

## **Council Questions and Responses – Wednesday 21 November 2018**

### **Question 1 from Councillor Joanne Laban to Councillor Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

Would Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council, join me in condemning Kate Osamor MP, a key Enfield Council stakeholder, for continuing to employ her son in her office after being found guilty of drug related offences with intent to supply?

#### **Reply from Councillor Caliskan**

This is not a matter for Enfield Council.

### **Question 2 from Councillor Jewell to Councillor Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Housing**

Can the Cabinet member provide a further update on the supported internship scheme being developed by the Housing service to provide employment opportunities for Enfield residents with learning disabilities?

#### **Reply from Councillor Lemonides**

Yes. Following the overview of this initiative which I provided to the last Council meeting I am delighted to advise members that this scheme is now delivering real opportunities for these residents.

Managers in the Housing service have worked closely with their colleagues in Social Care, and the first placements will commence shortly. At least one of these roles will be in the Operational Support Hub operated by Housing in Edmonton, with further placements set up in the Estate Services Caretaking team and in the Regeneration service. These placements will give residents with learning difficulties a great opportunity to engage with the world of work as they transition from full-time education.

This progress shows the positive effects for residents of effective partnership working between different Council services, and the willingness of the Housing service to embrace new ideas and different methods of service delivery.

### **Question 3 from Councillor Joanne Laban to Councillor Guney Dogan, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Would Councillor Dogan, Cabinet Member for Environment state whether or not he is willing to take legal action against the Mayor of London if residents choose an option as part of the Waste Collection consultation that fails to comply with his environment strategy?

#### **Reply from Councillor Dogan**

It is accepted that some of the options do not help the Council to move in the direction of compliance with the Mayor's strategy. However, this is fully transparent

in the report and consultation document and will be taken into account together with the consultation responses and all other relevant factors as part of the final decision-making process.

**Question 4 from Councillor Elif Erbil to Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

Can the Leader advise me of the progress of Enfield's bid for additional funding for housing through the GLA's Building Homes for Londoners programme?

**Reply from Councillor Caliskan**

I am pleased to announce that Enfield was successful in this process and has secured funding of £18 million. This money will help us to deliver an additional 570 affordable social homes in the next 3 years for Enfield residents in housing need. I would like to thank the Regeneration Team for putting together the successful bid. This was based on a detailed analysis of our current programme to ensure that all the additional funding would be used on viable schemes. The securing of this amount reflects the GLA's belief that Enfield Council is committed to delivery.

**Question 5 from Councillor Joanne Laban to Councillor Mary Maguire, Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement**

Would Councillor Maguire, Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement, inform the chamber how many members of staff are paid for via the capital programme and the overall cost?

**Reply from Councillor Maguire**

In the financial year 2017/18 £8m of staff costs were charged to the capital programme. This represents 3.4% of total capital spend for the year. In accordance with accounting rules, staff costs are capitalised where the employees' activities have contributed directly to bringing an asset to a location and into a condition so that it is capable of operating as intended. This equates to approximately 140 staff and 2.5% of our total staff budget. This approach also ensures that we can continue to deliver on our ambitious capital programme creating a lifetime of opportunities in Enfield.

**Question 6 from Councillor Uddin to Councillor Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Housing**

What action is the Housing service taking to improve the experience of residents in relation to housing repairs?

**Reply from Councillor Lemonides**

The service has focussed intensively on repairs issues in recent months and real improvements are in progress. We have seen reductions in the number of overdue repairs, increases in the percentage of issues resolved on a first visit to a property,

and other positive developments in improving the performance of our current contractors.

In addition to this we are in the process of establishing an in-house team of skilled tradespeople to carry out what are known as 'property' MOTs – that is, a series of checks on the condition and quality of all the key elements of the property. In addition to carrying out minor repairs themselves where these are identified, the team will provide verified information which can be used to build up an accurate database for asset management purposes. This will in turn enable us to develop properly costed and well-informed programmes for cyclical works, enabling us to rely less on responsive repairs to maintain the quality of our properties.

I am confident that this team will be an effective complement to the work done by our contractors and look forward to providing further updates on this project.

**Question 7 from Councillor Joanne Laban to Councillor Dino Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Housing**

Would Councillor Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Housing state how many members of staff are part of the new MOT repairs teams?

**Reply from Councillor Lemonides**

The initial plan for the MOT team is for 6 multiskilled operatives and one office-based supervisor. Subject to the success of the project, this will be reviewed over time. The repairs task force which is overseeing the improvement plan for the repairs service will monitor the performance of the MOT service.

