

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 31 JANUARY 2018**

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT Christine Hamilton (Mayor), Doris Jiagge (Deputy Mayor), Abdul Abdullahi, Daniel Anderson, Dinah Barry, Chris Bond, Yasemin Brett, Alev Cazimoglu, Nesil Caliskan, Lee Chamberlain, Katherine Chibah, Lee David-Sanders, Dogan Delman, Nick Dines, Guney Dogan, Sarah Doyle, Christiana During, Patricia Ekechi, Elif Erbil, Nesimi Erbil, Ergun Eren, Peter Fallart, Krystle Fonyonga, Achilleas Georgiou, Alessandro Georgiou, Ahmet Hasan, Elaine Hayward, Nneka Keazor, Adeline Kepez, Joanne Laban, Bernadette Lappage, Dino Lemonides, Derek Levy, Mary Maguire, Terence Neville OBE JP, Ayfer Orhan, Ahmet Oykenner, Anne-Marie Pearce, Daniel Pearce, Vicki Pite, Michael Rye OBE, George Savva MBE, Toby Simon, Alan Sitkin, Edward Smith, Claire Stewart, Doug Taylor (Leader of the Council) and Glynis Vince

ABSENT Ali Bakir, Erin Celebi, Bambos Charalambous, Jason Charalambous, Robert Hayward, Ertan Hurer, Jansev Jemal, Eric Jukes, Michael Lavender, Donald McGowan, Andy Milne, Andrew Stafford, Jim Steven 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, Reverend Tina Kelsey from the St Peter with St Martin Church, Edmonton, gave the blessing.

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

The Mayor welcomed councillors and members of the public to the first Council meeting of 2018, took the opportunity of wishing everyone a very Happy New Year and trusted that they all had an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas.

1. Past Engagements

The Mayor said that she and the deputy mayor, Councillor Doris Jiagge, had attended many mayoral events since the last Council meeting. Enfield's festive celebrations had been musical and vibrant.

The Mayor had enjoyed the carol services and performances by the children at various schools and local Enfield choirs.

Her favourite event had been the outstanding London New Year's Day parade in Central London where Enfield's St Monica's players had performed on the float, and won a place in the competition. This had also resulted in a £2,000 donation to the Mayor's charity.

December 2017, had been the 100th anniversary of the awarding of the Victoria Cross to two First World War soldiers from Enfield. To commemorate their valiant and courageous acts of pure selflessness, for the good of their Country, a stone was laid in the road where they were born, allowing their memory to live on forever.

This month the Mayor had opened the Nutrition Station at Enfield Chase Station.

Two weeks ago, at the Enfield Town Football Club, as part of the focus on healthy eating in schools and workplaces, the Mayor had attended and launched the "Sugar Smart" campaign, part of the national Sugar Smart UK and Enfield Councils Healthy Enfield Campaign. The aim of which was to encourage local organisations to promote healthier, lower sugar alternatives and help make the borough healthier. The Mayor thanked Councillor Fonyonga for launching this and supporting the fantastic work of the public health team.

The Mayor had been working with the "All People, All Places Charity" at All Saints Church Edmonton, one of their seven homeless shelters in Enfield (a shelter providing 12 beds, as well as food and support, and help to get homeless people into work and to find a permanent home). She had spent a Sunday night at the shelter and been touched by the great work of the organisation, which had also been named as one of her charity recipients.

On Thursday 25th January 2018, it had been her great pleasure to receive the Deputy Mayor of Hargeisa, the capital of Somaliland. She had been honoured to receive a dignitary from such a long way away and thanked Councillor Abdullahi for arranging this visit from his home town.

2. The Mayor's Charity

The Mayor said that they would be busy with her charity work this year with many events planned. She was very grateful to Hayes Rees, Macmillan charity volunteer, who worked tirelessly for the Enfield Cares/Care in the Community Charity. This week he was organising a World Cancer Day cake sale in the Mayors Parlour, this Friday 2nd February 2018 at 10am to 4pm. The Mayor asked as many members as possible to come and support the event to help raise money for this worthy cause.

