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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2017

### COUNCILLORS

#### PRESENT

Christine Hamilton (Mayor), Doris Jiagge (Deputy Mayor), Abdul Abdullahi, Daniel Anderson, Ali Bakir, Dinah Barry, Alev Cazimoglu, Nesil Cazimoglu, Erin Celebi, Lee Chamberlain, Bambos Charalambous, Jason Charalambous, Katherine Chibah, Lee David-Sanders, Dogan Delman, Guney Dogan, Sarah Doyle, Christiana During, Patricia Ekechi, Nesimi Erbil, 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, Dino Lemonides, Mary Maguire, Andy Milne, Terence Neville OBE JP, Ayfer Orhan, Ahmet Oykener, Anne-Marie Pearce, Daniel Pearce, Vicki Pite, Michael Rye OBE, George Savva MBE, Toby Simon, Alan Sitkin, Andrew Stafford, Jim Steven, Claire Stewart, Doug Taylor (Leader of the Council), Haydar Ulus and Glynis Vince

#### ABSENT

Chris Bond, Yasemin Brett, Nick Dines, Michael Lavender, Derek Levy, Donald McGowan and Edward Smith

#### 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, Rabbi Yuval Keren from the Southgate Progressive Synagogue, gave the blessing.

#### 3

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

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the new Director of Law and Governance, Jeremy Chambers.

#### 1. Tributes to Former Councillors

The Mayor paid tribute and offered condolences to the families of Councillor Turgut Esendagli and John Boast, Freeman of the Borough and former councillor who had both recently passed away.

Councillor Taylor paid tribute to Turgut Esendagli, a man he had known well who had been taken far too young. He knew that if he had been in better health he would have done much more, but not withstanding this, he had been a respected, dedicated and hard-working ward councillor for Enfield Highway. He had also had a passion for football working for, amongst others, Crawley Borough, Essex Town as chair, and as coach for the Turkish national team.

Councillor Taylor also paid tribute to John Boast whom he had known longer and who had been on the Council intermittently since 1964, when it was first formed. He had last seen him earlier this summer when his cancer had seemed to be in remission.

John Boast had lately served as the ward councillor for Turkey Street and had been very active on the Licensing Committee and as Chairman of the North London Waste Authority. He was hard-working, dedicated and methodical – meticulously even planning his own funeral – a councillor for whom Councillor Taylor had had great respect. Councillor Taylor expressed his condolences to John Boast's friends and family for their deep loss.

Councillor Laban paid tribute to John Boast who had been a family friend and also a friend to many in the local conservative party. John Boast, who had been involved in Enfield since the Council was first established, had given his life to making Enfield a better place and lots of time to the Enfield Conservative Group. She expressed thanks for the work that he had done.

Councillor Celebi offered her condolences to John Boast's family and friends. She also paid tribute to Turgut Esendagli whom she had known for many years, mainly because of his activities with the large Turkish football community, with which her own husband had also been involved. Turgut had given much of his life to the benefit of footballers. Waltham Forest Football Club had lost a great mentor. He would be much missed by the community and she offered her condolences to his wife and young family.

One minutes silence was held in honour of both men.

## **2. Engagements since the last Council meeting**

The Mayor reported that she had been very busy since the last meeting, attending over 44 engagements in November alone. She thanked her deputy Councillor Doris Jigge for her continued support in covering engagements on her behalf. She felt that without her deputy, the Mayoral office would not have been able to accept so many engagements.

The main events since the last meeting included:

- Citizenship ceremonies at which she was honoured to be present.
- Enfield Vision Focus Day – the Mayor had been pleased to support this group.

