

Council Questions and Responses – 21 March 2018

Questions to Cabinet Members

Question 1 from Councillor Barry to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children’s Services & Protection

I am aware of how proud Councillor Orhan is of the hard work of her officers and of the dedicated and skilled social workers in Children Services but would Councillor Orhan remind this Council of the enormous contribution of her department to children and young people during her time since 2010 including telling us what will be the biggest challenge as we go forward?

Reply from Councillor Orhan

I am very proud of all the hard work and dedication shown by my officers, none more than the social workers who dedicate their professional lives to protecting children from harm and promoting their well-being. With dwindling resources, we continue to support vulnerable families and help young people to fulfil their potential. Despite the level of cuts, we have maintained our principles to build family resilience through prevention while protecting essential statutory services.

For example, in 2015 a dedicated Child Sexual Exploitation Prevention team was developed with new investment and from April 2018 a dedicated Threshold of Care service will be commissioned, also with new investment. Significant transformation funds and project management support have also been used effectively to embed a “signs of safety” approach across the system. Using the core signs of safety principles of; *What are we worried about? What’s working well?* and *What needs to change?* is helping improve engagement with families and provide social workers with a clear practice framework for their involvement.

There have been many successes over the last 8 years including fantastic co-produced direct work that is delivered across children’s services. We are an inclusive Borough with children, young people, parents and carers at the heart of everything we do. Only last week I was at a Moving On event for parents with children that have special educational needs and/or disability (SEND), that are transitioning into independence. Our Voice, the forum for parents with children with SEND and the Joint Service for Disabled Children are second to none. The Joint Service for Disabled Children leads the way, sharing their impressive ways of working at national and international events.

In Children’s Services in 2011 we began the journey of developing a Parent Engagement Panel known as the PEP. Seven years later this is now an established strong network of parent volunteers who work in collaboration with us supporting parents directly strengthening the family and community network. The Enfield Parent Engagement Panel (PEP) won the very first London Safeguarding Children Award for emerging practice and the Local Government Chronicle (LGC) Gold Award for Community Involvement.

We are passionate about listening to children having developed a strong Enfield Youth Parliament with a democratic process in place to elect representatives. The

Children in Care Council known as KRATOS continues to hold us to account as their corporate parent.

In March 2015 Ofsted inspected Enfield's services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers and reviewed the effectiveness of the Local Safeguarding Children Board. We were the first London Borough to have achieved a judgement of "Good". I am delighted to say that in April 2017 a further Ofsted inspection confirmed that services remain good, despite increase in demand and complexity against a backdrop of shrinking resources.

The numbers of 'contacts' and referrals that come into Enfield's Single Point of Entry (SPOE) have risen in recent years. In 2016/17 there were over four thousand referrals for children in Enfield which is almost 1500 more than five years ago, in 2011/12. The SPOE, Assessment and Protection services are strong, keeping children in Enfield safe, with prompt action taken to protect them, where necessary.

Our services for looked after children and care leavers are of a very high standard with a focus upon continuous improvement. We have some high achieving care leavers including one who has secured a job in the houses of parliament.

I have championed our schools over seeing an expansion in primary pupil places and most recently supporting the planned expansion of our special school sector. The latter should realise an increase in over 200 places for our pupils and result in them being educated in their own community and not in out of borough provision. Over 90% of Enfield schools are judged good or outstanding by Ofsted, a testament to my commitment to the pupils and families of Enfield.

The Youth Offending Unit was in the top 20% of Youth Offending Teams (YOT)s in London in the comprehensive HMIP lead multi-agency inspection round of 2011. Since then Ofsted, Care Quality Commission (CQC) and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP) multi-agency thematic inspections have reaffirmed the excellent work and high standards of the service. In 2017 Enfield Youth Offending Service was one of only 5 in London to receive the highly coveted Restorative Justice Council "Restorative Justice Quality Mark".

The biggest challenge we face is continued budget reductions, growing demand and increasing complexity. Recruiting experienced social workers and retaining them in Enfield remains a challenge however the depth and breadth of experience at management and leadership level, provides a solid foundation for social work with children and families to flourish.

Question 2 from Councillor Dines to Councillor Fonyonga, Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Public Health

Given Enfield Council is meant to be promoting healthy eating, would the Cabinet Member, Councillor Fonyonga, explain why a fish and chip van has been given the licence to operate at Broomfield Park, by the children's playground?

Reply from Councillor Fonyonga

Despite the abject failure of the government to value public health as evidenced by the relentless and extremely harmful cuts to the Public Health grant endangering the health and wellbeing of all residents, Enfield Council continues to champion healthy eating through our unyielding strategy and drive to ensure that residents live longer, healthier lives. The provider of the mobile concession at Broomfield Park was therefore awarded the concession following an open tender process which included a very clear commitment to the Council's 'Healthy Catering Commitment' which will ensure that customers have a wide menu choice appropriate for all park users, and we will be working with them to help this take place.

Furthermore, the Health and Wellbeing Board has agreed to support the Local Government Declaration on Sugar Reduction and Healthier Food which offers a framework for the Council with partners to incorporate promoting healthy food within local policies and practices. Enfield Council is leading the way by working within a vast range of establishments including schools, nurseries, leisure centres and community groups to become Sugar Smart (a campaign run by the Jamie Oliver Foundation and Sustain), which encourages a range of settings to reduce sugar consumption. Our aim is to encourage 100 settings to become Sugar Smart over the course of the year.

Our commitment to healthy eating is such that we have also been successfully working with local businesses, and I am pleased to report that 36 businesses have now signed up to our Healthy Catering Commitment which includes a range of high quality indicators for healthy food. Through this work Enfield has consistently scored very well on the Good Food for London report compared to other London Boroughs. For example, through over 11 categories for the past 3 years, Enfield scored above 60% and our hard work and commitment to securing a healthy Enfield places us in the top 10 London boroughs.

Question 3 from Councillor During to Councillor Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

We've heard a lot of talk in the news about the funding crisis in health and social care and the impact this is having on people being stuck in hospital beds when they don't need to be there. Can the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care tell us how the health and social care partnership in Enfield is working to ensure we do not have people stuck in hospital beds when they don't need to be there?

Reply from Councillor Cazimoglu

I'm sure colleagues are well aware of the funding cuts which this Council has had in the last 8 years and across adult social care in particular. The amount of money we have to spend on vulnerable adults and older people in Enfield this year given our population size is amongst the lowest in the country with over £30 million of savings delivered over 6 years, £20 million of those savings delivered since 2015.

Yes we have had the precept money and the additional funding agreed during the spring budget which has helped but the fact remains that the number of vulnerable people who need our help continues to increase year on year as do the costs of

services with the introduction of new wage and pension requirements. We welcome the requirement to ensure that people working in this very challenging and historically very under-rewarded area receive a decent wage for the work that we do.

Nevertheless, the impact of grant damping and the very many other factors which impact on the cost of things that we have to pay for means that we continue to face significant financial challenges. However, having said that, we are continuing to do really good work with our partners in health, particularly to ensure that people who have had a hospital stay continue to be supported safely, appropriately and in a timely way to receive the support they need to help them leave hospital when they no longer need to be there.

Enfield continues this year to exceed its targets for reducing the number of delayed discharges and whilst there continue to be a small number of delays, these are, for the most part, due to very complex cases where specialist care is needed requiring some additional time to secure services which are appropriate to meet those needs.