3. Future Events

The Mayor's Ball would be taking place on the 17th February 2018 (two weeks next Saturday) at The Penridge Suite, Arnos Grove. Mayors from across London had agreed to attend and hopefully the Mayor of London. The Mayor was looking forward to seeing everyone and asked members to confirm their bookings as soon as possible.

4. Enfield Football Club

The Mayor said that she was very pleased to let everyone know that she had been appointed as a board member of Enfield Town Football Club. She was a big fan and proud of the Club, located right in the middle of Enfield. This was a dynamic and spirited local club, also the first football club in Britain to be solely owned by their supporters and run by volunteers.

Many of the football clubs in this country only had a small number of women board members (Spurs 2 and Arsenal 0). The Mayor asked members if they knew that women's football in this country had been banned in Football Association stadiums for 50 years from 1921 to 1971; it wasn't until 1993 that the ban was lifted. She encouraged all Enfield residents to attend games and support their local Enfield Club. New signs would be going up soon to ensure that everyone knew where it was.

5. One Hundredth Anniversary of Votes for Women

The Mayor said that for the rest of this municipal year, she would be wearing a Vote for Women Sash. February 2018 would mark the 100 year anniversary of women in the UK being allowed to vote. She thanked Councillor Brett for purchasing and providing her sash.

In 1918 women over 30, owning and occupying property worth more than £5, were allowed to vote. It took another 10 years, until 1928, for women to have equal voting rights to men. A number of events are to be organised in Enfield throughout the year, to celebrate the anniversary, and to improve understanding of the issue.

The Mayor reminded members of a saying from the Suffragettes 'The beginning is always today' and asked everyone to keep up the good work on establishing and working for peace, equality for women, and progress for all residents in Enfield.

6. Outstanding Achievement Award

Lastly, the Mayor said that she was delighted to welcome Julie Mimmagh, Head of Human Resources Operations, to the Chamber. Julie and her team had been recognised for outstanding achievement at the recent Personnel Today Awards 2017. They had won the Innovation in Recruitment category for the Career Returner @Enfield programme. This was despite being up against fierce competition from several high profile organisations including Barclays, DHL, and Lloyds Banking.

The career returner programme had enabled the Council to fill posts in areas where Enfield has traditionally struggled to recruit, and helped local residents return to their chosen career after a prolonged career break.

The Mayor presented the award to Julie Mimmagh.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 NOVEMBER 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2017 were confirmed as a correct record.

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ali Bakir, Bambos Charalambous, Jason Charalambous, Robert Hayward, Ertan Hurer, Jansev Jemal, Eric Jukes, Michael Lavender, Andy Milne, Andrew Stafford and Jim Steven.

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DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Before inviting members to declare any interests, the Mayor asked Jeremy Chambers (Monitoring Officer) to make a short statement regarding a mayoral dispensation and the declaration of interests requirements, in relation to Item 8 (Council Tax Support Scheme and Tax Base).

The Monitoring Officer reported that, in accordance with guidance from the Secretary of State, there was no requirement for members to declare disclosable pecuniary interests in Item 8 on the agenda, even though they may pay council tax within the borough, or may be in receipt of council tax support.

She advised that there was, however, a legal requirement for any member who was two months or more in arrears on their Council Tax to declare that fact and not vote on any issue that could affect the calculation of the budget or council tax more specifically. No declarations were made in this respect.

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

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.

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CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councillor Vince moved and Councillor Laban 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:

Motion 10.7 in the name of Councillor Laban to be taken as the first motion under item 10 Motions

The change in the order was agreed without a vote.

The minutes reflect the order of the meeting.

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OPPOSITION BUSINESS - HOUSING AND REGENERATION PROJECTS IN ENFIELD

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

1. Issues highlighted by Councillor Smith were as follows:
 - Despite being non-partisan and agreeing with the objectives of projects such as Meridian Water, developing the small housing sites and the desire to create more affordable housing, he felt that the current management of housing projects in the borough was inadequate with cost overruns, poor procurement, shortage of staff and lack of expertise.
 - Concern about what he saw as serious failures in the management of the major works contract where some replacements were taking more than 87 weeks.
 - Anxiety about issues with the provision of Strategic Industrial Land (SIL) including timescales, since approval of the Edmonton Leaside Area Action Plan was still some way off.
 - Concern about the impact the proposed increase in the number of affordable homes, from 35% to 50%, on the Meridian Water project and the dependence on house price rises. These uncertainties he felt would impact on the attraction of the project to major development partners.
 - Concern about the relocation of the Angel Road Station which could end up being an expensive white elephant, for the Council, who might be unable to recoup the costs already expended.