- Mayor's Fun Run, Tea party and trophies for horticulture – the Mayor thanked everyone who had taken part.
- Poem-A-Thon Event at the Dugdale Centre – showing the great variety of talent in the borough.
- Ruth Winston Health and Wellbeing Day – the Mayor said it was always a pleasure to be part of the Ruth Winston family.
- Animal Charter Awards – a first in Enfield.
- Guest Speaker at the Enfield Racial Equality Council celebrating diversity event.
- Fashion Show at the Nightingale Cancer Support – one of the Enfield Cares chosen tragedies.
- Welcoming more than 60 children from St Michael's School to the council chamber during their outrageous advocacy week. The Mayor said that during their debate the children had asked some extremely intelligent questions and were thrilled to visit us. She had encouraged them to continue their political awareness by explaining how the council meetings operate. She thought that some of them might be budding politicians for the future.
- Welcoming 14 children from St Andrew's School. The Mayor thanked Councillor Rye for organising this trip. The children had thoroughly enjoyed the visit, to both the mayor's parlour and the council chamber and had asked some very intelligent questions for their age. She had been very impressed.
- Culture Bid/Private View by Patrick Samuel which had been truly inspiring. The Mayor had bought a lovely painting for the Mayor's Parlour.
- Remembrance Weekend – the Deputy Mayor had attended the Broomfield Park ceremony whilst the Mayor had been at the Greater London Authority service. The Deputy Mayor had attended the Outward Procession on 11 November 2017 to see the inauguration of the new Lord Mayor of London. On Sunday 12 November 2017, the Deputy Mayor had attended the Southgate ceremony, while the Mayor attended the ceremony in Edmonton. Everyone had then met at the Enfield War Memorial at lunchtime. It was a touching day, in remembrance of all those who had lost their lives through war. It had been good to see so many young people attending, walking with the parades.

### **3. Mayor's Charity**

The Mayor said that her charity was progressing. She thanked all those who had attended the very successful Macmillan Coffee Morning on the 29 September 2017 in the Mayor's Parlour, and the Blues Night at the Chickenshed theatre - a great evening. The Mayor thanked the Chickenshed for putting on the event, a great fund raiser for her charity. She was very grateful. She also thanked Hayes Rees (the Macmillan support representative) for his dedication to the work he was undertaking for her charity.

#### **4. Future Events**

Future events included:

- The Enfield Cares Music Festival at the Millfield Theatre (27 January 2018)
- The Mayoral Ball (17 February 2018) at the Penridge Suite, Arnos Grove. Invitations had been sent out in the post. Members were asked to respond quickly to secure their places.

#### **5. Congratulations to Enfield Town Football Club**

The Mayor congratulated Enfield Town Football Club on the official launch of their 3G pitch, which was taking place this week. She said it would be an honour to be there and she wished them every success in the future, as Britain's first football club owned solely by their supporters. She encouraged all Enfield residents to attend games, to support their local club. If they did, she was sure that they would not be disappointed as the standard of play was superb.

#### **6. Personnel Today - Human Resources Award**

The Council's Human Resources team had had a very successful evening, the night before the Council meeting, as they had won the Personnel Today Award for Innovation in Recruitment – a great achievement. The team would be attending January's Council meeting to be presented with the award.

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#### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2017**

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

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#### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bond, Brett, Dines, Lavender, Levy, McGowan and Smith and for lateness from Councillors Charalambous and Keazor.

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#### **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Alessandro Georgiou declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 13.8 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.

Councillor Abdul Abdullahi declared a non-pecuniary interest, as a school governor, in item 13.1 Motion in the name of Councillor Ayfer Orhan on the Government funding for education.

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ASSOCIATED RISK TO YOUNG PEOPLE TASK GROUP**

Councillor Jemal moved and Councillor Elaine Hayward seconded the Annual Report of the Child Sexual Exploitation and Associated Risk to Young People Task Group. (Report No: 102)