Question 4 from Councillor Dines to Councillor Brett, Cabinet Member for Community, Arts & Culture

Would the Cabinet Member, Councillor Brett please inform Council what lessons have been learnt from not winning the London Borough of Culture bid for 2019 or 2020 including details of how Enfield will improve their next bid to ensure we rightly win in either 2021 or 2022?

Reply from Councillor Brett

We were pleased with our bid for the London Borough of Culture. In our bid we were particularly community focussed and attempted to reflect the character of the different communities of Enfield in a bid that focussed on Folk Culture. Many of the projects that were highlighted in the bid will take place as part of our Enfield Festivals and Events programme that is put together by community groups and organisations across Enfield so we will still be seeing a vibrant cultural offer across our borough in 2019 and 2020. As far as lessons learned we have booked a surgery with the Culture team at the Local Government Association (LGA) in May to talk through our bid and see how we could improve it if the scheme goes ahead in future years.

Question 5 from Councillor Levy to Councillor Georgiou, Deputy Leader/Public Service Delivery

Can the Deputy Leader tell us what channels and activities Enfield Council has introduced and developed over the last 4 years to enable us to engage more effectively and efficiently with local residents?

Reply from Councillor Georgiou

Firstly a new fully integrated campaign model has been introduced which focuses on delivering approx. 15 - 20 core corporate communications campaigns each year linked to key Council priorities. Many have involved the development and delivery of fully integrated campaigns which have included new microsites, digital marketing campaigns, outdoor media, newspaper advertising, supporting marketing material,

PR campaigns, social campaigns, internal campaigns, events and partnership work. All campaigns are being measured to demonstrate tangible outcomes – including increased click throughs and web hits, positive media coverage, high levels of engagement on social media, positive feedback from events, increased enquires about services or initiatives, behaviour changes, and in some cases savings for the Council.

Over the last couple of years the Communications Team has increased the use of digital campaigns. These help deliver extremely targeted campaigns to specific audiences and are proving successful in terms of reach, engagement and behaviour change e.g. the digital campaign promoting how to correctly recycle shoes and textiles resulted in 4,806 click throughs to the relevant webpage (200% increase for same period last year) and overall contamination levels (recycling) for 2017/18 have gone down.

Enfield Council's social media presence continues to grow, with increasing numbers of followers and greater levels of engagement. Our Twitter following has increased by approx. 30% in the last year and our Facebook following has increased by approx. 20%. Our social media campaigns are also proving increasingly effective. For example, our Housing Allocations Scheme consultation promotion (Summer 2017) generated unprecedented levels of engagement for such a subject matter on the back of an integrated social media and digital campaign.

Enfield Council has increased its use of films over the last couple of years - to generate interest and increase engagement. Produced in house - these films support and promote core campaigns and press releases. The Council has also introduced a fortnightly news round-up which perform well on social media.

The Council is also introducing a mass-email communications platform which will enable us to deliver more bespoke communications to residents according to their areas of interest.

Question 6 from Councillor Hurer to Councillor Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency

Would the Cabinet Member, Councillor Lemonides, advise us as to how much loan interest this Council has paid and is projected to pay in respect of the following years?

- 2009/2010
- 2010/2011
- 2011/2012
- 2012/2013
- 2013/2014
- 2014/2015
- 2015/2016
- 2016/2017
- 2017/2018
- 2018/2019
- 2019/2020

Reply from Councillor Lemonides

Please see below the details on loan interest paid. Please note that years to 2016/17 give figures reported in Treasury Outturn reports; 2017/18 is based on forecast outturn; and 2018/19 onwards are projections based on the approved capital programme and current average borrowing costs, both of which will be subject to change.

Year	Borrowing and Interest Charges		Breakdown of Interest Charges				
	Treasury Outturn Reports/ Forecasts	Treasury Outturn Reports/ Forecast	1	2	3	4	5
	Borrowing Figures (Net Debt)	Interest Payments (Total)	Housing Revenue Account (HRA)	General Fund	HGL & EIL & Energetik	Meridian Water Capitalised Interest	Total Interest
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
2009/2010	220,347	12,372	2,934	9,438	-	-	12,372
2010/2011	218,347	12,490	3,642	8,848	-	-	12,490
2011/2012	264,136	12,396	4,333	8,063	-	-	12,396
2012/2013	294,204	13,381	5,746	7,635	-	-	13,381
2013/2014	298,624	13,411	5,737	7,674	-	-	13,411
2014/2015	313,032	13,477	7,327	6,098	52	-	13,477
2015/2016	438,641	14,461	8,174	4,627	633	1,027	14,461
2016/2017	554,782	16,831	8,159	3,248	2,684	2,740	16,831
2017/2018	662,005	19,985	8,159	2,165	3,860	5,801	19,985
2018/2019	743,005	22,010	7,639	4,297	4,273	5,801	22,010
2019/2020	765,005	22,560	8,047	4,188	4,524	5,801	22,560

1. Housing Revenue Account (HRA)
2. The General Fund (GF)
3. Council owned Companies and
4. Interest capitalised in respect of Meridian Water.

Question 7 from Councillor Abdullahi to Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration & Business Development

Would the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development provide an update on all the progress achieved over the past administration that has amongst other awards seen Enfield receiving an LGC (Local Government Chronicle) national commendation as Entrepreneurial Council of the Year?

Reply from Councillor Sitkin

Some of the highlights over the last administration include the following:-

- From 2012-2015 BED (Business and Economic Development) has successfully levered in European Social funds worth £1.2M to support projects designed to help local people furthest from the labour market and in need of basic skills training. The programme supported 526 people into work and included up-skilling and accredited qualifications.

- BED ran Enfield Jobsnet, the Council's bespoke and voluntary job brokerage service until 2017. With its main base in Ponders End, Jobsnet also ran work clubs in libraries offering CV design and support, job search workshops and in-work mentoring to help people stay in work. Around 10,000 local residents accessed this service over its lifetime, a significant number (over 10%) moved into employment and/or training.
- Support for business community in industrial estates and town centres; encouraging business start-ups through long-established relationship with our enterprise agency
- From 2014-2015 delivered multi-borough ERDF (European Regional Development Fund) project, Retrofit London – Budget, £525K matched with £525K, total £1.05 million to support SME (Small and Medium Enterprises) in Enfield, Haringey, Waltham Forest and Lewisham access new market opportunities offered by carbon reduction and energy saving agenda and wider regeneration new market opportunities
- Championed the Child and Family Prosperity agenda through relevant fora and activities (ie meeting equalities agenda, addressing worklessness and low pay)
- Liaison with Planning Policy around opportunities to support recruitment and retention for new businesses and existing business expansion through S106 agreements
- Management of day-to-day Industrial Estate Issues including the business retention issue involving Brimsdown business with 300 personnel, illegal HGV overnight parking issue, inadequate signage, containers being used as permanent storage and private access road questions, assisting Highways Services with current road resurfacing programme on business estates
- Managed GLA Broadband Voucher Scheme for SMEs – Grant (total £400K for Enfield) to promote to SMEs to improve connectivity – 17 grants awarded
- Secured new and much needed modern employment space on the Eley Estate with new hotel – working with developer Segro
- April – June 2015 Ran Enfield Thinks, London's first pop-up learning shop - providing free workshops, lectures and masterclasses on a huge range of topics. The goal of the pop-up was to provide the community with support regarding employment, further education and higher education options, particularly those provided by partner institutions.
- Successful delivery of three New Homes Bonus (NHB) - funded projects 2016-present, total value £1,082,824.00

Apprenticeships in the construction sector:

This industry-led project created a centralised, co-ordinated approach to business support within the construction and logistics sectors in Enfield for training and accessing apprenticeships and employment opportunities for Enfield residents. The project worked closely with the Construction Sector Forum and a team of commissioned and non-commissioned partners.