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- Concern that there had been no proper appraisal of the options or demonstration that the Meridian Water project would not make a loss.
 - The view that the leadership should get a proper grip on their regeneration projects for the benefit of Enfield residents, failure of which could undermine the Council's whole position.
2. Councillor Oyken, Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration, responded on behalf of the Majority Group highlighting:
- That the Opposition failed to understand that the Council's award winning housing development programme was progressing well.
 - The Opposition, during their 8 years in power, had not built any new Council homes.
 - The Labour administration was building: 118 new homes in Fore Street including shops and a community centre; they were balloting residents on the Snells and Joyce estates about creating thousands of new homes; at Meridian Water 10,000 new homes were planned; at the award winning Dujardin Mews development in Ponders End, 39 new homes had been completed, providing new houses for some of the borough's poorest residents; Countryside properties were building 300 homes as part of phase one of the Alma Estate re-development and demolishing one tower block; even more were planned for Phase two.
 - The Council was building, not just homes, but communities. The work on the Alma Estate had been recognised as best practice for involving people in the plans by the GLA. New houses were also being built in the Electric Quarter, Ponders End, powered by Energetik, the Council's renewable energy supplier.
 - In the west of the borough, at Enfield Town, Parsonage Lane and St Georges the percentage of affordable homes had increased from 40% to 55%. More homes were included in the Enfield Master Plan. At Oakwood, on the New Avenue Estate, 410 new homes were planned and 40 at New Southgate as a first stage. The Labour administration was replacing tower blocks with new affordable homes through major regeneration schemes to help tackle inequalities in the borough.
 - In contrast the Opposition had provided no new homes during their 8 years in power, there had been no progression on Meridian Water, and the small housing sites had been left to rot.
 - The Guardian, the Observer, the Civic Trust, RIBA had all recently recognised the good work that Enfield was doing in delivering innovative housing projects.

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- Councillor Oykenner felt that the government was involved in social cleansing and had provided no ability to replace lost housing stock. They had attacked the housing revenue account with rent reductions and despite the Grenfell Tower fire were withholding the money needed, for councils to install sprinkler systems.
 - The Labour administration had a good track record in developing solutions to the broken housing market and would carry on delivering.
3. Other issues highlighted during the debate were as follows:
- a. The need highlighted by the members of the Opposition Group:
- To recognise that the previous Conservative Administration had begun the Ladderswood and Highmead projects and completed Enfield Island Village and Highlands.
 - To recognise that housing repairs were generally poor and that the performance of the current contractor was unacceptable. Delays had had a huge impact on local residents. 87 weeks to carry out a 27 week contract was not good enough. It was felt that the contractor should be taken to court to account for the delays and that acknowledgement should be made that the financial penalties in the contract were too low to motivate the company to improve.
 - To understand the concern about the failure to secure the nearly completed properties at Jasper Close, which had led to the them being knocked down and started again.
 - To recognise concern about paragraph 6.2 in the London Plan and the need to provide more strategic industrial land. That the current administration had been negligent in failing to appeal against the designation of land when they would have been certain to win.
 - To admit that potentially the Council will not be able to realise the land values expected, that a third of the Meridian Water site is unlikely to be available for residential use. This was due to the incompetence and irresponsibility of the current administration and that they will not be able to strike a deal with a new development partner. Eight to ten thousand new housing units would have transformed the borough but this was now unlikely to happen.
 - The view that this administration lacked vision and drive. Challenges were not insurmountable.