**NOTED**

1. That 112 new cases had been reported over the past year and that more enforcement was being carried out. The most common type of abuse reported in Enfield was peer on peer abuse. This reflected a growing trend across London. A positive was that the number of cases was not increasing and that better reporting was taking place.
2. The task group was putting forward a recommendation that the terms of reference should be amended to widen their remit to include vulnerable adults and young people generally. The task group felt that other abuse issues such gang violence and drug and alcohol were heavily interrelated with sexual exploitation and that it made sense to widen the focus of the group and mirror this at the committee level.
3. Councillor Jemal, as Chair, said that she was proud of what had been set up and the great work that the task group councillors were doing. She thanked them and the officers (Anne Stoker, Assistant Director Children's Social Care, and Grant Landon, Service Manager Practice and Partnerships, an outstanding Council Officer) for the support that they had provided and the work that they did for the Council in this area. Their work and external funding were critical to the success of the service.
4. The support of the opposition including Councillors Elaine Hayward, Glynis Vince and Mike Rye who agreed with all that had been said and added their thanks to the officers and Councillor Jemal.
5. The emphasis on the recommendation that all members attend the safeguarding training, put on by the Council, as not everyone had to date.
6. The crossover with issues such as modern slavery, young people missing school and the inclusion of forced marriages and female genital mutilation within the revised remit of the group.

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7. The exemplary nature of the cross party working involved in the group and recognition that the issues were being taken seriously across the Council.
8. Acknowledgement that the group had been set up because of the horrific events in Rotherham and the determination that such things should not happen in Enfield.

### AGREED

1. To ask all members to increase their awareness of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and related issues and attend safeguarding training sessions that were available especially for members.
2. That the CSE task group acknowledges the progress made in understanding offenders / persons of concern but also recognises the need to continue to improve profiling on a local and pan-London basis establishing consistency of approach across police services. The Council agrees to recommend that the borough police and the Metropolitan Police Service continue to work with Enfield partners to complete the persons of concern local profile that has recently been developed.
3. To approve a change to the terms of reference of the CSE task group to include a focus on a range of other inter-related vulnerabilities. This change will be acknowledged and supported thereby improving oversight and scrutiny of these important areas.
4. To recommend continued development of an integrated preventative approach across departments to focus upon hotspots and places of concern where CSE and related issues can occur.

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### ENFIELD ADULT SAFEGUARDING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17

Councillor Cazimoglu moved and Councillor Lappage seconded the report of the Executive Director Health, Housing and Adult Social Care presenting the Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2016-2017. (Report No: 62A)

### NOTED

1. To note that the Cabinet had considered this report on 18 October 2017 and had recognised the good work that was being done, in partnership with statutory and non-statutory agencies, to keep vulnerable residents safe. The report had also been considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board, made up of partners from the Clinical Commissioning Group, Healthwatch and the voluntary sector.

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2. Enfield has over 100 care homes and 60 home care agencies and the Council was committed to the principle that keeping these residents safe was everyone's business. It was therefore felt to be very important to raise awareness of the issues across the borough.
3. The thanks to everyone involved in this area of work and the emphasis on the importance of training and re-training.
4. Appreciation that Modern Slavery was now an area that had been included in the report.
5. The comments from the Opposition that although there were positives, there were issues highlighted in the report that did need addressing including the 42% of nursing homes that required improvements and the 25% rated inadequate for domiciliary care. The view that it would have been helpful to have the year on year picture as well as more information about what is being done to address these issues.
6. The response that Enfield's figures were better than other similar authorities.
7. The view that the penalties available to punish those that ill-treat vulnerable people should be increased and that London Councils should be pressed to ensure that offenders can feel the full force of the law.
8. That there were constituents with severe mental health problems in need of support. However the services available were underfunded and many people had to reach crisis levels before support was forthcoming. Acknowledgement that there was a long way from parity of esteem between mental health and other health services.

**AGREED** to note the progress being made in protecting vulnerable adults in the borough as set out in the annual report of the Safeguarding Adults Board.

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**REFERENCE FROM MEMBER AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES GROUP - REVISED PETITIONS SCHEME**

Councillor Simon moved and Councillor Fonyonga seconded a report from the Chief Executive recommending changes to the Council's petitions scheme. (Report No: 103)

**NOTED**

1. The report had been recommended to Council by the Member and Democratic Services Group.
2. The scheme had been revised, following careful consideration by the Member and Democratic Services Group, to ensure that the scheme

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could only be used by those people living, working and studying in Enfield – this would include people living on out of borough estates and those who had been placed by the local authority outside the borough.