**Question 8 from Councillor Greer to Councillor Keazor, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion**

Can Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion explain how the Council has celebrated the Black History Month this year?

**Reply from Councillor Keazor**

Enfield Council continues to attach great importance to celebrating the contribution of local people during Black History month. This year as well as helping to sponsor a varied programme throughout the month of October we supported three events that I am particularly pleased to tell fellow members about in a little detail.

Our Black History Month 'The Year of the Woman' Celebration on 8 October 2018 was very well attended and the series of films presented at the Dugdale Centre to mark the centenary of some women being empowered with the vote and the historical struggle to achieve this, was hugely interesting and inspiring. Thanks to the Enfield's 'Make It Happen' organisation for making this such a great part of the programme.

A Black History Month Celebratory event organised by Enfield Racial Equalities Council on 25 October 2018 also drew a good crowd and its diverse content

comprising exhibition materials, inspirational talks, poetry readings, music and dance, and African Hairstyling demonstrations was hugely appreciated.

We also worked with our Enfield Caribbean Association to present an evening of entertainment in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the arrival of MV Empire Windrush, highlighting the achievements and talents of young people of black origin through a series of formats including presentations, drama, music, performance poetry and dance. I was honoured to speak at this event and to welcome guest speakers who gave really insightful perspective from the viewpoints of community resilience and human rights.

I would also like to thank those who took part and delivered a range of supporting events to make this year's Black History Month one of the best yet.

**Question 9 from Councillor Lindsay Rawlings to Councillor Guney Dogan, Cabinet Member for Environment**

On Sunday 2 December 2018, Trees for Cities will be planting over 3,000 young trees on Montagu Recreation Ground. I will be attending in the morning to help with this. Will Councillor Dogan, Cabinet Member for Environment be joining me along with the other councillors in the Ward?

**Reply from Councillor Dogan**

Yes, I will.

I support this initiative, which is being led by Trees for Cities in partnership with Enfield Council. It is being funded by the GLA. The trees will help to reduce pollution and support wildlife whilst adding interest and colour to the recreation ground.

**Question 10 from Councillor Leaver to Councillor Keazor, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion**

Can Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Cohesion tell us how the Council is dealing with the kerb crawling problems in Edmonton corridor?

**Reply from Councillor Keazor**

1. The Council has introduced a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) which prohibits kerb crawling and prostitution in the whole of the borough. The fixed penalty notice for breach of the PSPO is set at £100 and repeated offenders will be prosecuted. We are pleased to report that we have begun to make use of this new power and that fixed penalty notices have already been issued to kerb crawlers for these offences.
2. The Council has made environmental changes to Council land to restrict accessible areas for the sex workers to use. For example, we have removed bin areas and installed fencing.

3. We have supported the police to run the Change Programme. This is a course designed to rehabilitate kerb crawling offenders who accept their crime.
4. With money allocated from the MOPAC (Mayor's Office for Police and Crime) Community Safety Funding we have supported the police to have a media display van placed in Fore Street. Visible messages are being displayed to disrupt the prostitution.
5. We spend just over a million per year to provide Community Safety and CCTV coverage in the borough and we use the wide network of CCTV cameras in the area to monitor these activities and footage is shared with the police to help them target resources effectively.
6. We spend half a million pounds a year to fund (16) additional police officers to help deal with crime in council estates. The Safer Estates Team conduct regular operations to disperse the sex workers from residential areas.
7. A public meeting about kerb crawling and prostitution has recently been held to promote the work that has been carried out and to consult the community about the way forward.

**Question 11 from Councillor Terry Neville to Councillor Guney Dogan, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Would Councillor Dogan, Cabinet Member for Environment inform Council how much has been spent each year from 2014 to current on removing fly tipped items?

**Reply from Councillor Dogan**

We have an estimate only of domestic and commercial fly-tip removal costs as the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) calculation is inaccurate. This is estimated at £800, 000 per annum over this period for collection and disposal. There is an additional cost for traveller fly tip clearance on incursions from 2014 to current date estimated at £2.5m in total.

**Question 12 from Councillor Needs to Councillor Keazor, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion**

Can Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Cohesion tell us what the Council is doing as a local borough to celebrate/promote the white ribbon day?