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- That the lack of progress and failure of the small houses project was a scandal.
 - That the administration cannot claim that the achievements of the last 8 months made up for the last 8 years. Fine words were not good enough, action was required.
- b. The need highlighted by members of the Majority Group:
- To recognise that the economic wellbeing of the borough was no laughing matter and the view that the Opposition's Priority Business paper was simple and irresponsible.
 - To understand that Barratt's final offer on Meridian Water had been rejected because it was not good enough. It would have been bad for Enfield.
 - To accept that the Labour Administration had embraced business. They had bought land at Meridian Water on the open market and had not paid inflated Compulsory Purchase Order CPO prices.
 - To acknowledge that the administration would benefit from the rising price of Strategic Industrial Land which would put them in a good place for the future.
 - To recognise that that an administration would be remembered for the contribution that they had made to society.
 - To recognise the needs of the huge numbers of households in temporary accommodation, those sleeping rough on the streets and those forced to use food banks.
3. At the end of the debate Councillor Smith summed up on behalf of the Opposition Group as follows:
- That over the past 5 years only 500 to 600 new houses (both public and private) a year had been built in Enfield. This was far fewer than the 1,900 the Mayor of London was asking for. Only a few schemes had been completed, Dujardin Mews and a small number of others. The majority had been started under the Conservatives.
4. Councillor Taylor then summed up on behalf of the majority group responding to the recommendations in the Opposition Priority Business Paper:
- The majority party would continue to bring forward housing development schemes including in Meridian Water where remediation works and work on the new station were underway. In his view the Conservatives had done nothing in their time in power. The Labour Administration had had to start from scratch by purchasing land.

He was happy to support recommendations 2,5,6,7.

Recommendation 2: That the Leader of the Council provides a confidential briefing on Meridian Water to the Leader of the Opposition to reassure her that the concerns raised in this report are being addressed and the Council's position will be protected.

Recommendation 5: To appoint a full time Assistant Director for Housing with the experience and skills necessary to sort out the poor performance of Enfield's Housing Department and show that we are serious about Council Housing.

Recommendation 6: That the new Executive Director for Regeneration and Environment undertakes a full review of the Regeneration Department when she starts in the spring.

Recommendation 7: That the current re-organisation of the Housing Department regarding the management of major and minor works is completed as soon as possible.

Recommendation 8: The future Council would consider if a report on progress should be brought back to a future Council meeting.

Councillor Laban thanked Councillor Taylor for his response and was happy that some of the recommendations had been accepted.

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COUNCIL TAX AND COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME FOR 2018/19 AND BUSINESS RATE BASE 2018/19

Councillor Lemonides proposed and Councillor Taylor seconded the report of the Executive Director Finance, Resources and Customer Services reviewing and seeking approval to changes in the local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2018/19 and recommending the 2018/19 council tax and business rate bases (Report No: 137)

NOTED

1. The report had been considered and agreed for recommendation on to Council by Cabinet at their meeting on 24 January 2018.
2. The report was mainly technical. There were no significant increases over 17/18 proposed. The Council intended to keep the minimum contribution and protect the existing groups, adding an additional category to cover care leavers under 25 and introducing an income threshold for those on universal credit. On the whole it would be a simpler scheme.

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3. Since 2017/18 the estimated Council tax income for 2018/19 had increased by a sum equivalent to 962 band D properties - £1.4m, a higher than average increase in income. This included the Mayor of London precepts.
4. The introduction of the London business rate pool would give a share to the Council of 64% of the estimated business rate income for 2018/19. This is an increase on the current figure of 30%.
5. This report also recommended amendments to Enfield's discretionary rate relief policy to ensure that the Government funded reductions for small businesses, pubs and those businesses facing the steepest increases in their business rates bills are maximised. During 2017/18 this relief was worth over £1m.
6. Councillor Laban felt that receiving only 45 responses to the consultation on the scheme was not enough. More should be done.

Following the debate the recommendations in the report were put to the vote and agreed:

AGREED

1. The Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2018/19 to provide financial support for households on low incomes in paying their Council Tax taking into account the consultation responses (Appendix C) and the Equality Impact Assessment (Appendix B).

