate the motion was put to the vote and agreed with the following result.

For: 32  
Against: 0  
Abstentions: 19

Councillor Oykenner declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in this motion. He left the meeting while it was being debated and did not vote on it.

#### **Duration of the time allowed for motions.**

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

Motions 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.7, 10.8 and 10.9 lapsed under the guillotine arrangements.

#### **14 COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME**

##### **1. Urgent Questions**

There were no urgent questions.

##### **2. Questions by Councillors**

NOTED

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1. The forty questions on the Council agenda and the written responses provided by the relevant Cabinet Members.
2. The following supplementary questions and responses received for the questions listed below:

**Question 1 (Edmonton Green Library Refurbishment) from Councillor Abdulahi to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection**

Councillor Abdullahi asked whether the Cabinet Member would be inviting all councillors from both sides to the re-opening of Edmonton Green Library.

**Reply from Councillor Orhan**

Councillor Orhan replied that all councillors from both sides would be invited and she would be honoured if the entire council would attend the re-opening of the refurbished Library.

**Question 3 (Boyfriend Material Campaign) from Councillor Doyle to Councillor Fonyonga, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Health**

What warning signs do you flag to young women in the campaigns?

**Reply from Councillor Fonyonga**

"The common warning signs include jealous and possessive behaviour, if he knows different ways to hit you that won't show, if the problem isolates you from family and friends".

**Question 4 (Mayor of London's Plans for Police Front Counters) from Councillor Laban to Councillor Fonyonga, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Health**

Councillor Laban asked why will not Councillor Fonyonga join me in condemning the Mayor of London's plans to leave just one police front counter in Enfield. Policing in London is the responsibility of the Mayor, not the Government. How can it be fair that Enfield has the same number of police counters as Islington?"

**Reply from Councillor Fonyonga**

Councillor Fonyonga said that you can talk about how the Mayor chooses to slice the cake but when the Government refuses to give enough cake, that is to provide sufficient funding for the Metropolitan Police Service, then you are talking about a share of nothing.

Since 2010, because of lack of funding from Central Government, the Metropolitan Police has had to make cuts of £600m, with a further £400m

demanded by 2020. There is not enough money to allow the Metropolitan Police to provide all services. The priority therefore has to be providing enough police officers to protect our streets.

**Question 6 (Disposal of Enfield Town and Southgate Police Stations) from Councillor Laban to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council**

Councillor Laban asked what has the Mayor done for Enfield, since being elected, that makes it impossible for Leader of the Council to join her in writing a letter in response to the Mayor's MOPAC (Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime) Consultation? She felt that the Mayor had a choice about how many police counters he had in each borough and asked why he had chosen to give Enfield the same number as Islington?

**Reply from Councillor Taylor:**

Councillor Taylor referred Councillor Laban to the response to Question 2. He said that there was a debate to be had on the adequacy of funding provided for the Metropolitan Police. He felt that it was a national shame that, at a time of increased terrorism, the Government would not provide the funding that was required to protect the safety and security of the capital.

He felt that Number 10 and the Secretary of State for the Home Office were responsible for funding. Previously the Administration had asked the party opposite to write to ask for more funding and the Opposition had refused. He was willing to write and would be happy to ask Councillor Laban to join him in a joint letter to ask for more funding.

**Question 7 (Paintings on Park Railings) from Councillor Stewart to Councillor Brett, Cabinet Member for Community, Arts and Culture**

Councillor Stewart thanked Councillor Brett for her response highlighting the great partnership which had brought arts out into the open in Southgate Green Ward. She then asked if Councillor Brett would share the information with other friends of park groups including perhaps Ponders End Recreation Ground Group.

**Reply from Councillor Brett**

Councillor Brett said that she would be happy to share the idea with other friends of park groups in both Enfield and Edmonton.

**Question 8 (Pressure on Secondary School Places) from Councillor Rye to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection**

Councillor Rye thanked Councillor Orhan for her response and asked if she could tell him in writing the number of forms of entry for Year 7 that would be required in Enfield in 2019 and 2020.

**Reply from Councillor Orhan**

Councillor Orhan agreed to provide a written response.

**Question 10 (Sufficiency on Secondary School Places) from Councillor Rye to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection**

Councillor Rye asked what contingency plans had been put in place for 2019 and 2020 to make sure that there were enough secondary school places.

**Reply from Councillor Orhan**

Councillor Orhan said that she had already given a full response. It was well documented that the new academy that was to have been built for 2018 would have provided many of the new places required. However as this had now been postponed, officers had been working with secondary school heads, on contingency plans, to ensure that there were enough places. It fell to Government and its agencies to make sure that when they made a commitment they honoured it. She asked the Opposition to support the administration in their strategies and to help them make sure that the Government delivered on their promises.

