

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY 2019**

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT

Kate Anolue (Mayor), Sabri Ozaydin (Deputy Mayor), Huseyin Akpinar, Mahmut Aksanoglu, Maria Alexandrou, Tolga Aramaz, Guner Aydin, Dinah Barry, Ian Barnes, Mahym Bedekova, Chris Bond, Sinan Boztas, Yasemin Brett, Anne Brown, Alev Cazimoglu, Nesil Caliskan, Mustafa Cetinkaya, Katherine Chibah, Will Coleshill, Lee David-Sanders, Birsen Demirel, Clare De Silva, Chris Dey, Guney Dogan, Elif Erbil, Ergin Erbil, Susan Erbil, Ergun Eren, Achilleas Georgiou, Alessandro Georgiou, Charith Gunawardena, Christine Hamilton, Ahmet Hasan, Elaine Hayward, James Hockney, Stephanos Ioannou, Rick Jewell, Saray Karakus, Nneka Keazor, Joanne Laban, Bernadette Lappage, Tim Leaver, Derek Levy, Mary Maguire, Andy Milne, Gina Needs, Terence Neville OBE JP, Ayfer Orhan, Ahmet Oykenner, Michael Rye OBE, George Savva MBE, Edward Smith, Jim Steven, Claire Stewart, Doug Taylor, Mahtab Uddin, Glynis Vince and Hass Yusuf

ABSENT

Daniel Anderson, Margaret Greer, Dino Lemonides, Vicki Pite and Lindsay Rawlings

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MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN TO GIVE A BLESSING

Father Emmanuel Ogunnaike from St Edmund's Church, Edmonton gave the blessing.

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DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

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ELECTION OF MAYOR

Councillor Caliskan moved and Councillor Laban seconded the nomination of Councillor Kate Anolue as Mayor of the London Borough of Enfield for the 2019/20 municipal year.

Councillor Caliskan said that she was delighted to nominate Councillor Anolue, a councillor held in high esteem, a strong, inspiring no nonsense, principled woman, who had previously been Mayor in 2013/14. She also welcomed her Young Mayor initiative.

Councillor Laban in seconding the nomination said that Councillor Anolue had in the past served the borough with distinction, had a dedication to public service, working as a midwife, was a caring and compassionate woman and she wished her all success in the year ahead.

AGREED that Councillor Kate Anolue be elected Mayor of the London Borough of Enfield, for the 2018/19 municipal year.

Councillor Anolue then made and signed a declaration of acceptance of office and was invested with the badge of office by Councillor Karakus, the retiring Mayor.

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MAYOR'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

The Mayor began by saying it was wonderful to be back and that she would speak from her heart.

The Mayor thanked everyone for being there and welcomed them all to the meeting.

The Mayor said that she was proud to be part of this great, vibrant and diverse borough. That it was a great privilege and responsibility to be able to take on the role of Mayor and she sincerely appreciated the trust that her fellow councillors had put in her. She was committed to serving the people of Enfield with enthusiasm and compassion.

The Mayor had grown up the eldest of seven children, two girls and five boys, but her father at a time when girls were not educated, had believed in gender equality and had sent her to school. She thanked her father for this and for enabling her to come such a long way from Nanka, her small town in the state of Anambra in Nigeria, with only 40,000 people.

At this point the King and Queen of her home village, Nanka, entered. They had come from so far away, with their cabinet to celebrate with her. The Mayor welcomed them with a traditional greeting.

The Mayor had served 40 years in the National Health Service at North Middlesex Hospital. As a midwife she had brought many children into the world, many who were now mums and dads themselves. She had valued the support she had been able to give women over these years including women suffering from domestic violence.

Enfield had been a second home to her. She had been widowed when her youngest child was 18 months old, brought up her family of two boys and two girls as a single parent and so had a soft spot for single parents. It was not always easy to keep children honest and on the right path, but she believed that God did not give you what you cannot carry, and she had not given up.

Her father and her husband had supported her in her training to become a nurse and she had been determined to make the best use of her profession. However it was her father who had wanted her to become a nurse, she herself had wanted to be a lawyer, and so once she had achieved his ambition she had later studied for a law degree at the University of North London. This was at the same time as working full time and bringing up her four children.