3. Other amendments included changes to the complaints procedures and additions to the list of petitions that the Council were unable to accept.
4. Thanks to all the officers involved for their hard work in facilitating the improvements to the Council's democratic processes.
5. The reservations of the Opposition in regard to the changes to the eligibility requirements for those signing petitions which they saw as a part of a pattern of the Labour administration restricting democratic scrutiny and a reluctance to listen to counter arguments.
6. The opposition view that people living outside the borough, including those using the road system, shopping in Enfield centres, living on the borders might have legitimate views which the Council should take account of. It should be possible to draw a distinction to include these people in the scheme.
7. The response that there were alternative methods including consultations on particular projects such as Cycle Enfield which enabled people with legitimate views to feed them into the Council. The Council's processes were transparent and open and it was ready to act responsibly, listen and to take account of the views of all those with an interest. The petitions scheme was just one scheme, one designed for Enfield residents.
8. In summing up Councillor Simon said that there was a balance to be made between a comprehensive consultation process and a petition scheme. When consulting there was a need to identify where people are coming from: there was not a rigid line. This was different from a petition scheme for residents of the borough. The changes had been agreed originally on a cross party basis.

Following the discussion the recommendations in the report were put to the vote with the following result:

For: 33  
Against: 0  
Abstentions: 18

**AGREED** to approve the proposed changes to the Council's petition scheme as set out in appendix A to the report.



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**REFERENCE FROM COUNCILLOR CONDUCT COMMITTEE - CHANGES TO PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING COMPLAINTS AGAINST COUNCILLORS AND CO-OPTED MEMBERS**

Councillor Stewart moved and Councillor Achilleas Georgiou seconded a report of the Head of Legal Services reviewing the Councillor Code of Conduct procedures for handling complaints against elected members and co-opted members. (Report No: 100)

NOTED

1. The recommendations had been agreed and put forward following a review of the procedures by the Councillor Conduct Committee.
2. The main change was to enable the Monitoring Officer to pursue complaints of a serious nature even where they may have been withdrawn by the complainant.
3. The Opposition suggested that further detail on this was required and suggested that the recommendations should be agreed, subject to further discussion at the Councillor Conduct Committee.

**AGREED**

1. To approve a change to the Councillor Code of Conduct procedures for handling complaints against elected and co-opted members to enable the Monitoring Officer to pursue complaints if she/he thinks that these warrant further investigation, even if they have been withdrawn. The full text of the change is included in paragraph 3.5 of the report.
2. To include the procedure for hearing complaints (as attached as Appendix 2 to this report) as an appendix to the Councillor Code of Conduct in the Council Constitution.

(This was agreed subject to further discussion on the wording around what determines a matter to be taken forward.)

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**REFERENCE FROM AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - REVISED CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES**

Councillor Maguire moved and Councillor Dogan seconded a report of the Executive Director Finance, Resources and Customer Services reviewing the Council's contract procedure rules. (Report No: 101)

NOTED

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1. The changes proposed had been agreed and recommended for approval to Council by the Audit and Risk Management Committee at their meeting on 1 November 2017.
2. The revised rules comply with legal requirements, reflect changes made as a result of the establishment of the new procurement and commissioning hub, reduce the number of pages, make the rules simpler and easier to read, include the addition of an index and use plain English. The attached guidance spell out the rules in a simple form. The rules will ease understanding and make complying with the relevant legislation easier.
3. The whole hearted support of the Opposition for the new rules because of concerns about the way contracts had been let in the past but also concern:
  - That the rules would be worthless if they are not properly enforced.
  - About the use of waivers which although going down were still felt to be too high.
  - About the use of framework contracts where separate tenders were not required.
4. The response that number of waivers obtained had dropped substantially in the past few years for which officers were to be congratulated. At the last meeting of the Audit and Risk Management Committee only two waivers had been reported. Rules and regulations were felt to be working.

**AGREED** to approve the changes to the Council's contract procedure rules for inclusion within the Council's constitution.