**Question 11 (Public Spaces Protection Orders) from Councillor Pite to Councillor Anderson**

Councillor Pite thanked Councillor Anderson for his full and comprehensive answer. The residents and the CAPE had welcomed the consultation. But she raised the question as to whether the PCSOs were really needed and whether the police and the Council did not already have enough powers to tackle anti-social behaviours.

**Reply from Councillor Anderson**

Councillor Anderson replied that public consultation had taken place last year and some concerns had been expressed. The majority were in favour of the provision, but the public's views had taken on board and in response the range of powers had been narrowed. Those behaviours left were of concern and there was evidence that they had an impact on the community. There was existing legal provision to deal with some of these issues, but this does not allow for issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices, only prosecution. The use of FPN was a timely and effective means of enforcement for those antisocial behaviours for which there was no other means of redress.

**Question 12 (Foxmead Close and Slades Hill derelict site) from Councillor Smith to Councillor Oyken, Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration.**

Councillor Smith thanked Councillor Oyken for his response and asked if he could tell him who owned the site.

**Reply from Councillor Oykener**

Councillor Oykener said that the site had been sold in 2007 and he personally did not know currently who owned it. He had asked officers to find out who did and what their plans were. In 2009 the owner had applied for planning permission to turn place into a health centre. However the place was still empty which was not acceptable. If there was no response the Council could consider Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) powers but these were limited if the owner was attempting to turn the site into something useful and stronger powers were needed.

**Question 13 (Removal of Copper Beech Tree at Chase Green Gardens) from Councillor N Cazimoglu to Councillor Anderson**

Are there any plans for replacing the beech tree?

**Reply from Councillor Anderson**

Councillor Anderson said he was not an agriculturalist and so not familiar with the reasons why it has to come down but understood that the pathogens of the fungai will remain in this area for a few years and therefore it would not be ideal to place another specimen in the same area. And so they were looking at the entirety of the area and would be planting new trees to increase the crown canopy following the loss of the tree.

**Question 14 (Cycle Enfield Delays) from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson**

Councillor Neville thanked Councillor Anderson for his reply but would like to know when the 6 month time estimate was given to Cabinet and if it was linked into the £8.5m cost of the scheme. He felt that the doubling and more of the estimated length of time for the project must have had an effect on the cost and so he asked what the current cost was.

**Reply from Councillor Anderson**

Councillor Anderson said that he would be happy to respond in due course, if Councillor Neville wanted him to, with details broken down as appropriate. The whole programme was budgeted and contractors were obliged to meet the demands of the contract. Therefore he had complete assurance that they would meet the terms and any extra costs would not be coming from Enfield's funding.

**Question 16 (Contractor Delays to A105 works) from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson**

Councillor Neville asked why Councillor Anderson saw tendering for specific works, which Cycle Enfield was in the context of the A105, as being a duplication of a tender at least 3 years old at the time of entering into

agreement with Ringway Jacobs and which was in fact originally for a much wider highways maintenance contract, linked but different.

**Reply from Councillor Anderson**

Councillor Anderson responded that he did not agree with the premise of the question. The works had gone through a full procurement process and were always to have been tendered in that way. The contractor had met the demands of the process using LoHAC. This had enabled the Council to better manage the phasing of the work programme, to fit in with available funding and to respond to unforeseen challenges such as the need to move utility connections. A LoHac contract was easier to budget for. A standard contract would have required extensive procurement and tendering as well as requiring the Council to take faith on staged payments. He felt that this was the better way to proceed.

**Question 18 (Accident Data for A105) from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson**

Councillor Neville said that from the answer to this question and the previous one to his question in June he had wanted to know how many accidents there had been on the A105, but his questions had been met with obfuscation.

Freedom of information requests had revealed the number of accidents which had resulted in personal injury up until May this year to be 16. He wanted to know what the number, of accidents, was, involving personal injury, to date.

**Reply from Councillor Anderson**

Councillor Anderson replied that he thought that Councillor Neville was trying to suggest that the Cycle Enfield scheme was less safe than previous arrangements. But there was no evidence to support this. In 3 years to September 2016 there were 91 collision reports on A105 between Palmerston Crescent and Palace Exchange Car Park Exit (1 fatality and 5 serious injuries). Only of these 16 involved cyclists, none of which involved serious injury.