For the 2018/19 scheme:

- The minimum contribution for working age households not in a protected group will be maintained at 26.5%.
 - The maximum earned income for Universal Credit claimants to receive council tax support will be £1264.99 net per month for 2018/19 (**This taper was decided as no one is currently entitled to Council Tax Support where their income is more than £1264.99 per month**)
 - Care leavers up to the age of 25 will be added to the existing protected groups
 - Administrative changes set out in paragraph 6.3 be incorporated into the scheme to improve service delivery
2. Pursuant to this report (see Appendix D for full detail) and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of the Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by the London Borough of Enfield as its Council Tax Base for 2018/19 shall be 96,005 Band D equivalents.
 3. To approve the Department for Communities and Local Government NNDR1 Business Rate base return for 2018/19 (Appendix E).

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4. To approve the amendment to the discretionary rate relief scheme as set out at 2.2 of Appendix E.
5. To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services, in liaison with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency, to agree minor amendments to the 2017-19 scheme and to agree the 2019-21 scheme at the appropriate time.

In accordance with the requirements introduced in February 2014, under the Standing Order Regulations 2014, a recorded vote was taken in relation to decisions 1-5 above, given their relevance to the budget setting process, with the result as follows:

For 43

Councillor Abdul Abdullahi
Councillor Daniel Anderson
Councillor Dinah Barry
Councillor Chris Bond
Councillor Yasemin Brett
Councillor Nesil Caliskan
Councillor Alev Cazimoglu
Councillor Lee Chamberlain
Councillor Katherine Chibah
Councillor Lee David-Sanders
Councillor Dogan Delman
Councillor Nick Dines
Councillor Sarah Doyle
Councillor Christiana During
Councillor Pat Ekechi
Councillor Elif Erbil
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Councillor Ergun Eren
Councillor Peter Fallart
Councillor Krystle Fonyonga
Councillor Achilleas Georgiou
Councillor Ahmet Hasan
Councillor Elaine Hayward
Councillor Doris Jiage
Councillor Nneka Keazor
Councillor Adeline Kepez
Councillor Joanne Laban
Councillor Bernadette Lappage
Councillor Dino Lemonides
Councillor Derek Levy
Councillor Mary Maguire
Councillor Terence Neville
Councillor Ayfer Orhan
Councillor Ahmet Oykener

Councillor Daniel Pearce
Councillor Vicki Pite
Councillor Michael Rye
Councillor George Savva
Councillor Toby Simon
Councillor Alan Sitkin
Councillor Edward Smith
Councillor Claire Stewart
Councillor Doug Taylor
Councillor Glynis Vince

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

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**ENFIELD SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S BOARD ANNUAL REPORT
2016/17**

Councillor Orhan proposed and Councillor Vince seconded the report of the Executive Director of Children's Services containing the Enfield Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report for 2016/17. (Report No: 112)

NOTED

1. That the report had been considered and noted by Cabinet (20 December 2017) and the Health and Wellbeing Board (5 December 2018).
2. That the report was the final report not a draft as stated in the recommendation on page 65 of the report.
3. Councillor Orhan expressed her thanks to the Chair of the Children's Safeguarding Board, Geraldine Gavin, sitting in the gallery, for her commitment to safeguarding and praised the strong collaborative ethos of the board working as a single agency.
4. The Annual Report sets out the work of the Board 2016/17.
5. An important development has been the establishment of the Vulnerable Young People Sub Committee replacing the trafficking, Sexual Exploitation and Missing team.
6. The Board has continued to monitor and support the activity relating to violence against young women and girls.
7. There have been changes to the Enfield Children's Safeguarding Board which has been re-structured in response to national changes.

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8. Councillor Orhan was pleased with the progress being made in safeguarding young people. Over 800 professionals across the borough are now working more closely together to safeguard young people.
9. Councillor Orhan was proud of the Council's commitment to scrutinise, monitor and quality assure these services and expressed her gratitude to officers who worked hard in difficult circumstances and to everyone involved for their unrelenting focus on these issues.
10. Councillor Vince thanked Councillor Orhan, Geraldine Gavin, an excellent chair and Grant Landon, the officer who had provided support to Enfield Safeguarding Children's Board, but who had recently left the Council.

AGREED to note the progress being made to safeguard children and young people and specifically note this report and the Enfield Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report which is attached as a background paper to this document.