After completing her degree, although continuing as a midwife, she had used it to help others by working as a shop steward at the hospital. This had eventually led her to becoming a councillor.

As a councillor she had been able to help many people. In 2014-18 she had taken a break from the Council and had set up two groups: a forum for African Caribbean and Asian women and a group to support women into politics. She had also worked with young mothers.

In 2007 the Mayor had been awarded the freedom of the borough and in recognition of her work, the people of Nanka had given her the title of Chieftain. Whenever she visited Nanka she would always encourage them not to leave women behind. She believed that if you educate one woman you can educate the nation. She had wanted to give something back and had travelled widely giving talks about women and their role in society.

During her travels, she had met a councillor from Barking and Dagenham who had inspired her with the idea of introducing a young mayor to represent young people. She was very pleased to have been involved in introducing the appointment of the very first young mayor and young deputy mayor in Enfield.

Finally, the Mayor thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She said that there was so much happening, and she was concerned that everyone should do the right thing and make Enfield a Better place.

She gave special thanks to Councillor Nesil Caliskan, the Leader of the Council, Ian Davis (Chief Executive) and Jeremy Chambers (Director of Law and Governance) for their belief in her and her ideas.

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ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Nesil Caliskan proposed and Councillor Joanne Laban seconded the nomination of Councillor Sabri Ozaydin as the new deputy mayor.

Councillor Caliskan welcomed the distinguished guests and said that she was pleased to nominate Sabir Ozaydin, a councillor who had been elected in 2018, had worked to support the people of Turkey Street and had many plans for the future.

Councillor Laban in seconding the nomination hoped that he would have a good year.

AGREED that Councillor Sabri Ozaydin be elected as the Deputy Mayor of the London Borough of Enfield, for the 2019/20 municipal year.

Councillor Ozaydin then made and signed a declaration of acceptance of office and was invested with the badge of office by Councillor Anolue, the new Mayor.

He thanked members for nominating him and said that he would try his best to serve everyone in Enfield and would try to make a difference.

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APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S CONSORTS

1. Appointment of Mayor's Consorts

The Mayor thanked members for nominating her and announced the appointment of Chinelo Anyanwu and Amaechi Anolue as her consorts for the 2019/20 Municipal Year. She then invested them with their badges of office.

2. Appointment of Deputy Mayor's Consorts

The Deputy Mayor announced the appointment of Ozlem Ozaydin and Emre Ozaydin as his consorts for the 2019/20 Municipal year investing them with their badges of office.

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PRESENTATION OF THE PAST MAYOR AND THE PAST MAYOR'S CONSORT BADGES

The Mayor presented the past Mayor's and Mayor's Consort badges and certificates recording the Council's appreciation to the retiring Mayor, Councillor Saray Karakus, and her consorts Ismet and Destiny Karakus.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, thanked them for the work they had undertaken during the 2018/19 municipal year.

The Leader thanked Councillor Karakus for all her incredible hard work over the past year and for the enthusiasm she had brought to the role. She mentioned the 100 years of volunteering event which she had attended with her recently which had been a fantastic event.

Councillor Laban echoed the Leader's thanks saying that Councillor Karakus had been an excellent Mayor. She had particularly appreciated the independence with which she had chaired the Council meetings and the compassion and energy she had shown bringing the community together. She hoped that she would continue with this.

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PRESENTATION OF YOUNG MAYOR AND YOUNG DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor said that it gave her great pleasure to be able to introduce the new Young Mayor, Okan Gurhan and Deputy Young Mayor, Christevie Ngoma to the Council.

She said that it was going to be a great year and that the young mayors should never give up, should work hard and make their parents proud. She would support young people all the way and hoped that the youth parliament would last for ever.

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Daniel Anderson, Margaret Greer, Dino Lemonides, Vicki Pite and Lindsay Rawlings.

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MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

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MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ORDINARY COUNCIL BUSINESS

The Mayor congratulated her attendant Gordon Hall who was retiring after 3 years with in the Mayoral office. She said that everyone would miss him and wished him all the best for the future.