## 12 BUSINESS RATES

Councillor Lemonides moved and Councillor seconded the report of the Executive Director Finance, Resources and Customer Services on business rates. (Report No: 90A)

### NOTED

1. The report asks for Council in principle approval to join a Londonwide business rate pool which will mean retaining more of the rates in London. Approximately £240m will be shared out. The weighted distribution should be favourable to Enfield and the Council should receive an extra £4.2m.

### AGREED

1. To approve in principle participation in a London Business Rates Pilot Pool with effect from 1 April 2018.

2. To delegate the Council's administrative functions as a billing authority to the appropriate lead authority/joint committee.
3. To delegate authority to the Leader and Executive Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services
  - To agree the operational details of the pooling arrangements with the participating authorities
  - To enter into such agreement as may be necessary to implement the pool and to negotiate, finalise and execute the same on behalf of the Council.

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#### **CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Councillor Stewart moved and Councillor Ekechi seconded a proposal under paragraph 2.2(B) of the Council procedure rules to change the order of items on the agenda to take the following motions in the following order:

- 13.6 Motion in the name of Councillor Pite
- 13.4 Motion in the name of Councillor Oykenner
- 13.1 Motion in the name of Councillor Orhan
- 13.2 Motion in the name of Councillor Achilleas Georgiou
- 13.3 Motion in the name of Councillor Taylor
- 13.5 Motion in the name of Councillor Taylor

The change in the order was agreed without a vote.

The minutes reflect the order of the meeting.

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#### **MOTIONS**

##### **Motion 13.6**

Councillor Pite moved and Councillor Sitkin seconded the following motion:

“The Mayor of London launched The London Borough of Culture competition at the start of September 2017. The process of submitting an application will bring together Enfield's Cultural organisations and build on the good work done through Enfield Festivals and Events. There is so much to celebrate about Culture in Enfield including Europe's most inclusive theatre at Chickenshed, accessibility and participation at Millfield, rich heritage and award winning organic farming at Forty Hall and community led Festivals and Events in parks across the borough. Along with our Museums, Theatres, Community Cinema, Community Arts Organisations, Jazz and Blues Clubs, Choirs, Orchestras and Enfield Music Service we have what it takes to make us London's Borough of Culture. This Council unanimously supports the bid.”

Following the debate, the motion was agreed, after a roll call vote with the following result:

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For: 33

Councillor Abdullahi  
Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Bakir  
Councillor Barry  
Councillor A Cazimoglu  
Councillor N Cazimoglu  
Councillor Chibah  
Councillor Dogan  
Councillor Doyle  
Councillor During  
Councillor Ekechi  
Councillor E Erbil  
Councillor N Erbil  
Councillor Fonyonga  
Councillor Achilleas Georgiou  
Councillor Hasan  
Councillor Hurman  
Councillor Jemal  
Councillor Jiagge  
Councillor Keazor  
Councillor Lappage  
Councillor Lemonides  
Councillor Maguire  
Councillor Orhan  
Councillor Pite  
Councillor Savva  
Councillor Simon  
Councillor Sitkin  
Councillor Stewart  
Councillor Steven  
Councillor Taylor  
Councillor Ulus

Against: 0

Abstentions: 15

Councillor Celebi  
Councillor Chamberlain  
Councillor David Sanders  
Councillor Delman  
Councillor Fallart  
Councillor Alessandro Georgiou  
Councillor E Hayward  
Councillor R Hayward  
Councillor Hurer  
Councillor Laban  
Councillor Milne

Councillor D Pearce  
Councillor Rye  
Councillor Steven  
Councillor Vince

**Motion 13.4**

Councillor Oykenor moved and Councillor Taylor seconded the following motion:

“Following the tragedy at Grenfell Tower Enfield Council took the decision to retro fit sprinklers in all our tower blocks. This will improve safety for our residents.

The cost of the work will be at least £8 million, and should be funded by the Government as they indicated that they would. Not to do so would be a betrayal of our tenants and leaseholders.”

During the debate, Councillor Vince moved and Councillor Rye seconded a proposal under paragraph 14.11 (a) (i) of the Council Constitution that the motion now be put. This was not agreed, following a vote with the following result:

For: 13  
Against: 31  
Abstentions: 0

After further debate the motion was agreed without a vote.