**Reply from Councillor Keazor**

We are holding an annual event on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 to promote and celebrate the White Ribbon day. We have various speakers including our local partners speaking about Domestic abuse and how the approach is working.

Wearing a white ribbon is a personal pledge never to commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women.

Traditionally after white ribbon day there are 16 days of action which locally our VAWG (Violence Against Women and Girls) providers are running events to raise awareness around domestic abuse. We also urge everyone to wear the white ribbon in support of the pledge to never commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women.

**Question 13 from Councillor Terry Neville to Councillor Guney Dogan, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Would Councillor Dogan, Cabinet Member for Environment inform Council how much revenue has been received for the disposal of bulky items each year from 2014 to the current date?

**Reply from Councillor Dogan**

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Revenue</b>
2014-15	£87,590.00
2015-16	£94,614.95
2016-17	£88,106.75
2017-18	£82,189.00
01.04.18 - 03.10.18	£36,772.50

**Question 14 from Councillor Susan Erbil to Councillor Keazor, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion**

Can Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Cohesion tell us her plans following the public event on youth crime in the borough?

**Reply from Councillor Keazor**

Following on from the public event on serious youth violence in the Summer, the Council committed £100K for summer activities targeted for vulnerable young people in our borough. A further commitment to continue to provide activities for our young people in the borough will continue to be a priority for this administration.

A further event planned to create awareness around violence crime will be a public event in December themed "Stay Safe in the Winter" this is a follow-on event from the Stay Safe in the Summer event that Councillor Caliskan & Councillor Keazor chaired along with the Police.

The meeting will entail a brief update from the "Stay Safe in the Summer event followed by a community weapon sweep on a nearby housing estate. Councillor Keazor and Police will be joint speakers at this event. The attendees will be invited to join police and partners in a community weapon sweep.

*Venue: Community House, 311 Fore Street, Edmonton, N9 0PZ*

*Date: Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018 - 10am to 12noon.*

### **Question 15 from Councillor Glynis Vince to Councillor Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

I thank the Council for organising the Civic World War 1 (WW1) Remembrance Event on 11 November 2018. However, the Conservative Group were disappointed to learn that the Council were not willing to spend £750 for a 6ft aluminium Tommy figure to support the nationwide "There but not there campaign" which if placed outside the Civic Centre would have been a reminder to a much wider audience of the sacrifices made during WW1. Would Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council explain why the decision was made not to support this campaign?

### **Reply from Councillor Caliskan**

I thank the member for giving us all the opportunity to reflect on what was a highly successful Remembrance Day in Enfield this year with some of the highest turnouts of recent times. I thank the officers who worked so conscientiously with our partners to make the events held so successful. It was particularly encouraging to be informed of the positive responses received in the days since the events from our Deputy Lieutenant, Royal British Legion and the Boys Brigade with whom we worked closely to ensure parades and services in Edmonton and Enfield Town were so well attended and sensitively managed. Ensuring the success of these events remain a central part of our civic calendar and we are committed to doing all we can to ensure those who gave their lives with such valour are never forgotten.

Reflecting the 100-year anniversary a special event, was hosted by the Council at the Civic Centre, following the Enfield Town parade. It was really pleasing to work closely with partners on this and I thank St Andrew's Church in Enfield, for loaning a glass sculpture of a WWI soldier that took pride of place in our Conference Room for the special commemoration ceremony. It created a focal point in the gathering space that summed up the uniqueness of the centenary year. Many who attended took the time to comment on how it brought emphasis to the occasion. We remain a committed supporter of our Armed Forces and of those organisations who seek to support them.

We look forward to working once more with our partners, including the Royal British Legion, to ensure next year's commemorative events are equally successful.

### **Question 16 from Councillor Pite to Councillor Maguire, Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement**

Would the Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement tell us her view of the impact on Enfield of the Government's 2018 Budget statement?

### **Reply from Councillor Maguire**

The impact is disappointing. Despite calls from the sector to reverse the impact of the £1.3bn of cuts to local government planned for 2019/20, there was very little to address our funding problems. There were some stop gap, one-off measures for Adults and Children's Social Care. There was no mention of any long-term plan for children's social care funding, and no extra funding for schools High Needs

pressures or recognition of homelessness funding pressures.

The Council continues to experience these service pressures and funding reductions. Because of this it is having to deliver savings of £18m in 2019/20 and a further £18.5m over the following three years.

**Question 17 from Councillor Joanne Laban to Councillor Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

Would Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council inform the chamber how much the council has spent on Meridian Water communications since 2010?