105 apprenticeships have been created, of which 66 have been sustained; 124 people have attended workshops and 43 businesses have been supported

Business sector forums:

This project saw the creation of five business sector forums for Enfield's key growth sectors food; construction; health & social care; logistics and the green/recycling sector. Over the course of two years of funding, these forums have invited relevant key businesses in their respective sectors and the succession strategy seeks to ensure a strong viable business base which will contribute to the borough's Inward Investment strategy. Each sector will continue under separate arrangements – eg Public Health will support the continuation of the Food Sector which is focusing on sustainable, locally-produced healthy food, and will be led by Forty Hall Farm.

Through the efforts of the project to date, 62 jobs have been safeguarded, 54 new jobs created and 161 businesses have been supported. Additionally, some major events have showcased businesses and promoted career opportunities in their respective sectors. “Construct with Us” events with local schools have attracted school students of all ages, their parents and the wider community to meet contractors on an informal basis to promote the range of exciting opportunities and career paths available – particularly crucial for the sector in the post-Brexit era.

Inward investment:

The main objectives of this project were to intensify the number of jobs in town centres by setting out opportunities for developing workspace, introducing an evening economy, and boosting the existing retail and office space; also to intensify jobs on industrial estates by setting out opportunities for developing workspace and maximising utilisation of available land.

As a direct result of new impetus to inward investment some significant businesses have been attracted to the borough, and nearly 2,000 new jobs have been created over the last 2 years.

Outcomes to date include:

- The development and introduction of a CRM (Customer Relations Management) Development of a fit for purpose CRM database and enquiry handling database, as well as a business database of over 7,500 businesses;
- The development of a property development pipeline and database and significant new commercial premises and employment land brought on line

- Significant inward investments including Ocado, GIST, Greggs, Beavertown underway, Camden Town Brewery and in the future 300 jobs and 10 companies being brought to Meridian Works creating a fashion manufacturing and skills hub in association with the UK Fashion and Textile Association to complement Building Bloqs and ACAA artists' studios.
- New HQ for Metaswitch, an international high-tech software development business safeguarding 350 jobs and set to create a further 60 new jobs over the next 2 years.
- Work in support of planning for the Local Plan and the vision up to 2060 and future premises and land allocations for mixed used purposes.
- A business engagement and inward investment forward looking strategy, working across silos.
- An Enfield Town Centre socio-economic healthcheck identifying target companies for inward investment.
- A review of opportunities for Enfield arising from latest tech trends, emerging sectors, market opportunities and current assets.
- A contract with local enterprise agency to deliver 56 business start-ups and 250 associated jobs, 5 apprenticeships.

Question 8 from Councillor Hurer to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Will the Cabinet Member, Councillor Anderson, provide us with the cost of the Cycle Enfield programme to date and include in this figure: consultation costs, consultancy fees, officer time costs and construction costs?

Reply from Councillor Anderson

To date a total of approximately £14.5m of Transport for London (TfL) Mini Holland funding and approximately £2.5m TfL Local Implementation Plan funding has been invested in the Borough-wide Cycle Enfield programme, which includes the completed A105 scheme including consultation, design and implementation; design and initial construction works on the A1010 South; design works for the A1010 North, together with Enfield Town.

The money has also gone towards the design and initial construction of the two forthcoming cycle hubs situated at Enfield Town and Edmonton Green stations; Quietway links, such as Quietway 18 (Enfield Town to Edmonton Green) and Link 1 (Essex Road/Sydney Road), and design works on other schemes. It has also gone towards consultation, design and potential implementation of Quieter Neighbourhoods for Fox Lane, Fernleigh Road and Connaught Road; a zebra crossing in Welling Road as part of a Bush Park Quieter Neighbourhood; and a school street in Tile Kiln Lane as part of a Wolves Lane Quieter Neighbourhood.

However, I understand from Councillor Hurer's colleagues that the orcas and bus borders, of which there are 26, along the A105, which are an intrinsic part of the scheme, should be removed. Councillor Hurer should note that to do so would require permission from the Mayor of London and Transport for London as they have funded the project. Initial estimates suggest that it would cost at least £2m to do so, which would have to come out of Council funds, cause significant and unnecessary further disruption, and potentially require the reimbursement of the entire funding spent on the scheme, running into millions, as this would be a breach of contract and the terms of the bid that the Opposition supported.

Question 9 from Councillor Lappage to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Can the Cabinet Member for Environment explain what the Council is doing to improve safe access for children getting to school?

Reply from Councillor Anderson

It is vital that as many children as possible walk and cycle to school as this will help to significantly reduce congestion, improve air quality and deliver lasting health benefits. Concerns about road safety create an understandable barrier that deters people from walking and cycling and it is important that we continue to invest in a range of initiatives to address this. Examples of some specific current initiatives include:

- A new pelican crossing on Bramley Road, close to the Cat Hill Roundabout, to help pupils travelling to and from Southgate School
- A new zebra crossing in Wellington Road, close to Raglan school
- A new zebra crossing in Church Street, improving access to both Churchfield and Latymer All Saints schools

In addition:

- Our Quieter Neighbourhoods programme is aimed at improving safety and creating better, healthier streets. Where feasible, our proposals will include 'school streets', such as Tiln Kiln Lane, Autumn Close and Cannon Road, where traffic is restricted when children are travelling to and from schools.
- We continue to actively enforce parking restrictions around schools, particularly on 'School Keep Clear' markings. A comprehensive programme of cycle training is being delivered, with over 4,500 young people benefiting from 'Bikeability' Level 1 and 2 training last year.

Finally, it is important to state that the whole community also has a key role to play in improving safety around schools – the problem cannot be solved by the Council alone. We will therefore continue to support schools in developing their own 'travel plans' that set out a range of practical measures that can be introduced to encourage active and safe travel to school. So far, as a result of our advice and support, 31 schools have now obtained gold standard travel plans.

Question 10 from Councillor Hurer to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Would the Cabinet Member, Councillor Anderson, provide us with a breakdown as to the source of funds in respect of the costs to date for the Cycle Enfield programme?

Reply from Councillor Anderson

Councillor Hurer should remember that the source of funds is a result of a successful cross-party Mini Holland bid to the then Conservative Mayor of London. The source of funds is primarily from the Mayor of London and Transport for London, including Local Implementation Fund resources provided on an annual basis, and S106 developer contributions.

Question 11 from Councillor Keazor to Councillor Oyken, Cabinet Member for Housing & Housing Regeneration

Will the Cabinet Member for Housing & Housing Regeneration please advise what work has been done to raise the profile of housing issues within Enfield since 2014?

Reply from Councillor Oyken

Since 2014 Enfield Council has developed a number of housing projects that have raised the profile not only in the local press but nationally. Projects including Dujardin Mews, have been recently mentioned in the Times, and the Guardian newspaper as the best council led social housing scheme in the borough for 40 years and was also the winner of the Civic Trust awards 2018, RIBA National Award and RIBA Client 2017.