**Motion 13.1**

Councillor Orhan moved and Councillor Pite seconded the following motion:

“Having been hugely disappointed with Government’s failure to listen to our call for a fairer funding for Enfield Schools, Enfield Council looks forward to seeing increased funding for schools in the next budget.”

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

For: 33  
Against: 14  
Abstentions: 0

**Change in the order of Business**

Councillor Stewart moved and Councillor Ekechi seconded a proposal under paragraph 2.2(B) of the Council procedure rules to change the order of items on the agenda to take Motion 13.10 as the next item of business. This was agreed without a vote.

### **Motion 13.10**

Councillor Neville moved and Councillor Alessandro Georgiou seconded the following motion:

“Following the recent sentencing of cyclist Charlie Alliston who was convicted of “wanton and furious driving” following the death of Mrs Kim Briggs in Old Street in London, and the more recent conviction of a second cyclist of “causing injury by wilful misconduct”, both ancient offences used by prosecutors to deal with these cases because of a lack of modern cycling law, the Council calls on the government to thoroughly review the laws relating to cycling to bring them into line with those applicable to motorists, so that the public are properly protected against both the irresponsible and dangerous acts of a minority of cyclists, and from accidental damage injury when it occurs. Council instructs the Director of Law and Governance to forward this motion to the Secretary of State for Transport.”

During the debate, as the time allocated for this section of the meeting had run out, Councillor Taylor moved and Councillor Stewart seconded a proposal to adjourn the debate, under paragraph 14.11 (a) (iv) of the Council procedure rules. It was agreed, without a vote, that the debate would be continued at the next meeting.

### **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 13.2, 13.3, 13.5, 13.7, 13.8 and 13.9 lapsed under the guillotine.

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### **COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME**

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

The Mayor reported that she had received one question after the ordinary deadline for the receipt of questions for Council. On the advice of the Monitoring Officer, the Mayor had determined that the question did not meet the Council’s urgency provisions and could therefore wait to be considered at the next Council meeting.

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

NOTED

1. The thirty nine 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 (Money Spent on Artificial Intelligence) from Councillor Laban to Councillor Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency**

Councillor Laban thanked Councillor Lemonides for his question and asked when we could expect Amelia to be alive?

**Reply from Councillor Lemonides**

Councillor Lemonides replied that the money spent so far was initial expenditure, the start of a long journey, a process of modernisation and transformation. Work was ongoing. When it was fully implemented it would be appraised and a cost benefit analysis would be carried out.

**Question 2 (Government's Budget Statement) from Councillor Abdullahi to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council**

Councillor Abdullahi asked for Councillor Taylor's view on the budget?

**Reply from Councillor Taylor**

Councillor Taylor responded by saying that what the budget demonstrated, was what the Labour administration has been saying since 2010, that this was a Government that had hard wired austerity into its fiscal policy and created disaster for the country. He felt that there was nothing of any real worth for local government, nothing on social care, but there was £3 billion for BREXIT.

George Osborne, when Chancellor of the Exchequer, had been going to eliminate the deficit, by 2020. Last year the deficit was £24.4 billion and this year it has risen by a further £4 billion. The impact of this on Enfield would be that house prices would rise, wages in public sector would stagnate and prospects for growth would be downgraded. Prices are increasing. The future for residents of the borough is bleak. They will have to work longer and get paid less. Although the Chancellor has said that there is no unemployment, which is good. The only good news is that this is another nail in the coffin of the Government.

**Question 3 (Parsonage Lane Housing Improvement Scheme) from Councillor Laban to Councillor Oyken, Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration**

Councillor Laban asked as the question suggests we approach the 80<sup>th</sup> week of a projected 23 week housing scheme, which many residents have had enough of. She said that there had been talk about the charges leaseholder's will face and that this will be an increase on 3 months ago. In the light of the fact that we have put financial penalties on United Living, she asked for a commitment, from the Cabinet Member, that the leaseholder charges when

they get sent out will be final, as there have been discrepancies and different amounts have been paid out. They have already been put through a lot.