The Mayor planned great things for her mayoral year and would be raising funds for several charities. This year she had chosen to support charities in support of sickle cell anaemia, dementia, cancer and the elderly and the retired as her core charities.

Last time she said that she had raised £44,000 which she thought was more than any other mayor. She hoped to beat her own record.

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NOTIFICATION OF CABINET MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Nesil Caliskan thanked everyone for their hard work over the last year and confirmed the appointments as set out below and as detailed on the yellow list tabled under agenda item 11.

1. Cabinet Members

Deputy Leader: Councillor Ian Barnes

Cabinet Member for Children's Services: Councillor Rick Jewell

Cabinet Member for Environment and Sustainability: Councillor Guney Dogan

Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement: Councillor Mary Maguire

Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care: Councillor Alev Cazimoglu

Cabinet Member for Licensing and Regulatory Services: Councillor George Savva

Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Cohesion: Councillor Nneka Keazor

Cabinet Member for Public Health: Councillor Mahtab Uddin

Cabinet Member for Social Housing: Councillor Gina Needs

2. Associate Cabinet Members

Enfield North: Councillor Ahmet Hasan

Enfield South East: Councillor Mustapha Cetinkaya

Enfield West: Councillor Claire Stewart

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CONSTITUTION REVIEW

Councillor Nesil Caliskan moved and Councillor Joanne Laban seconded the report of the Director of Law and Governance setting out changes to the Council Constitution. (Report No: 2)

NOTED

1. The report had been considered and agreed for recommendation to Council by the Member and Democratic Services Group at their meeting on 23 April 2019.
2. The report put forward clear recommendations for changes to the timings for discussion of items at the Council meetings, the order of business and minor amendments to motions, questions and amendments. Full details were in the report.
3. Councillor Laban welcomed the change that would mean that more time could be spent discussing reports than motions.

AGREED

1. To approve the proposed amendments referred from Member and Democratic Services Group as set out in the report.

2. To note that the revised Council rules of procedure would apply from the July Council meeting, and all other constitutional amendments within Phase 1 would take immediate effect.

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MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS

Councillor Ergin Erbil moved and Councillor Glynis Vince seconded the report of the Director of Law and Governance (Report No: 1) seeking Council approval to determine the constitution and political balance of the committees, joint committees and panels that had been set up for the discharge of the Council's functions.

AGREED

1. That the seats allocated to each political party on the committees and boards to which section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 apply, be approved as set out in Appendix A to the report.
2. That in accordance with paragraph 3.3 of the report, the Council resolves (without dissent) that the rules of political proportionality should not apply to those bodies marked with an * in Appendix A.

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APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL BODIES FOR 2019/20

1.1 Appointment of Council Bodies 2019/20: Committee Membership List

Councillor Ergin Erbil moved and Councillor Glynis Vince seconded the list of Council bodies to be established and membership appointments for the 2019/20 municipal year.

AGREED to the establishment of the Council bodies for the 2019/20 Municipal Year and the appointment of their memberships as set out on the yellow list tabled at the meeting.

1.2 Appointment of Council Bodies 2019/20 Terms of Reference

Councillor Ergin Erbil moved and Councillor Glynis Vince seconded the motion to approve the terms of reference as set out in Part 2 of the Council's Constitution.

AGREED to confirm the terms of reference of those bodies as set out in Part 2 of the Council's Constitution.

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REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND ORGANISATIONS

Councillor Ergin Erbil moved and Councillor Glynis Vince seconded the list of nominations to outside bodies for the 2019/20 Municipal Year.

AGREED the Council's representation on outside bodies, as detailed on the green list tabled at the meeting .

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COUNCIL SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Councillor Ergin Erbil moved and Councillor Glynis Vince seconded the authority's scheme of delegation.

AGREED the authority's scheme of delegation, as set out in Part 3 (pages 3-3 to 3-5) of the Constitution.

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CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

AGREED

1. The calendar of meetings of the Council, including the next Council meeting which was scheduled for Wednesday 10 July 2019.
2. That approval of any further amendments to the calendar be delegated to the Director of Law and Governance in consultation with both groups.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

NOTED that the next meeting of the Council will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 10 July 2019 at the Civic Centre.