The scheme of 38 Town Houses, flats and maisonettes is named after the Olympic Gold Medallist Charlotte Dujardin and forms part of the Alma Estate Regeneration scheme which is £350m project being regenerated by Countryside Properties and all properties have been made available to tenants and leaseholders from the Alma Estate.

The Alma Estate Regeneration scheme has been cited in the Mayor for London's Good Practice Guide for Estate Regeneration, 'Better Homes for Local People' for the way the Council has involved residents in the scheme.

As well as the Alma Estate Regeneration the Council is working on developing the Ladderswood Estate and New Avenue Estate with our developer partners and have consulted residents living on the Joyce Avenue and Snells Park estates on options for the future of their homes.

The excellent work undertaken on our estate regeneration schemes has been promoted by the Council, speaking at a number of housing, trade and professionals' conferences and seminars including the NLA (New London Architecture) London Build Expo, Estates Gazette Summit and Chartered Institute of Housing National Conference.

Ordnance Road, a scheme of 15 new Council homes has been shortlisted for the Local Authority Building Control (LABC) London Buildings Excellence Awards and has been praised in the Telegraph.

Meridian Water has been commended in the Architect's Journal and has been profiled in the Evening Standard, Financial Times, Inside Housing and the Municipal Journal.

Since the Grenfell fire the Council has been lobbying the government for funding to install sprinklers in our all our high rise blocks but with no success so I have agreed that the funding will be found in the Housing Revenue Account as this is a priority for the Labour Group. This week a letter has been drafted to the Secretary of State identifying the need to increase our borrowing cap to enable us to build more affordable homes to help reduce the 3500 households we have in temporary accommodation.

As part of my role I have attended the Labour Party Conference, seminars and meetings including the over 50's and Palmers Green forum outlining our achievements including setting up the company Housing Gateway and Meridian Water.

Question 12 from Councillor Delman to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Will the Cabinet Member, Councillor Anderson, inform Council how many electric car charging points have been installed in Enfield Streets with funding from the Government Office of Low Emission Vehicles?

Reply from Councillor Anderson

The Council has engaged with the Go Ultra Low Charging Scheme (GULCS), which is the London element of the Office of Low Emission Vehicles funding. To date the focus of GULCS has been on delivering slow charging residential electric vehicle points, which is not something that we have pursued due to practical issues, such as the impact on available car parking and wires being trailed from cars to chargers, coupled with low demand.

Instead we have been working with Transport for London to identify sites on strategic roads for rapid electric vehicle chargers. To date two sites have been brought forward with one on the A406 already in place. We are also considering other locations with a focus on town centres and large-scale retail and leisure sites.

Alongside this, the Council has entered into a contract with Chargemaster PLC to replace the existing electric vehicle chargers sited on public roads and in car parks. These new points will become part of the Polar Network, which will give residents who have signed up access to the largest public charging network in the UK, with 15 charging points already available in Enfield.

In addition, there are a growing number of electric vehicle charging points, in locations such as retail sites and new residential developments, which have been

secured by the Council's planning team in line with the requirements of the London Plan. Examples include provision at new retail units on the A10 and on the re-developed Council depot site at Melling Drive.

Question 13 from Councillor Chibah to Councillor Fonyonga, Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Public Health

Would the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Health inform the Council about the impact of the 16 additional council funded police officers?

Reply from Councillor Fonyonga

Amidst dangerous and short-sighted government cuts to the metropolitan police budget resulting in record cuts to police numbers across London since 2010 due to the failure of the government to properly fund the police, the additional Council funded police officers have been exceptionally successful in helping to keep our residents safe. For example, while violence against the person offences have increased across London by 6.2%, violent crime on the estates patrolled by our council funded teams have reduced by 18% in the same period.

Our council funded officers have now made approximately 600 arrests. The issues surrounding drugs and prostitution are some of the more serious ASB and crime that residents have asked for help with and the range of statistics show that officers are having a consistently positive impact. For example, drug offences are often recorded as a result of stop and search and other proactive measures and so our team has prioritised this type of proactive police work. The result of this work is that the number of drugs offences uncovered rose by 36%.

Our officers have also worked very closely with national Trident teams to tackle gangs, and with neighbourhood teams and other central units to tackle incidents of kerb crawling and prostitution. The dedicated problem solving officers have also assisted with ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour) visits and tenancy issues and worked alongside the Community Safety Unit to support planned operations such as the work to tackle serious ASB in Ponders End. This operation was part of a strategic partnership response which saw the removal of structures used by drug dealers and installation of CCTV which led to very positive feedback by residents affected.

Question 14 from Councillor Jukes to Councillor Achilleas Georgiou, Deputy Leader, Public Service Delivery

The "millennium bug" or "Y2K problem" at the end of 1999, caused by two-digit year dates in many computer programs, was seen as "press hype" at the time, as no aeroplanes fell from the sky at midnight on 31st December 1999!

However, there were many genuine documented Y2K issues but these bugs had already been fixed by programmers in time to prevent problems. A common "fix" was to simply substitute a new date, typically 2020 being far enough ahead so that it would be assumed that the program would become obsolete or superseded before the date was reached. The most convenient date was 2020. Given that this is now less than two years away can the Cabinet Member, Councillor Georgiou confirm that

Enfield Council does not have any such legacy programs where this "fix" was applied, and, if it does, state what steps are being taken to ensure that there are no adverse risks to residents or to council services?

Reply from Councillor Achilleas Georgiou

We do not expect this to be an issue for the Council.

All of the council's core systems solutions are provided by major ICT companies who have to adhere to Enfield's policies and requirements for ICT as part of the contracted service. As a result, they have to ensure that their systems are kept up to date to meet compliancy requirements and accreditations as necessary. These systems are regularly audited to ensure that this is being undertaken and a risk register across all of ICT is held to remediate any risks.

In addition, suppliers of systems are met with regularly to look at performance and adherence to our standards. No issues regarding legacy impacts of Y2K have been raised through either Enfield's reviews or audits or from suppliers themselves. As part of these relationship meetings the council regularly raises future changes to ICT to ensure suppliers are aware and that they can provide any remediation or roadmaps to implement changes and can include specific questions at these meetings if further assurance is required.

Question 15 from Councillor Stewart to Councillor Brett, Cabinet Member for Community, Arts and Culture

Will the Cabinet Member for Community, Arts and Culture please advise if there are any further plans following the success of the International Women's Day event held at Palmers Green Triangle on 8th March 2018 to mark 100 years of women getting the vote?

Reply from Councillor Brett

I would like to thank my fellow member for highlighting once again what a superb programme of events the Council's Consultation and Engagement Team with support from leads in Culture and Communications were able to devise for this year's International Women's Day 2018. The morning event at the Palmers Green Triangle and Palmers Green Library was a great community focused success with involvement from local schools, our Youth Parliament and local people. It was especially pleasing to note the significant positive publicity for the borough as a result. This included a prestigious full front page leading article in the Enfield Independent and live coverage on BBC Radio London.

Similarly, our linking in to the push to get people to register to vote with lighting up the Civic Centre on the evening of International Women's Day was equally successful. It was particularly pleasing that both morning and evening activities received cross-party support and that the issue was able to transcend traditional political boundaries to reflect on the supreme sacrifice made by many women on our behalf. It shows what is possible with imagination and planning. We will certainly be looking to build on the success of this year's events to ensure future activities of this

nature can really deliver memorable and worthy events in the borough.