**Reply from Councillor Caliskan**

£275,000 from the capital programme has been spent on communication support on Meridian Water since 2010.

**Question 18 from Councillor Orhan to Councillor Maguire, Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement**

Does the Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement agree with the Government that austerity is over?

**Reply from Councillor Maguire**

In his budget speech the Chancellor said that the era of austerity was finally coming to an end. However, there was little in the budget to give comfort to local government. There were some stop gap measures for Adults and Children's Social Care. There was no mention of any long-term plan for children's social care funding, and no extra funding for schools High Needs pressures or recognition of homelessness funding pressures. We still do not know when we will see the promised green paper on Adult Social Care.

The Government is still planning that total public spending will fall over the next five years, both in absolute terms and as a percentage of GDP. Given the commitments made to the NHS and policing, we need to see the Spending Review in 2019 to understand the position for local government funding in the longer-term. The impact of the Spending Review will be combined with the impact of the fair funding review, and reforms to the business rates retention system, so the future financial outlook is very uncertain.

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**Question 19 from Councillor Michael Rye to Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

Work on the Housing Small sites at Forty Hill Enfield (which has been 9 years in progress) has come to a virtual standstill with little sign of activity for the last two



months. Would Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council explain why is this and when might residents expect this work to be completed and the new housing available for occupation?

### **Reply from Councillor Caliskan**

The works have visibly slowed but have continued and will be finished on site by June 2019. The roof tiles procured by the contractor did not comply with the planning permission requirements for a conservation area and they had to reprocure different tiles. They continued progressing other works on site, and the roofers will be starting back on site on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

### **Question 20 from Councillor Demirel to Councillor Maguire, Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement**

Would the Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement give a progress report on Enfield Council's budget-setting process for 2019/20?

### **Reply from Councillor Maguire**

We want to ensure we have a comprehensive and robust approach to budget setting which started back in spring. Pleased with the progress to date but still work in progress. Level of cuts needed are challenging. We want to ensure that proposals agreed are realistically achievable.

On 17 October 2018 Cabinet received an update on budget development and agreed to progress the second phase of savings proposals for 2019/20. Work streams will continue to identify savings options for the 2019/20 budget and beyond, and there will be a further progress report to Cabinet in December. We expect the provisional local government financial settlement in early December and will be updating Cabinet on this too.

We are currently engaging in budget consultation. One of our approaches this year is to use an online budget simulator, where residents can model the impact of funding reductions on different services and provide their views on what our priorities should be. There will also be presentations to the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Voluntary Sector Strategy Group Meeting. The consultation will be reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) Budget Meeting on 31st January 2019, and OSC's comments and a summary of the consultation findings will be reported on to February Cabinet.

We are applying additional scrutiny to the budget process this year over and above the OSC Budget meeting in January. We have a councillor and officer budget challenge panel which I chair. We are considering areas such as what services have not been subject to savings in 2019/20 and reviewing the deliverability of the savings or income generation proposals.

### **Question 21 from Councillor Michael Rye to Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

Work on the Housing Small sites at Parsonage Lane Enfield (which has been 9 years in progress) has come to a virtual standstill with little sign of activity for the last two months. Would Councillor Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council explain why is this and when might residents expect this work to be completed and new housing available for occupation?

### **Reply from Councillor Caliskan**

The works will be finished on site by June 2019. The roof tiles procured by the contractor did not comply with the planning permission requirements for a conservation area and they had to reprocure different tiles. They continued progressing the other works on site, and the roofers started back on site on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Parsonage Lane (Block D) has also been delayed, this on a different matter which the contractor needed to address before any further work could be completed. This has now been sorted by the contractor and works are progressing. Most of the remaining works are internal and therefore less visible. The anticipated completion is also June 2019.

### **Question 22 from Councillor Barnes to Councillor Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care**

Can the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care please explain the impact of the recent budget statement on Adult Social Care?

