

## **Council Questions and Responses – 10 July 2019**

### **1. Questions to Cabinet Members**

#### **Question 1 from Councillor Akpinar to Councillor Maguire, Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement**

Would the Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement outline her assessment of the financial challenges facing the Council in the coming year?

#### **Response from Councillor Maguire**

The financial challenges are mounting as they are for all local authorities. Our finances are already squeezed due to draconian Government funding cuts. This is exacerbated by demographic pressures across our social care services, continuing homelessness pressures and contractual commitments that far outweigh our capacity to generate local income - primarily Council Tax and Business Rates.

Added to this is significant uncertainty. We've just come to the end of a four-year funding period. A new multi-year funding settlement was anticipated for 2020/21 onwards, but recent speculation suggests we'll receive a single year one at best let alone a three or four-year settlement.

This is all the more sensitive given the lack of a Government solution for Adult Social Care where the Green Paper is now years overdue. The best we can hope for are further one-off grants and additional precepts.

There had also been a commitment to a review of the funding framework - first trailed back in 2013/14 since which time the Council's funding has been damped. Progress is slow and it's more and more unlikely that the new framework will be in place for 2020/21.

In this environment it's essential we do all we can to preserve our essential services, deliver on existing efficiency programmes, identify future efficiencies in a managed way and continue campaigning for fair funding and an end to austerity.

#### **Question 2 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

Will the Leader of Council resign due to the recent stories that have appeared in the Enfield Independent, Evening Standard and other publications to save further embarrassment to the council?

**Reply from Councillor Caliskan**

No, I will not be resigning. Internal Labour Party matters are not business for opposition members.

**Question 3 from Councillor Aramaz to Councillor Maguire, Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement**

Can the Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement give an update on improvements to the Council's ICT operations?

**Reply from Councillor Maguire**

Thank you for asking about the improvements we have made in ICT. There are several projects that have been completed, however, I would like to draw your attention to these particular projects that have contributed to the council's strategic priorities.

- One of the biggest priorities for the service in the last year has been to replace old staff laptops, and I'm delighted to say that over 3,000 new devices (laptop and tablets) have now been supplied, using the latest Microsoft Windows software. This has made a huge difference to staff productivity and morale.
- ICT is proud to have contributed to the Council's sustainability agenda by finding a new way to reduce waste and generate income, by working with a company who securely cleans data from our old redundant laptops and then sells them on for us. We expect to receive between £50-100K income.
- We have renegotiated a large number of IT contracts to reduce costs by over £900K so far, with more savings planned.

In addition, we have reduced the number of agency staff in the service from 38 to 22, by appointing new employees to existing vacancies and new posts such as IT project managers, and we will continue filling the remaining vacancies to reduce the agency numbers further.

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

Does the Leader of the Council believe in a scrutiny system that is independent of the executive?

**Reply from Councillor Caliskan**

Yes, the overview and scrutiny system is and should remain independent of the executive. However, it is incumbent on all executive members to ensure that scrutiny members are provided with the most accurate information about our Council's policy and development.

**Question 5 from Councillor Yusuf to Councillor Maguire, Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement**

Will the Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement inform Members of plans in place to deal with fall-out from a potential “no deal” or “bad deal” Brexit?

**Reply from Councillor Maguire**

I thank the member for raising this important issue.

The local authority has been making preparations for Brexit since last year. A formal Brexit Panel, chaired by the Deputy Leader and supported by senior internal officers plus representatives from the voluntary sector, Chamber of Commerce and Metropolitan Police has been meeting regularly since November 2018.

We have been proactive in our efforts to anticipate potential impacts for both the local authority and our communities. This has included creating short and medium-term risk registers that are being monitored closely and setting up a dedicated webpage to signpost those in the local community from an EU National background. We are also working with our partners in Citizens Advice to provide direct support to those more vulnerable people who need help to register to stay post Brexit and have trained library staff in our 4 flagship libraries to also help local people. We are fully connected into regional and national updates and information exchange via our officer single point of contact.

Whilst the critical final detail on how Brexit will take place remains elusive, we are doing all we can with the knowledge available to us to place the organisation and our local community in the best possible position for whatever the ultimate outcome of Brexit will be.

**Question 6 from Councillor Hockney to Councillor Maguire, Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement**

When will the Council make a firm decision on whether to divest its pension funds from fossil fuel companies?

**Reply from Councillor Maguire**

The Council is committed to sustainable Enfield and this includes all aspects of council business including the Pension Fund. At the Monday 8th July Cabinet a recommendation was agreed to:

Recommend to the Pension Policy and Investment Committee that they consider revisions to the policy on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) within its Investment Strategy Statement. The new policy will require the Fund to review its holdings in companies ensuring they do contribute towards a de-carbonised economy. In particular, the Fund should continue to actively reduce its holdings in fossil fuel companies over a planned period of time.