Question 16 from Councillor Jukes to Councillor Achilleas Georgiou, Deputy Leader, Public Service Delivery

Can the Cabinet Member, Councillor Georgiou state for how much longer the Council intends to continue its policy of the ridiculous censoring of members' emails and placing them "in quarantine" where, despite requests, such mail is frequently not released for a lengthy period of time, if at all. A typical email interception example was one from the well-respected Chatham House, The Royal Institute of International Affairs, which carried reference to a previous Vice President of Nigeria, Mohammed Namadi Sambo, and Nigeria's former National Security Adviser, Colonel Sambo Dasuki. (Sambo and Sampoh are common name in Nigeria.) Back in Enfield, a resident who wishes to complain in an email about alleged bad language used to them, may well find (unknowingly) that the email does not reach the member to whom they have emailed owing to the use of unacceptable "stop words"?

Reply from Councillor Achilleas Georgiou

All emails received by LBE are automatically scanned and filtered for malicious software and inappropriate content by a product called Clearswift, which protects the council's IT security and protects individuals from receiving offensive material. Clearswift continually updates its database of security threats and offensive language to keep pace with changes in this area. In this particular case, an individual's surname unfortunately had within it a word that is also an offensive racist term, which was the cause of the automatic block by Clearswift. When emails are blocked, the intended recipient is automatically informed by an email notification, and they therefore have the opportunity to request its release via the ICT Service Desk, who aims to release it within 4 hours. Members can also use their dedicated members support line to make any such requests. This strikes a balance between protecting our members and officers from abusive material, and ensuring that there is a rapid process for individuals to obtain legitimate emails.

Question 17 from Councillor Dogan to Councillor Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency

Will the Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency (given the budget pressure that many councils, are facing) advise what action the Council is taking to ensure financial resilience going forward?

Reply from Councillor Lemonides

Like most local authorities Enfield has faced swingeing cuts in government funding coupled with increased demand led pressures, particularly in social care services, which have put pressure on our budgets. However, unlike some authorities we have so far managed these pressures without any unplanned reductions in reserves. Our first priority in managing these pressures is to ensure that we are providing the services in the most cost effective way by constantly reviewing costs and taking a proactive approach to managing demand.

Our transformation team will continue to work with these services to deliver savings and service improvements. We have also focussed on developing innovative ways of delivering services whilst containing costs. This has led to the creation of a number of Council owned companies which are able to provide high quality services whilst realising savings. For example our wholly owned housing company Housing Gateway Limited (HGL) purchases properties in the borough and surrounding areas and uses them to house residents who were previously living in expensive nightly paid temporary accommodation. This achieved significant savings in the past year and will continue to make an important contribution to managing pressures in this area, whilst providing good quality accommodation to tenants.

Furthermore, we practice active budget management across all services, with Departmental Management Teams reviewing outturn forecasts monthly and, where pressures are identified, taking action to contain these in order to minimise end of year overspends.

Question 18 from Councillor Celebi to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

How much did the Council's programme in Cannes, Southern France, on the 14th March 2018 cost the council tax payers of this borough?

Reply from Councillor Taylor

There is no cost to the council, as all the costs are covered through sponsorship.

Question 19 from Councillor Caliskan to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

Could the Leader of the Council advise on any potential local government boundary review and how it might impact on Enfield?

Reply from Councillor Taylor

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is an independent body responsible for determining the electoral arrangements of local authorities across England. The LGBCE has informed the Council that it has decided to undertake an electoral review of Enfield. The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 sets out the duty placed on the LGBCE to undertake an electoral review of every principal local authority in England 'from time to time'. The last electoral review of Enfield was undertaken in 2000.

The LGBCE has written to all other London boroughs in a similar capacity. Most London boroughs have not been reviewed since 1999/2000 and the Commission intends to review all those authorities that have not been reviewed since that time.

Consultation will begin after the May elections.

Question 20 from Councillor Celebi to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Will the Cabinet Member, Councillor Anderson inform Council what was the average journey time for a vehicle travelling from Enfield Town to the A406 in the rush hour prior to the cycle lanes being installed and what is the average time now?

Reply from Councillor Anderson

This is something that we have committed to look at as part of the monitoring process, focussing specifically on bus journey times. Given the final junction of the A105 scheme was commissioned on Thursday 8 March 2018, Transport for London will now be undertaking a process of co-ordinating the signals along the corridor.

However, it takes time to conduct this work. Nonetheless, once configured correctly, automatic adjustments to the signals will be possible in response to traffic flow. Once this is optimised, we will then be able to compare journey times, pre and post the substantial investment in our network.

Question 21 from Councillor Simon to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services & Protection

Councillor Orhan has often mentioned her enormous pride of the success of young people in the Youth Parliament. Could she give the Council a reminder of the successful outcome of their work?

Reply from Councillor Orhan

I am delighted to respond to the member on this issue. The Enfield Youth Parliament continues to go from strength to strength as a vehicle for positive engagement amongst the young people of the borough. The past year has seen some great successes including the Youth Parliament elections in November 2017 generating a new crop of inspirational young people.

To give you an idea of how the imagination of young people is captured by supporting a Youth Parliament I can confirm that over 4,415 young people voted at 14 of our local schools to elect 40 representatives who will hold office for two years and represent young people's views to influence the shape of council services and present positive role models to their peers. It was a huge privilege as Cabinet Member to be returning officer for the elections and I take such great comfort in the fact that Enfield continues to produce young people of fantastic vitality who genuinely care for the borough and each other.

The past year has also seen the launch of a new Enfield Youth Parliament 'YouTube' channel which was the result of young people and council officers working closely with our officers and the Enfield Strategic Partnership. This will enable young people to connect with each other on digital platforms that are part of their world, bringing relevance and credibility to their peer group.

In February 2018, we successfully selected our new UK Youth Parliament (UKYP)

members for Enfield of two lead members and two deputy members from Enfield schools. The UKYP is a very important organisation for Enfield to be a part of. It has over 600 seats representing young people from all over UK, ensuring that the voices and concerns of everyone, including those who are often the hardest to reach, can be heard.

The Enfield Youth Parliament continues to provide valuable assistance to the local authority, helping us make our offer to young people relevant and on terms that resonate with them. I believe our continued proactive support for the Enfield Youth Parliament is vital as we seek to ensure all our young people regardless of where they live in the borough realise their full potential and create the best possible future for themselves and their families.

Question 22 from Councillor Smith to Councillor Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency

Would the Cabinet Member explain to the Council the reasons why the approved capital general fund programme (Table 10 of the Budget report on 21 February 2018) shows a reduction of 59% between 2017/18 and 2018/19?

Reply from Councillor Lemonides

The capital budget reflects the programmed planned capital spend for each of the respective years. Therefore the reasons for the budget differences reported in Table 10 (21 February 2018 Budget 2018/19 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2018/19 to 2021/22 Key Decision No: 4597) between 2017-18 and 2018-19 are due to the level of capital works planned for each of these years. The planned programme can be seen by reference to appendix 9 of the 21 February 2018 report which sets out for each service the various projects for each of the years.