### **Reply from Councillor Cazimoglu**

Thank you, Councillor Barnes, for the question. Many in government will be patting themselves on the back for putting extra money into social care over the last couple of years when they have, in fact, presided over an unprecedented cut in funding to local government over the last ten years. There is additional money promised as part of the budget statement, it's true. For Enfield that means £1.3million in 2019/20 ring-fenced for Adult Social Care and a further £2.2million ring-fenced for social care for both Children and Adults. To put that in context, the increased cost of the national living wage alone for providers of care will cost us around £1.3million. Add inflation to that, the increasing numbers of people who need support and the further savings that are still required in order for Adult Social Care to help the Council deliver a balanced budget, the money, though welcome, is nowhere near enough. It is also not recurrent funding so when we get into 2019/20 we will see the final year of Better Care Fund monies, improved Better Care Fund monies and the one-off money promised in the budget statement. What does that mean? Well, it pushes the decision for the longer-term funding of the Social Care system into the Green paper and a potential cliff edge scenario for Adult Social Care funding. Yes, the NHS will receive an extra 27 billion by 2022 (20 billion real terms funding increase) but Adult Social Care continues to receive one-off and wholly inadequate sticking plaster solutions to the funding crisis facing us today when the facts really clearly

demonstrate that an underfunded and failing social care system will only contribute greater pressure to the NHS.

**Question 23 from Councillor Alessandro Georgiou to Councillor Guney Dogan, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Will Councillor Dogan, Cabinet Member for Environment agree to meet with the Councillors for Cockfosters Ward and local residents to discuss the intrusive and unwanted events in Trent Park?

**Reply from Councillor Dogan**

I am happy to meet however there is also already a forum set up for stakeholder engagement. We have a series of stakeholder meetings booked for resident groups and local Councillors to discuss Trent Park Events which is chaired by Councillor Barry (ACM). The next meeting is due on 21 January 2019 and I have full confidence in my colleague being able to deal with any issues raised by stakeholders.

**Question 24 from Councillor Jewell to Councillor Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care**

How is the Council enabling people to self-serve when they want accurate and up to date information about local Health and Social Care Services?

**Reply from Councillor Cazimoglu**

The Council is proud to announce that it has recently launched a new online portal for the Council's Health and Adult Social Care Services called Mylife Enfield. This has been developed with local residents for local residents. It provides information and advice for older people, those with physical or learning disabilities, adults with social care needs and those with mental health issues. In addition, there is information for carers, family members and friends and volunteers. There is also a comprehensive fully searchable resource directory to help people find organisations and community groups that offer services for the residents of Enfield. It is the intention that this resource directory will become a corporate resource directory including information for other services across the Council. Future developments will also include the ability to make on line referrals for services provided by Adult Social Care. Mylife Enfield is available for residents and their families 24 hours a day, seven days a week from a PC, table or Smartphone

**Question 25 from Councillor Alessandro Georgiou to Councillor Guney Dogan, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Will Councillor Dogan, Cabinet Member for Environment work with Cockfosters Ward Councillors to highlight issues with certain water providers regarding their inadequate treatment of residents?

**Reply from Councillor Dogan**

I am happy to work with Cockfosters Ward Councillors to highlight issues with water providers in this area. The water provider in this area is Affinity Water, rather than Thames Water who only provide a waste water service to the ward.

We have an established Street Works team who liaise directly with all utility companies in order to ensure that the council's statutory obligations are met. This includes operating a permit scheme in which assists the co-ordination of over 25,000 work sites per year including those road works undertaken by the council. The team have dedicated inspectors that ensure that the work sites are safe and the reinstatements on the highway are satisfactory. The team aims to work and promote good practices with the utilities and hold regular performance meetings with senior managers. However, where sites are identified as being below the required standard the team have enforcement powers at their disposal.

If the ward Councillors provide me with the details of these concerns, then I will assist in raising the issues with the water company.

### **Question 26 from Councillor Chibah to Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

Can the Leader of the Council tell us about how councils through the Local Government Association are seeking to mobilise in their efforts and make strong representation in order that the Conservative Government reverse the further £1.3bn cuts to Councils?

### **Reply from Councillor Caliskan**

I thank the member for bringing this crucial issue to the wider attention of Council. It seems clear that the recent claims of the Prime Minister, Teresa May, stating 'austerity is over' is looking to be a hollow and misleading claim. Once again local government is under renewed attack, with the Government planning a further £1.3bn cut to council budgets next year. If implemented this will cause even more pain for the local community as front-line services will inevitably be affected.

That is why I have been working with other local authorities, through the Local Government Association, to mobilise our collective voices and get the message into Government loud and clear that enough is enough. 'Austerity' needs to stop now.