11 MOTIONS

Motion 10.6

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

"Enfield Council is proud to follow the great British values of tolerance and respect. This month we will be commemorating Holocaust Memorial Day and as a sign of our commitment to those British values this chamber condemns any anti-Semitism."

Following the debate the motion was put to the vote and agreed unanimously.

Motion 13.10 (22 November 2018)

At the last Council meeting the following motion was moved by Councillor Neville and seconded by Councillor Alessandro Georgiou. 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 that the debate would be continued at this meeting.

"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

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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.”

Councillor Anderson moved an amendment to the motion, seconded by Councillor Stewart to change the motion to read:

"Following the recent sentencing of cyclist Charlie Allison 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. This Council therefore calls on the Government to thoroughly review the law so that pedestrians are properly protected against all irresponsible and dangerous road users and from accidental injury when it occurs. Council instructs the Director of Law and Governance to forward this motion to the Secretary of State for Transport."

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

For: 31
Against: 14
Abstentions: 0

The amended motion was then put to the vote and agreed unanimously.

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 as the next items of business. This was agreed without a vote.

Motions 10.3, 10.9, 10.4.

The minutes reflect the order of the items taken at the meeting.

Motion 10.3

Councillor Lappage moved and Councillor Rye seconded the following motion:

“This Council agrees to encourage women of all cultures to exercise the right to vote, to register to vote as soon as possible and to come out and vote this May. This hard won right, whose centenary we celebrate this year, is one which women are encouraged to act on throughout their lives.”

Following the debate the motion was put to the vote and agreed unanimously.

The Mayor thanked the WASPI (Women Against State Pension Inequality) women for coming to the meeting.

Motion 10.9

Councillor Fonyonga moved and Councillor Brett seconded the following motion:

“Enfield Council recognises the competing demands for essential services to residents and that these demands have grown with austerity while funding for services has decreased. This Council further recognises that one woman in four experiences domestic violence in their lifetime and on average two women are killed by their partner or ex-partner every single week. Refuge spaces for women in Enfield, and across the country, are therefore a life or death matter.

This Council has campaigned to prioritise support for women who suffer from domestic abuse and violence.

Enfield Council calls upon the Government to:

1. Make funding for women’s refuges mandatory so that they do not have to compete with other services for funds, and
2. Provide sufficient money from Central Government sources so that refuges are safeguarded and not reduced.”

Following the debate the motion was put to the vote and agreed unanimously.

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, 10.4, 10.5, 10.6 and 10.8 lapsed under the guillotine.

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COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

1. Urgent Questions

There were no urgent questions.

2. Questions by Councillors

NOTED

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 (Autumn Budget and Public Sector Pay Cap) from Councillor Levy to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

Would you agree that the Government does not value public sector workers?

Reply from Councillor Taylor

Yes. However this administration will continue to ensure that we recognise the vital contributions of public sector workers while also ensuring that services are affordable to taxpayers. Public sector workers will be valued.

Question 3 (Cuts to Children's Services) from Councillor Abdullahi to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

What is the scale of the challenge?

Reply from Councillor Taylor

Councillor Taylor responded by saying that politics was a choice. The government chose to spend money on cuts to the bank levy, while children's services had a £2 billion funding gap and there were 70,000 young people in care under child protection plans. This was not a good start for children, and cutting banking costs would not be something I would support.

Question 4 (£12.50 Charge for older vehicles when accessing services at North Middlesex Hospital) from Councillor Laban to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

When were we likely to see the Council's response to the consultation on the proposed ULEZ (Ultra Low Emissions Zone) expansion to the North and South Circular roads?

Reply from Councillor Taylor

A response is being prepared and will be available in the near future.

Question 6 (Reduction in Local Implementation Plan funding) from Councillor Laban to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

Council Laban thanked Councillor Taylor for his response, but asked do you agree with the Cabinet Member for Environment that this is a kick in the teeth for the borough and will be a problem going forward.

Reply from Councillor Taylor:

Councillor Taylor replied that this was not language that he would use and he could not agree. He suggested that Councillor Laban ask Councillor Anderson direct.