Throughout the year, budgets are reprofiled to reflect the latest programmed spend on capital budgets. The Capital Programme Monitor Third Quarter December 2017, will be presented at Cabinet on the 22 March 2018 and sets out the latest position in Appendix 9 on page 11 of the report. At Quarter 3, £308m is profiled for 2017-18 and £276m for 2018-19, representing a 10% reduction.

Question 23 from Councillor Hurman to Councillor Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

Can the Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care say what has been the impact of central government funding cuts on the delivery of Adult Social Care services in Enfield?

Reply from Councillor Cazimoglu

I've made reference already to the scale of funding reductions which this Council has sustained over a number of years. However, Council officers have worked very hard to ensure that we continue to provide the right level of support to people who need our help at the right time. Treating people as individuals, giving them choice and

control over the choices they make and the services they buy continues to be an area where we are doing really well:

- 59% of people living independently buy services they need through a direct payment
- We are reviewing those people to ensure the support they receive is appropriate, safe and of good quality
- We are reducing the number of people moving into residential or nursing placements by supporting them to live more independently in the community
- Nationally, we are amongst the best councils for supporting people with learning disabilities to enter or sustain meaningful employment
- We built and are running a new state of the art nursing home to manage the shortage of nursing care capacity which is working really well
- We are delivering new and innovative housing solutions for vulnerable adults through shared ownership schemes
- We continue to look at value for money and the quality of the services available in Enfield and where safeguarding or quality issues are found, our safeguarding practice is nationally recognised as an example of good practice.

Question 24 from Councillor Smith to Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development

Would the Cabinet Member inform the Council on the current position regarding agreeing heads of terms with PCPD on the Meridian Water contract including details of his fall-back position should the agreement fail to materialise?

Reply to Councillor Sitkin

We are determined to secure the best benefits package from Meridian Water for the residents and businesses of Enfield and we are still, as you are aware, considering PCPD's proposals. When a recommendation is ready to be made it will be presented to Cabinet for consideration in the usual way. In the event that no deal is possible with PCPD the Council will deliver the project another way. I am confident that the Council vision of a development which brings employment and housing of quality while generating a surplus in land value will be achieved. We have been meticulous in our evaluation of the PCPD proposals and continue to engage with them.

Question 25 from Councillor Doyle to Councillor Achilleas Georgiou, Deputy Leader/Public Service Delivery

Can the Deputy Leader provide us with an update on key communications campaigns and their success delivered in 2017/18 to meet Council, stakeholder and resident priorities?

Reply from Councillor Achilleas Georgiou

Enfield Council has delivered a range of strong and successful communications

campaigns this year including:

- Enfield Let – a new campaign to encourage landlords to let their properties to the Council. Outcomes include seven Homefinder tenancies and one Private Sector Lease (PSL) lease secured through leads from the campaign so far. Net savings to date from campaign leads £17,110 (as at 2017).
- Build Enfield – another new campaign with a supporting microsite, promoting job opportunities and training within the construction industries. Over 3,000 website hits, good attendance at local events, local building firms are engaged and using #BuildEnfield. Outcomes include numerous expressions of interest as well as direct placements into employment.
- Enjoy Enfield – as well as the continued production of the magazine we have launched a new microsite to support this place marketing campaign encouraging residents and visitors to shop and spend locally. Numerous positive testimonials from local businesses and residents including:
 - It not only looks really classy, but it's is a great read with lots of fabulous articles. I loved it!
 - I've had a great response to my article. I've had 24 people text me yesterday.
 - I've lived in Enfield for over 20 years and I hadn't appreciated how much we have in the borough.
- Ask Sara – ongoing campaign to promote an online tool which helps residents identify equipment and support that can help them continue to live independent lives in their our own homes. This has generated high levels of traffic to the online portal leading to numerous completed requests/reports. The Disabled Living Foundation who is preparing a case study about the Enfield AskSARA campaign said, "The promotion of Enfield AskSARA is ground breaking. It is an evidence of best practice in this area of hard to reach residents. What the Enfield Council Communications Team has undertaken is unique in promoting the AskSARA portal. So, we would like to share this best practice with other councils and equipment providers across the country."
- 'Boyfriend material?' & 'He doesn't love you if ..' campaigns – these nationally recognised and award-winning domestic violence campaigns targeted at young women in abusive relationships have generated unprecedented levels of engagement over social media as well as high levels of coverage in the traditional media
- Enfield Heroes – strand promoting Youth Services volunteering opportunities with Enfield Council from 20 August to 18 September 2017. Outcomes include 1,707 people reached and 791 visits to webpage - up 304% from the previous year.

The above are only a few highlights, with the creative, design and print for the campaigns also being delivered in-house.

The Council's Communications Team has received a number of awards this year which demonstrates their professionalism, knowledge and skills and the calibre of campaigns we are delivering as a local authority:

- Best Communications Team – Winner – Comms2point0 Communications Awards 2017

- Best Campaign – Bronze Award for ‘He doesn’t love you if’ campaign – Local Government Communications Award 2017
- Digital Photography – runners up – APCOM (Association of Print and Communications) Awards 2017
- Best In-house promotion – Highly commended - APCOM (Association of Print and Communications)Awards 2017

Question 26 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency

Would the Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency, Councillor Lemonides, state the entire income and expenditure to council of the land purchased at Meridian Water including but not exclusively on the purchase, meanwhile uses, security and traveller removal?

Reply from Councillor Lemonides

The cost of land purchased at Meridian Water to Feb 2018 is £123.1m.

The table below summarises the expenditure by year.

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Grand Total
Purchase Land & Buildings	1,832,184	48,795,002	36,724,470	27,508,290	114,859,946
Stamp Duty	-	2,130,400	613,500	3,679,500	6,423,400
Purchase L&B Legal Fees	87,419	19,519	218,809	1,488,590	1,814,338
					123,097,683

The net income received to Feb 2018, for meanwhile income is £703k. This is net of security costs of £786k, of which £541k relates to the stone hill site and £155k of traveller clearance costs.

Question 27 from Councillor Hasan to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Can the Cabinet Member for Environment explain how the Council has kept the borough moving during the recent spell of bad weather?

Reply from Councillor Anderson

The recent spell of bad weather that started from around the 25 February 2018 and continued until 3 March 2018 saw the Council’s contractor’s treat the priority one network on 21 occasions covering over 2,500 miles. The Council’s priority one network covers over 30% of all of the Borough’s road network and includes bus routes, emergency services facilities and key industrial estates across the Borough.

During the above period, the winter duty officers instructed multiple daily treatments whenever necessary to ensure that the network was kept reasonably clear of snow and ice with up to four treatments a day being delivered. Some 570 tonnes of salt

were spread across the network ensuring the priority one routes were kept open to traffic. Unfortunately, due to the forecasts received over this period we were unable to commence any secondary road treatments as the levels of snow were so unpredictable, hence the salt stocks had to be retained for priority one treatments.

Question 28 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Oyken, Cabinet Member for Housing & Housing Regeneration

Does the Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration, Councillor Oyken believe it was a mistake for his department to organise an event at the MIPIM property and development conference entitled 'Meridian Water – What Next' when a formal decision on whether or not to agree a contract with PCPD has not been made?

Reply from Councillor Oyken

No. At the time of the department planning for the MIPIM property and development conference the expectation was that the Council's negotiations with PCPD would have been concluded.

Question 29 from Councillor Jamal to Councillor Fonyonga, Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Public Health

Can the Cabinet member for Community Safety and Public Health please update the Council about the work being done to tackle domestic violence in Enfield?