Ahead of the Budget statement, the 'Breaking Point' campaign and petition was launched, demanding that the Prime Minister and Chancellor truly end austerity in local government by:

- Using the Budget to reverse next years planned £1.3bn cut to council budgets;
- Immediately investing £2bn in children's services and £2bn in adult social care to stop these vital emergency services from collapsing;
- Pledging to use the Spending Review to restore council funding to 2010 levels over the next four years

As Leader of this Council I think these demands are fair, proportionate and well overdue and I will be vocal in my support for the campaign. I know that Enfield

residents expect us to do all we can to secure the future of their services. I hope that Government will listen carefully to our representations and think again about its approach to supporting the delivery of vital local services.

**Question 27 from Councillor Alessandro Georgiou to Councillor Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

Does Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council, agree with me that all councillors should work with the police and other relevant agencies to root out anti-Semitic crimes across the Borough?

**Reply from Councillor Caliskan**

I do agree. Anti-Semitism is a form of racism, and it needs to be rooted out.

Councillors will be aware of the work of the Safer and Stronger Communities Board Partnership Plan, wherein the 5 priorities contain a specific priority about Promoting Cohesion and Tackling Hate Crime. We also launched a specific Strategy to Tackle Hate Crime on the 18<sup>th</sup> October at a public event at Community House.

Within this we encourage reporting, ideally to the police, although third party reporting centres are available. We monitor hate crime through a case management panel to ensure that cases are given a high priority and report on levels of all crime to a number of boards.

Crime Scrutiny Councillors are encouraged to ask for any subject matter they are interested in to be discussed at the meeting and figures on Hate Crime are made available as part of the work. Hate Crime has been retained as a priority because we are passionate about maintaining a vibrant, diverse community in Enfield.

This Council is proud of the close partnership with the police and I absolutely agree that this includes anti-Semitic crimes and protection for all faiths.

**Question 28 from Councillor Uddin to Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

Can the Leader of the Council tell us what representation Enfield Council makes to the Metropolitan Police in relation to concerns about the increase in crime in our borough?

**Reply from Councillor Caliskan**

The rise in crime in the borough is a deep concern to all of us.

The Borough/Basic Command Unit (BCU) Commander and the Lead Member for Community Safety meet regularly to discuss current issues which have been raised with Councillors. This includes where we are jointly planning public events to address resident's concerns such as the summer meeting at Community House on 28<sup>th</sup> July and the Kerb Crawling meeting at Community House on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

The next meeting will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> December at Community House and will involve a community Weapons Sweep nearby.

The BCU Commander is the Chair of our Safer and Stronger Communities Board, jointly with the Council's Chief Executive and this meeting is attended appropriately by Councillor Keazor as the Lead Member for Community Safety.

I meet with the Borough Commander and Chief Executive monthly and use the opportunity to raise particular pressing issues such as the recent violent burglary of a 90+ year old man who is in critical condition.

The meetings are also an opportunity to strategy plan so that the Council and local Police work in partnership.

I have directly raised concerns relating to the levels of Policing in Enfield, which have been negatively impacted by the Government funding which have impacted all over on Police numbers. I have also discussed the Mayor's Violent Crime Task Force and the additional policing activity available that comes with it. In addition, the Council and the Local Police have agreed to work together in order to identify sites that the Police can use as a base for logistics.

Our concerns at the moment are focussed on the alarming increase across the capital in relation to knife crime and the way in which this impacts on young people.

The BCU leadership (Superintendent Brookes) were present, along with the Leader at a recent event at North Middlesex Hospital to discuss the success of the A&E youth worker project, jointly funded by Community Safety in both Enfield and now Haringey.

**Question 29 from Councillor Edward Smith to Councillor Dino Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Housing**

Would Councillor Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Housing provide a schedule for 2017 showing for each individual council the number of households placed in temporary accommodation in the London Borough Enfield by external councils and the number of households placed in temporary accommodation by Enfield Council in external council areas?

**Reply from Councillor Lemonides**

Borough/LA	TA Placements out of borough by Enfield FY17/18	Borough/LA	TA placements in Enfield by other boroughs FY17/18
Haringey	271	Haringey	197
Barnet	51	Barnet	147
Broxbourne	40	Tower Hamlets	75
Harlow	30	Waltham Forest	61
East Hertfordshire	11	Kensington and Chelsea	57
Waltham Forest	11	Islington	44
Newham	10	Hackney	42
Hertsmere	9	Brent	22
Tower Hamlets	7	Hammersmith and Fulham	21
Hackney	6	Redbridge	14
Islington	6	Newham	13
Epping Forest	5	Camden	12
Redbridge	5	Croydon	10
Brent	4	Lewisham	8
Harrow	4	Harrow	4
Welwyn Hatfield	4	Barking and Dagenham	3
Greenwich	3	Westminster	3
Havering	3	Bexley	2
Barking and Dagenham	2	Kingston upon Thames	2
Camden	2	Lambeth	2
Luton	2	Southwark	2
Southwark	2	Greenwich	1
Thurrock	2	Merton	1
Lewisham	1	Wandsworth	1
Maldstone	1	<b>Total</b>	<b>744</b>
Stevenage	1		
Westminster	1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>494</b>		