Stage 1 and 2 road safety audits had taken place and a stage 3 audit commissioned for when the scheme was complete. As with any major scheme he said we will be keeping the number and type of collisions under review but there were a multitude of reasons as to why collisions occurred. As well as improving conditions for cyclists, the Cycle Enfield scheme is designed to reduce speed along the A105 and should ensure that the number and severity of collisions were reduced.

**Question 19 (Activities and Events planned to mark World Mental Health Day) from Councillor Kepez to Councillor A Cazimoglu**

What activities were taking place in Edmonton on World Mental Health Day?

**Reply from Councillor A Cazimoglu**



Councillor A Cazimoglu said that she thought that it was important to explain why mental health day should be important to employers. Mental health had both a human and an economic impact. Over 70m working days were lost due to poor mental health. Although the impact of poor mental health on individual employers can have severe repercussions, most companies don't have confidence to communicate about or to handle these issues in the work place. Employers were not spotting the signs that something might be wrong or putting the right support and resources in place to support those suffering from mental ill health.

**Question 21 (Safeguarding processes) from Councillor Keazor to Councillor A Cazimoglu**

What should someone do if they had concerns about vulnerable adults?

**Reply from Councillor A Cazimoglu**

Anyone who had concerns about an adult in Enfield should report it to the MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) - contact details on the Council website. The hub would then be able to decide what the most appropriate actions to take were and the agencies would be able to act quickly in a co-ordinated and consistent way to ensure that adults at risk were protected.

**Question 23 (Domestic Violence - Impact on Young Women) from Councillor Lappage to Councillor Fonyonga**

Councillor Lappage thanked Councillor A Cazimoglu for her comprehensive response, but asked why the campaign was focussing on young women in particular.

**Reply from Councillor Fonyonga**

Councillor Fonyonga responded that the latest evidence showed that young women were a key group that was likely to face the risk of becoming a victim of domestic abuse. The exceptional communications team had put together an effective campaign to raise awareness about what constituted domestic violence and where the young women could go to find help.

**Question 25 (Reducing Smoking Rates) from Councillor E Erbil to Councillor Fonyonga, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Health**

How was Enfield doing at reducing smoking rates amongst young people?

**Reply from Councillor Fonyonga**

Enfield was doing exceptionally well. It now had the third lowest prevalence of smoking amongst 15 year olds across London. We had come a long way, following an extensive campaign involving the public health team working with

the communications team to target specific groups. Given that smoking continues to be one of the main preventable causes of premature death and diseases, this is a worthwhile cause. We will continue to work towards reducing it further.

**Question 26 (Business Profits and Cycle Enfield) from Councillor Celebi to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Does the Cabinet Member seriously believe that there is direct link between the economic down turn in Palmers Green and Winchmore Hill as a result of the UK preparing to leave the European Union rather than Cycle Enfield?

**Reply from Councillor Anderson:**

Yes

**Question 28 (Bid for London Borough of Culture Funding) from Councillor Delman to Councillor Brett, Cabinet Member for Community, Arts and Culture**

Councillor Delman thanked Councillor Brett for her answer and asked her if she would consider setting up a panel or working party to assist in submitting the bid to the Mayor of London.

**Reply from Councillor Brett**

Councillor Brett said that they were actively considering setting up a working group but were waiting on news from GLA, which they hoped to receive on the following day, that they had secured funds to work up the bid. If funds were secured discussions about setting up a working group would take place.

**Question 29 (Combatting Anti-Social Behaviour in South East Enfield) from Councillor Savva to Councillor Fonyonga, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Health**

How has the Council funded police team helped to combat anti-social behaviour?

**Reply from Councillor Fonyonga**

The police team has been extremely helpful in tackling crime in Eastern Enfield. This year 285 arrests had been made on council estates as well over 173 arrests in Eastern Enfield with the help of a dedicated problem solving team. Due to these targeted interventions there has been a 32% reduction in violence against the persons across 5 Enfield estates. This is testament to the good work of a Labour administration, prioritising the safety of local residents.

**Question 32 (Sale of Holly Hill Farm) from Councillor Dines to Councillor Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency**

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Councillor Dines asked for confirmation that the sale of the property to Halo Dogs had now been cancelled.

### **Response from Councillor Taylor in Councillor Lemonides absence**

Councillor Taylor said that he understood that the sale had been cancelled, but he would provide confirmation in writing.

### **15**

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

There were no changes to committee memberships.

### **16**

#### **NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

Council agreed to confirm the following change to the nominations on outside bodies:

- Enfield Norse: Councillor Nesil Cazimoglu to replace Councillor Lemonides.

### **17**

#### **CALLED IN DECISIONS**

None received.

### **18**

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

NOTED that the next ordinary Council meeting would take place on Wednesday 22 November 2017 at 7pm.