Reply from Councillor Fonyonga

Despite deeply damaging government cuts, Enfield Council continues to prioritise tackling domestic abuse. We support local refuges which provide lifesaving respite and we are lobbying to ensure that these refuge places are not put at further risk by cruel government cuts which will risk the lives of even more women and children.

Our Violence against Women and Girls strategy is now being successfully delivered across an increased number of departments and agencies to ensure the best multi-agency approach to tackling this multifaceted scourge.

The Public Health Team continue to support the successful IRIS (Identification and Referral to Improve Safety) project identifying domestic abuse victims through GP's. This has been agreed for the duration of 2018/19 and been extended to optometrists, dentists and pharmacists. I'm pleased that the training and referral pathways will now also be extended to our sexual health clinics, which is an important step in our joined up working to identify and support people experiencing domestic abuse as early as possible.

Our multi-award winning communications campaigns aimed at raising awareness about domestic abuse is currently being re-run and we continue to fund a 'locks and bolts' service to provide extra security for victims who wish to remain in their own homes. Our housing teams also have a reciprocal arrangement across London to facilitate moves more easily where these cannot be avoided.

We have also been very successful in securing national grants to fund a vast range of essential projects. This includes the Mia project which will be considering risk issues with perpetrators, and other initiatives supporting women with complex needs, and those who are historically difficult to engage with.

Our extensive work in this area has also led to Enfield being selected to become one of three national pathfinders in the UK by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport, giving us the means to place an Independent Domestic Violence Advocate at North Middlesex Hospital. We have secured three years of funding for this post, in addition to further lifesaving training across A&E and other hospital departments.

Our comprehensive approach to tackling domestic abuse means that we have now also implemented a range of leisure activities to support and assist women suffering from domestic abuse and those at risk of the same. For example, the Community Safety team is working with Edmonton Eagles Boxing Club to provide those who have suffered from domestic abuse and those who have been involved in or are at risk from gang crime the means to take part in boxing lessons to improve their self-confidence and to help to reduce the risk of abuse in the future. Furthermore in partnership with Fusion Lifestyle the operator of the leisure centres in our borough, we are offering self-defence and fitness classes to help protect and empower women suffering from domestic abuse. This is in addition to our joint project with Fusion called "Women get Active" which targets inactive women and offer various physical activities which enable women to become more physically active and generally increase their self-confidence.

Question 30 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Oyken, Cabinet Member for Housing & Housing Regeneration

Does the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Oyken, believe it was a mistake for his department to organise an event at the MIPIM property and development conference in the South of France entitled 'Meridian Water – What Next' which could have led to legal action against the Council due to a decision not being officially made regarding forming a contract with PCPD?

Reply from Councillor Oyken

No. At the time of the department planning for the MIPIM property and development conference the expectation was that the Council's negotiations with PCPD would have been concluded. When it became clear that negotiations would not be concluded the session was cancelled.

Question 31 from Councillor Kepez to Councillor Oyken, Cabinet Member for Housing & Housing Regeneration

Will the Cabinet Member for Housing & Housing Regeneration please advise on Council led housing schemes and how many new homes have received planning consent since 2014?

Reply from Councillor Oyken

Please see below which covers all council related applications for housing

Financial Year	Number of Council-led Housing Schemes	Total Number of Units Proposed
2017/18 (ongoing)	2	726
2016/17	7	33
2015/16	4	40
2014/15	7	94

Question 32 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Oyken, Cabinet Member for Housing & Housing Regeneration

Would the Cabinet Member for Housing update the chamber on whether or not the source of the water leak has been found at Joyce House including whether any decision has been made as to the future of the block?

Reply from Councillor Oyken

While the source of main leak has yet to be identified, the Council has employed a specialist external surveyor to investigate the cause of the leak and he has isolated the location of the leak to a specific area within the block. In order to rectify the problem intrusive works will need to be undertaken in one property to expose the pipework in the service risers. It has been agreed that this work will be undertaken once the resident, who has been decanted, has moved their furniture into their temporary properties. The Council is assisting the resident with these removals. The independent surveyor, due to the intermittent nature of the leak, believes that it is in the rainwater pipes which will be the first area which is investigated once the pipework is exposed.

The future of estate is currently going through required process for prospective regeneration projects including the consultation with residents. Once this process has been completed the future of the block will be determined.

Question 33 from Councillor Elif Erbil to Councillor Brett, Cabinet Member for Community, Arts and Culture

Will the Cabinet Member for Community, Arts and Culture please update us on how many voluntary sector groups have accessed outside funding between 2017-18?

Reply from Councillor Brett

I thank the member for this question which highlights how closely we work with our colleagues in the local voluntary sector who do so much for our diverse and dynamic communities. Whilst we are not yet at the end of the 2017/18 operational year and so full figures are not yet available I can offer an insight into how much success we have seen recently in terms of valuable external funding being secured by local

groups, many of whom we work with directly to assist them gaining the skills to bid and providing connections to the opportunities to apply for funding.

There is no doubt that supporting the community sector works for Enfield. For example, our most recent 'Meet the Funders' event in 2017 generated over £600,000 in new bids from local groups to external funders.

In 2017, our joint working with Enfield Voluntary Action brought in additional funding of £489,000 from external sources to support third sector activities in the borough.

Over the past two full operational years our web portal has provided huge assistance to local groups seeking external funding. There were 16,285 visits to the web portal during this period and in terms of user feedback, 82% of users who responded to a recent survey said that the service helped them to identify sources of funding. From the people who responded to the survey a total of £710,728 was secured between 2015 and 2017. If we were to project this return against what we know of web portal traffic, we would expect 280 users to have identified funding opportunities and 61 users to have successfully attracted funding to the area. This would equate to optimum funding worth £4,335,544.08 being accessed.

There is no doubt that organisations of all types and from all backgrounds are taking advantage of the support and advice we make available to gain the means to support local people. We will continue to do all we can to facilitate this in the future as we know that Enfield is at its best when it possesses a healthy and dynamic community sector.

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

Would the Cabinet Member, Councillor Lemonides, state the entire income and expenditure costs of Sloemans Farm to the Council from buying the farm to date?

Reply from Councillor Lemonides

To date we have spent a total of £34,500 which has primarily related to securing the perimeter of the farm buildings & yard, following the fire, to prevent unauthorised access with HERAS fencing / site signage and for providing the required access for the aerial mast. This expenditure forms part of the ongoing insurance claim and it is anticipated that around £10,000 will be recovered.

In addition we had, due to the significant risk from illegal trespassers over the past 18 months, stepped up our security requirements. As the farm yard and buildings do not form part of the tenancy due to the fire we have incurred additional costs to ensure that the site is adequately protected and this was circa £12,000.

An element of this expenditure includes fees incurred by our managing agents in dealing with the fire and arranging security to prevent illegal encampments.

Income has been greatly affected by the fire and the total revenue since purchase stands at £61,000. This does not include £125,000 which was retained as part an

insurance claim of the previous owner prior to purchase.

The purchase of this asset was rigorously scrutinised by both Cabinet and Overview & Scrutiny as well as having an independent valuation undertaken to ensure the price paid reflected best value. This independent valuation confirmed that the price agreed was best value but went further to it is a significant advantage to the Council to acquire the property free of all future overage and restriction and would leave the Council unencumbered and gives them maximum flexibility to manage and use the property as they see fit

Finance have also confirmed that the total cost of the purchase, including stamp duty total £3,675,660.