### Question 30 from Councillor Eren to Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council

Can the Leader inform us what action she has taken regarding the extremely distressing conditions at Tottenham Park Cemetery?

### Reply from Councillor Caliskan

On behalf of the Council I work with the Tottenham Park Charitable Trust. The Trust have campaigned tirelessly on behalf of the Community with loved ones buried in Tottenham Park cemetery. They have raised with me the very serious issues relating to the safety and maintenance of the cemetery and spoken about upsetting concerns regarding the re-use of graves. I have been appalled by what I have seen and heard. I asked Council Officers to investigate and take action using the enforcement powers at their disposal. Whilst some improvement was made, there were many remaining issues that Council Officers did not have the enforcement powers to tackle.

Tottenham Park cemetery is privately owned and operated and there is an urgent need for national legislation, as there is very little regulation of private cemeteries. I therefore wrote to the Secretary of State for Justice and had a meeting with the office of Ministry of Justice officials to directly raise concerns on the situation at Tottenham Park Cemetery. I called upon the Secretary of State to exercise his enforcement powers to appoint an Inspector to require improvements at the cemetery. We have sought updates from the Ministry of Justice, and I have been given assurances that a decision will be made soon. I attended a recent public protest with many others to show solidarity and to once again call upon the Secretary of State to send an inspector. Further I have raised the matter relating to allegations of the re-use of graves with the local police and asked for an update on their investigations.

Last week, I learned that the cemetery owners had gone into liquidation. I have

therefore asked officers to make contact with the liquidators to ensure that they are aware of the public concerns and that residents with reserved plots and memorials to install are assisted. The cemetery was closed for one day but is open again during daylight hours so that residents can visit their family's graves.

**Question 31 from Councillor Edward Smith to Councillor Dino Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Housing**

Would Councillor Lemonides, Cabinet Member for Housing provide the current median market rental levels for one and two bed private rented properties in the London Boroughs of Enfield, Barnet, Walthamstow and Haringey together with the Local Housing Allowance levels for one and two bed properties in the Outer North London Broad Market Rental Area?

**Reply from Councillor Lemonides**

Bedroom Size	Outer North London BRMA	Private Market Rent Enfield	Private Market Rent Barnet	Private Market Rent Walthamstow	Private Market Rent Haringey
1 bed	£891.24	£1,000.00	£1,001.00	£1,148.00	£1,257.00
2 bed	£1,106.47	£1,300.00	£1,352.00	£1,400.00	£1,599.00

**Question 32 from Councillor Barnes to Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

Please can the Leader provide an update on the process to appoint a partner for Phase 1 of Meridian Water.

**Reply from Councillor Caliskan**

The Council has begun the process to appoint a development partner to deliver Phase 1 of Meridian Water (725 homes). We have received ten questionnaire responses altogether: six from developers and four from housing associations. Officers are in the process of evaluating these and intend to confirm the four shortlisted organisations during the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The four shortlisted organisations will then have ten weeks to prepare a final offer. The appointment of a preferred bidder will be recommended to Cabinet in May 2019. All bidders have the opportunity to join up with a Housing Association.

**Question 33 from Councillor Edward Smith to Councillor Ahmet Oyken, Cabinet Member for Property and Assets**

Would Councillor Oyken, Cabinet Member for Property and Assets explain why the refurbishment of the former Minchenden School in Southgate to provide a much-needed educational facility for children with special needs, has fallen behind



schedule and include when he expects the building works to be completed and the school to be opened?

**Reply from Councillor Oykenner**

In October 2016, Cabinet gave approval to procure the Secondary Autistic Provision at the former Minchenden School site in Southgate. Works commenced in February 2017 with an enabling contract, which included replacement of roof coverings and strip out of the existing building. The main contract works commenced in September 2017 with an original Date for Completion in August 2018. Works are, however, in delay and officers now expect practical completion by March 2019. There are several reasons for the delay, but this is largely due to the need for additional repair works being uncovered once works had commenced.