Question 7 (Local Government Finance Settlement) from Councillor Simon to Councillor Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency

Would the Cabinet Member agree that although Enfield staff were doing a fantastic job with less and less resources, this was becoming increasingly difficult, and services needed more funding?

Reply from Councillor Lemonides

Councillor Lemonides replied that yes he would agree. Enfield had lost 40% of the staff since 2010. He thought that it was ridiculous to think that the Government could continue cutting, (this administration had found efficiencies and innovative ways of working) but still think that Councils could find more money through efficiencies and by raising the Council Tax. The Council could not continue to cut services. It has made over £200m worth of savings with a further £35m to come. Eventually there would be no money left, nothing to spend on things such as lighting, cleaning the streets or emptying the bins.

Question 8 (Demolition of Small Site Housing Schemes) from Councillor Laban to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

Does Councillor Taylor regret not asking that the Jasper Close site be secured against weather damage?

Reply from Councillor Taylor

Councillor Taylor said that he had nothing more to say.

Question 9 (Winter Pressures in Hospitals) from Councillor Pite to Councillor A Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

Councillor Pite thanked the Cabinet Members for her full answer but asked her to explain why there were so many difficulties, why GP's were overwhelmed, why there were unacceptable delays at accident and emergency centres and too many cancelled operations.

Reply from Councillor A Cazimoglu

Councillor Cazimoglu responded that the problems were down to Government underfunding, which had led to an increase in waiting lists with over 4 million people waiting and over 60,000 people on trolleys. In her view the problems were a result of Government austerity policies and ideology. The Labour party would fight to save the NHS and Social Care.

Question 10 (Draft London Plan) from Councillor Chamberlain to Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development

Does the Cabinet Member agree or disagree with the proposals in the draft London Plan for Enfield to provide more strategic industrial land capacity?

Reply

In the absence of Councillor Sitkin it was agreed that the question would be passed on to him for an answer.

Question 11 (Travel Assistance for Children with Special Educational Needs) from Councillor Eren to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Councillor Eren asked why the numbers were rising so quickly and what affect this had on costs?

Reply from Councillor Anderson

Councillor Anderson responded that this was a demand led service and so the Council had no control over the numbers. Efficiencies had been found to reduce costs by changing the routing and finding alternative ways to do things within the legal framework. The situation was reviewed weekly to ensure that eligibility criteria were met.

Question 12 (Employment of Consultants) from Councillor Laban to Councillor Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency

Councillor Laban asked if the Council would be looking to reduce the amount of money spent on consultants.

Reply from Councillor Lemonides

Consultants were only employed with the approval of senior staff and only brought when we don't have the in house expertise. For example when carrying out business transformation it was not necessary to bring in permanent staff. The Council was however continuing to reduce spending in this area.

Question 13 (Sexual Health Provision in the East of the Borough) from Councillor Savva to Councillor Fonyonga, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Health

When will the new clinic open?

Reply from Councillor Fonyonga

Councillor Fonyonga replied that she was excited about the new world class facility due to open on St Valentine's Day. She reminded everyone that they should practice safe sex, that the clinic would provide free confidential treatment and should help reduce the prevalence of sexually transmitted diseases.

Question 14 (Commonwealth War Graves) from Councillor Dines to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Councillor Dines said that on a recent visit to a local cemetery he had been saddened by the state of the war graves. He invited Councillor Anderson to visit the cemetery with him and to work cross party to apply for funding from the War Graves Commission to carry out some restoration work.

Reply from Councillor Anderson

Councillor Anderson said that he would be happy to work on a cross party basis.

Question 18 (Enfield Highway Library Usage) from Councillor Rye to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection

Councillor Rye asked Councillor Orhan to provide library usage figures including number of loans and the number of people using the library.

Reply from Councillor Orhan

Councillor Orhan said that she would be happy to provide the figures after the meeting.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

AGREED to confirm the following changes to committee memberships

- Audit and Risk Management Committee – Peter Nwosu to be appointed as the independent member of the committee.

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NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

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

- Red Lion Homes – Councillor Oykener was appointed as the Council's second representative.

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CALLED IN DECISIONS**

None received.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

NOTED that the next ordinary Council meeting would take place on Wednesday 21 February 2018 at 7pm.