Order	Cost Elem.	Cost element name	Σ	Val.in rep.cur.	Name
C000675	64457	Other disbursements		35,425.00	Acquisition of Sloemans Farm
C000675	64201	Purch Land & Builds		350,000.00	BIRKETTS LLP REF SLOEMANS FARM
C000675	64201	Purch Land & Builds		3,290,235.00	PURCHASE SLOEMANS FARM (BIRKETTS LLP)
				3,675,660.00	

Question 35 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency

Will the Cabinet Member, Councillor Lemonides, state the entire cost to date of the negotiations with PCPD including but not exclusively, consultancy fees and officer time across the council?

Reply from Councillor Lemonides

External advisors have been advising the Council throughout the period on finance, legal and land issues since November. Officers will provide you with invoiced documents. However some of these costs will have been related directly to the development of a Plan B. This cost should nevertheless be considered in context of the legal advice that to not re-engage with PCPD in a meaningful way, acting in good faith, after Barratt withdrew would put the Council at high risk of a successful legal challenge which would have very significant financial consequences. Given this is a £6 billion project I am sure you will agree due diligence should be central to our decision making. Of course all of these costs will be capitalised and be paid from land surplus. There is no impact therefore on the Council's current spending or revenue budget.

Question 36 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Oykenner, Cabinet Member for Housing & Housing Regeneration

Would the Cabinet Member, Councillor Oykenner state the date of when the first complaint was made about the water leakage at Joyce House and the appearance of residents complaining about lack of action on BBC News?

Reply from Councillor Oykenner

There are 3 properties affected by the leak at Joyce Avenue:

- One property – has never reported a repair or water penetration
- One property – first report of water penetration 29 September 2017
- One property – first report 21 November 2016. 7 reports in total over a 13 month period (Nov 2016, Feb 2017, March 2017, April 2017, May 2017, September 2017 and December 2017). Works and investigations were carried out each time a report was made.

Question 37 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency

Could the Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency, Councillor Lemonides, inform the chamber of the entire cost to the council of buying IT systems since 2014 including any savings made due to their purchase?

Reply from Councillor Lemonides

The Council has spent £27.8m since 2014 on delivering new ICT systems, which has facilitated the Council transformation programme's delivery of £18.6m savings to date.

Questions to Associate Cabinet Members:

Question 38 from Councillor Ekechi to Councillor Savva, Associate Cabinet Member

Can Councillor Savva tell us of his key contributions in his designated area in recent months?

Reply from Councillor Savva

ACMs' brief is "spatial". Key to the ACM role is knowledge of local communities in the round enabling ACMs to operate, as it were, "without portfolio", responding to important concerns as they arise.

Like the other ACMs I hold weekly advice surgeries which highlight areas of general concern across Edmonton which I pursue with the relevant cabinet member, adding weight to the voice of the community.

Recently this has been to support the installation of CCTV in fly tip hotspots and where anti-social behaviour in all forms takes place. I champion community projects that enhance life in Enfield and bring regeneration and employment for instance in the work that has already started as part of the Central Leaside Area Action Plan. I provide support for voluntary groups and the maintenance of historic assets such as Salisbury House.

Regular meetings with Friends of Parks have helped the consultations on important policy developments such as The Events Strategy, Wildlife and Biological Recording and provided an open forum for discussion.

ACMs liaise with community groups and are active in advocating for volunteer

organisations and their clients. I attend most residents' meetings in the area to hear their views and concerns and to answer their questions, where necessary raising them with relevant cabinet members or in responding to reports at Formal Cabinet meetings to ensure that they are aired publically.

This has been especially true as part of A1010 South Cycle Enfield involving liaison with residents and businesses, as well as ward councillors and key stakeholders through the Partnership Board. I meet weekly with officers and the Cabinet Member for Environment, helping to ensure that individual and collective concerns and feedback are properly considered and acted upon.

Question 39 Councillor Bond to Councillor Pite, Associate Cabinet Member

Can Councillor Pite tell us of her key contributions in her designated area in recent months?

Reply from Councillor Pite

ACMs' brief is "spatial". Key to the ACM role is knowledge of local communities in the round enabling ACMs to operate, as it were, "without portfolio", responding to important concerns as they arise.

Like the other ACMs I hold weekly advice surgeries which highlight areas of general concern across North Enfield which I pursue with the relevant cabinet member, adding weight to the voice of the community.

Recently this has been to highlight and deal with transport concerns in my area including a successful engagement with Transport for London (TfL) to install mobile speed cameras on the A10. I champion community projects that enhance life in Enfield, particularly those that support older people in my role as Chair of the Older People's Partnership Board, and those that sustain our historic assets such as Forty Hall House, its Park and Farm.

Regular meetings with Friends of Parks have helped consultations on important policy developments and provided a forum to explore important aspects of our parks such as disability access and bring resources to our parks such as free bulbs courtesy of Enfield in Bloom.

ACMs liaise with community groups and are active in advocating for volunteer organisations and their clients. I attend many residents' meetings, for instance the Ponders End Partnership, which brings regeneration to many people, to hear their views and concerns and to answer their questions, where necessary raising them with relevant cabinet members or in responding to reports at Formal Cabinet meetings to ensure that they are aired publically.

I have been heavily involved in liaison with residents and businesses, as well as ward councillors and key stakeholders on both the recently adopted Enfield Town Master Plan and Cycle Enfield, the latter involving weekly meetings with officers and the Cabinet Member for Environment, in both cases helping to ensure that individual and collective concerns and feedback are properly considered and acted upon.

Question 40 from Councillor Maguire to Councillor Barry, Associate Cabinet Member

Can Councillor Barry tell us of her key contributions in her designated area in recent months?

Reply from Councillor Barry

ACMs' brief is "spatial". Key to the ACM role is knowledge of local communities in the round enabling ACMs to operate, as it were, "without portfolio", responding to important concerns as they arise.

Like the other ACMs I hold regular, usually weekly, advice surgeries which highlight areas of general concern across South West Enfield which I pursue with the relevant cabinet member, adding weight to the voice of the community.

Recently this has been to highlight and deal with litter in my area and engage community groups in litter picks along the New River. I champion community projects that enhance life in Enfield and restore historic assets for instance in actively supporting the Friends in their campaign to restore Broomfield House.

Regular meetings with Friends of Parks have helped the consultations on important policy developments such as The Events Strategy, Wildlife and Biological Recording and provided a forum which was recently described by one Friend as "an open exchange".

ACMs liaise with community groups and are active in advocating for volunteer organisations and their clients. I attend many residents' meetings in the area to hear their views and concerns and to answer their questions, where necessary raising them with relevant cabinet members or in responding to reports at Formal Cabinet meetings to ensure that they are aired publically.

This has been especially true as part of A105 Cycle Enfield where I have been heavily, and successfully, involved in liaison with residents and businesses, as well as ward councillors and key stakeholders. I meet weekly with officers and the Cabinet Member for Environment, helping to ensure that individual and collective concerns and feedback are properly considered and acted upon. The formal opening of the A105 cycle lanes and the safe and increasingly frequent use of the lanes by cyclists of all ages is proof positive of the importance of the team work and consistent listening that characterised the programme.