Progress has been closely monitored and the transition from completion of the building works to school opening has been planned in close consultation with the school.

The migration of the School education, management and administration systems will be undertaken during the school summer holidays, enabling the School to fully open in September 2019.

**Question 34 from Councillor Akpinar to Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

Please can the Leader provide an update on the work she and officers are doing to bring music and culture to Meridian Water through the temporary use of existing buildings.

**Reply from Councillor Caliskan**

The Council intends Meridian Water to be 'Your place to Make and Create'; as part of implementing this element of the vision the Council is at advanced stages of negotiation with a company to use industrial sheds to host music, culture and filming over the next two years. If the negotiations are successful a full announcement will be made in the coming weeks with the potential being to significantly raise the profile of both the project and Enfield.

**Question 35 from Councillor Edward Smith to Councillor Ahmet Oykenner, Cabinet Member for Property and Assets**

Would Councillor Oykenner, Cabinet Member for Property and Assets confirm if and when the former library in Southgate, which still stands empty after several years, will be transferred to Barnet Southgate College for redevelopment as originally planned?

**Reply from Councillor Oykenner**

The Former Southgate Circus Library Building is not currently vacant. It has been let to Southgate College to provide accommodation during a refurbishment programme

that the College are undertaking of their existing admin buildings. The agreement with the college is flexible and allows them to continue occupation for as long as they need to complete their refurbishment proposals.

The future use of the building is being reviewed as part of the Council wide asset review and strategic asset management plan that will be presented to Cabinet next spring.

**Question 36 from Councillor Aksanoglu to Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

Following an Ofsted visit in September 2018 inspectors described unsustainable workload pressures in one area of children's social care services. Can the leader tell us how she is working with the Cabinet Member and Council Officers to ensure Enfield is able to continue to meet the needs of the most vulnerable children and families in the borough?

**Reply from Councillor Caliskan**

Following the Ofsted visit in September 2018 inspectors found, in one area of children's social care, workloads were high. Swift action was taken, and a robust action plan is in place. A one-off allocation of £600,000 has been invested in child protection services in this financial year and a further £1m permanent investment has been secured from April 2019 to permanently increase capacity in frontline staffing to reduce caseloads, thus ensuring the most vulnerable children and families continue to be supported and protected. The Cabinet Member, Councillor Georgiou, and senior officers will continuously review progress and I will remain fully informed.

**Question 37 from Councillor Terry Neville to Councillor Daniel Anderson, Deputy Leader of the Council**

Now that the Cycle Hub in Enfield Town has been completed would Councillor Anderson, Deputy Leader, inform Council of the final cost and how it was funded?

**Reply from Councillor Anderson**

Though some minor landscaping works still remain, the anticipated total cost is £275,000 and this is fully funded by Transport for London as part of the original Mini Holland funding.

**Question 38 from Councillor Hass Yusuf to Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

Could the Leader update on our relationship with Transport for London (TfL)?

**Reply from Councillor Caliskan**

We have been keen to develop a close working relationship with TfL to make sure that Enfield benefits from improvements to public transport services and funding for delivering local projects. We recently met with Heidi Alexander, London's Deputy

Mayor Transport, to show her our excellent new Cycle Enfield infrastructure and to discuss a broad range of other issues.

On a day to day basis there is regular contact between Council officers and their TfL counterparts. This is required to design and deliver projects on our own transport network using the significant funding we receive from TfL. There is engagement on a range of regional transport initiatives including Healthy Streets and Vision Zero. Local issues with TfL's services are also frequently raised on behalf of residents.

**Question 39 from Councillor Terry Neville to Councillor Daniel Anderson, Deputy Leader of the Council**

Will Councillor Anderson, Deputy Leader, tell Council the number of users of the new Enfield Town cycle hub, expressed either as a total, or weekly tally?

**Reply from Councillor Anderson**

As of 14th November 2018, with a soft launch and limited promotion, around half of the spaces have already been taken-up, that's 27 active users who have purchased an access card since the opportunity became available in September. However, further promotion is in hand to fill the remaining spaces so that other residents can benefit in the safe knowledge that their bike will still be there when they return.

But as well as providing a high quality facility for people who want to cycle to and from Enfield Town Station, the scheme has also resulted in a significant improvement to the Genotin Road street scene, and thereby created a better environment for bus users too.