**Reply from Councillor Oyken**

Councillor Oyken said that he can only repeat the answer to the original question. There will be no further charges on leaseholders except what has already been agreed, nothing more as a result of the delays.

**Question 4 (Racing on the A10 and A406) from Councillor Pite to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Council Pite thanked Councillor Anderson for his response but asked why it is only now that Transport for London was taking action against the racers on the A10?

**Reply from Councillor Anderson:**

Councillor Anderson replied that speeding and car cruising along A10 had been a long standing problem and both the police and Transport for London have failed to take action in the past. The recent change of attitude was the result of persistent and effective campaigning from Councillor Pite, himself and Joan Ryan MP. They had managed to argue in favour of reasons for action. He said that they had been able to bring clear evidence to show that the number of collisions on A10 had increased since the sackings of cameras, including 6 collisions this year, where people have been killed or seriously injured. Thankfully, he said, we have managed to get them to take action and that he felt was effective campaigning.

**Question 5 (Parsonage Lane Maisonettes) from Councillor Laban to Councillor Oyken, Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration**

Councillor Laban said that currently snagging works were still being carried out, the Heath Close door entry system did not work on and there was still lots to do on Parsonage Lane. She asked if we could believe that United Living would complete the work by Christmas, because previously what United Living had said was very different from reality. She asked if the Cabinet Member had any other confirmation that United Living would be off the site by Christmas.

**Reply from Councillor Oyken**

Councillor Oyken replied that the answer is as he had said in the original question. At the end of any major works programme there was likely to be snagging work, there were improvements to make and that was what was happening. All he could say was that it was his belief that the works would be completed by Christmas.



**Question 6 (Meridian Water – Negotiations with the Master Developer) from Councillor Ekechi to Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development**

Councillor Ekechi thanked Councillor Sitkin for his response and asked if he could confirm the level of market confidence in the Meridian Water project.

**Reply from Councillor Sitkin**

Councillor Sitkin replied that he could confirm that there was an enormous level of market confidence in Meridian Water. The Council were currently fending off approaches, because they were currently engaged in a process of negotiation with PCPD and doing everything in their power to make that deal.

The truth was very different from the letter that Councillor Smith had put in the Enfield Independent about a week and a half ago which led to a very inaccurate article in that paper. He felt that it was contrary to the interests of the Council for the Conservative Party to express doubt about the future of Meridian Water. He was respectful of the fact that Councillor Smith was not at the meeting because of a family issue, but felt that it would be good if Councillor Smith could apologise for putting this misleading information in the press. He was however aware that it would be rectified.

**Question 8 (World Mental Health Day) from Councillor Barry to Councillor A Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care**

Councillor Barry asked if the Cabinet Member could inform her about what changes had been made to support mental health service users.

**Reply from Councillor A Cazimoglu**

Councillor Cazimoglu responded saying that the local authority was delivering for mental health users, unlike government. She said that the Council had a joint tender with Haringey to support those with mental health issues and to provide sustained and meaningful support for safeguarding. A lot of work had been done. The Council would also be tendering the independent mental health advocacy service and with the Enfield Clinical Commissioning Group will be tendering for a dual diagnosis service for substance misuse.

**Water**

**Question 9 (Thames Water, Sewerage and Water Charges) from Councillor Neville to Councillor Oyken, Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration**

Councillor Neville said that he was not clear what Councillor Oyken saying. If he was referring to selling services this was not what he thought the Southwark case was about. He thought that it was about Councils acting as agents and keeping the global savings.

**Reply from Councillor Anderson**

Councillor Oykenner felt that the question had been answered and that it was quite clear. The answer was based on the outcome of the Southwark case. People would be dealt with when they approach the Council on an individual basis, case by case.

**Question 11 (Contractor Payments for the A105 Scheme) from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Councillor Neville thanked Councillor Anderson for his response but said that total expenditure had reached £7.9 million and the Council needed to know if he was not shocked that we had already have reached the point that Cabinet was told would be the estimated cost of this particular part of the project. He felt that the fact that we know that we have £42 million this contract was irrelevant. This part of the scheme was for a specific sum. He wanted to know whether Councillor Anderson was satisfied that the Council was not going to overspend the part of the budget approved for this project.

**Reply from Councillor Anderson**

Councillor Anderson responded that he was satisfied. He said that this was a very large construction project and a lot of the initial costings had been carried out before the detailed design had been completed. The entire scheme had been fully costed and there was a detailed business plan which ensured that the entire scheme would be delivered, as would every other scheme, as tendered.

Councillor Anderson was not concerned. He was aware that there was a rigorous review process in place which was ongoing to make sure that the programme does deliver. He reassured Councillor Neville that the entire project was funded by external funds, primarily provided by the Mayor of London and Transport for London. He felt that the A105 scheme should be a cause for celebration.

**Question 12 (Enfield Schools Physical Education Provision) from Councillor Lappage to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection**

Councillor Lappage congratulated all schools on their achievements.

**Question 13 (Width of Cycle Lane on Winchmore Hill Broadway) from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson**

Councillor Neville said that there seemed to be a contradiction between saying that there will be changes to the final design and Councillor Anderson's response to the particular point about what has happened along this parade. He felt that if Councillor Anderson had known that the design was faulty from the beginning why had he allowed them to get on with the work, only to have it all ripped up again at further cost and further disruption to the residents, shoppers and businesses.

**Reply from Councillor Anderson**

Councillor Anderson replied that once again Councillor Neville was he felt putting forward the old arguments but that what he was not understanding was that there was a contingency fund built into the programme to enable the programme to be reviewed as it went along and in order to make amendments as necessary. He had no qualms about making amendments to meet the needs of the residents as appropriate and he thought that the amendments made were correct and appropriate.

**Question 14 (Difficulties arising from School Funding) from Councillor Barry to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection**

Councillor Barry thanked Councillor Orhan for her response and asked if there had been any increased funding for Enfield schools in the budget.

**Reply from Councillor Orhan**

Councillor Orhan responded that unfortunately there had not been any increase in funding and although she had been hoping for a u-turn, she had not received one. The budget announcement, on the new funding formula, had not covered the shortfall in the budget for Enfield schools.

Councillor Orhan said that she thought that the schools would continue to suffer and although they would continue to try and look at innovative ways of reducing their budgets, to educate their children, this was becoming increasingly challenging. Eventually she felt that they would be left with nothing. Core funding had also not been increased and was being systematically reduced. The Chancellor had not addressed this either. She felt that the Government was not listening.

**Question 15 (Compensation for Businesses along the A105 Cycle Route) from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Councillor Neville thanked Councillor Anderson for his answer and said that he was fully aware of the valuation. But the reality was that a 10% rate reduction was, in his opinion, a pittance when compared with the proven losses that have been suffered by some of the businesses along this route. He felt that the Council had the power and the money to compensate and should do so. It should come from the £42 million. He asked if Councillor Anderson agreed with what he had said.

**Reply from Councillor Anderson**

Councillor Anderson replied that it was like Ground Hog day. Councillor Neville looked on the gloomy side. He felt that there was a new business confidence along the A105 route, with new businesses opening up, including

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the Little Green Dragon micro pub, a new co-op in Palmers Green, a new sports shop in Bush Hill Park parade, a barbers in Palmers Green and a new Tapas Bar that was due to open soon. Many businesses believed that the cycle route was not a hindrance but something that showed confidence in the area.

### **16 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**AGREED** to confirm the following changes to committee memberships

- Audit and Risk Management Committee – Councillor Hurer to replace Councillor Milne.

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

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

- Montague 406 Limited Liability Partnership: the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development and the Executive Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services to represent the Council on the body.
- London Councils Leaders Committee: Councillor Orhan to replace Councillor B Charalambous as the Council's deputy representative.

### **18 CALLED IN DECISIONS**

None received.

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

**NOTED** that the next ordinary Council meeting would take place on Wednesday 31 January 2018 at 7pm.