I will be engaging with the Pension and Policy and Investment Committee over the coming year and look forward to their revised Investment Strategy Statement.

I would like to assure Members that this issue has been proactively considered by the Pension Policy and Invest Committee for some time. Over the year the fund holdings in fossil fuel companies has fallen – with the bulk of these companies' holdings now in our passive equity holdings. This equates to £9m of the £1.181m Pension Fund, which is less than 1% of the total Fund.

The Fund has engaged with the local Divest Group to understand their concerns and help inform our debate in this important area of ESG policy. They have received training from ShareAction and from the Fund's investment consultants. The Fund has also worked with the Local Authority Pension Forum to actively engage with Fossil Fuel companies about how they can move towards a carbon neutral position. This has included attendance at companies' AGMs and meetings with company Chief Executives. This work has informed the Committee's review of its 'Responsible Investment' policy including its response to the Paris Agreement alongside its fiduciary duties.

#### **Question 7 from Councillor Brett to Councillor Needs, Cabinet Member for Social Housing**

How many of our council homes use Class D Thermowood wood cladding and what moves are afoot to change this to the safer class B which is required by Building regulations in the wake of the recent Barking fire?

#### **Reply from Councillor Needs**

There are no high-rise council buildings which have Thermowood or timber cladding as part of the external wall structure. We are in the progress of undertaking an urgent check on the low rise where we believe there is a low risk of this cladding being present.

#### **Question 8 from Councillor Rawlings to Councillor Dogan, Cabinet Member for Environment & Sustainability**

The Re-use shop at Barrowell Green has been running for some months now. Would Councillor Guney Dogan, Cabinet Member for Environment & Sustainability report to Council how much money this shop raised and where

exactly does the profits (please specify the amount of profit) go? Please also include a breakdown of the percentage of profits allocated if they are shared amongst several organisations.

### **Reply from Councillor Dogan**

The Revive Reuse Shop at Barrowell Green generated a small surplus at the end of the financial year 2018-19 (£4,159). After a review of the shops performance it was agreed that we would use the surplus from the first full year of operation to run a communications and marketing campaign to promote the shop.

This campaign is proving to be very successful and shop visitors/usage/sales, and consequently income, from the shop has increased, and if the current performance is maintained for the rest of the financial year, we are estimating that the Reuse Shop will deliver c.£15k surplus. It is envisaged that this surplus will be used to support local charities and local projects such as planting trees to help target air pollution. This will be determined at the end of the financial year once the full year position of the Reuse Shop is confirmed.

It may also be used to reinvest in the site to help increase usage of the facility. Reinvestment to support this facility is important because since 2010, Enfield Council has had to save £178 million because of Government spending cuts and increased pressures on services. On top of this 50% cut in core Government funding, which equates to £800 less annual funding for every household in Enfield, a further £18 million savings in 19/20 and a further £12 million in 2020/21 is needed. To give you an idea of the scale of this challenge £18 million is more than our current combined net spend on Housing Services, Leisure, Culture, Libraries, Parks and Open Spaces.

### **Question 9 from Councillor Lappage to Councillor Savva, Cabinet Member for Licensing & Regulatory Services**

What does the award by the Anti-counterfeit Group to Enfield Trading Standards mean to Enfield Residents?

### **Reply from Councillor Lappage**

The recent Anti-Counterfeiting Group (ACG) Award to Enfield Trading Standards is a prestigious award recognising the excellent work that Enfield Trading Standards delivers to protect our residents. The trade in fake goods is increasing and is now a global problem, posing major threats to consumers, local and national economies. ACG themselves also acknowledge that the trade in counterfeit items is funding other crimes such as drugs, guns and people smuggling.

By removing counterfeit items from those businesses in Enfield and taking

robust enforcement action there is significant benefit to our residents and also our local economy. Enfield Trading Standards are protecting those residents who may purchase counterfeit items in the belief they are the genuine product. Furthermore, Enfield Trading Standards are protecting the local economy by removing items which are not genuine so that compliant businesses are not disadvantaged.

Enfield Trading Standards also uses the provisions in the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (POCA) when we successfully prosecute for selling fake goods. POCA confiscates criminal assets from those prosecuted to take the profit out of crime.

**Question 10 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Keazor, Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Cohesion**

Would Councillor Nneka Keazor, Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Cohesion confirm how many police officers it will buy from the Metropolitan Police's new Partnership Plus scheme when our current contract ends?

**Reply from Councillor Keazor**

The Council are currently finalising the detail of the new contract with MOPAC and the Metropolitan police, but we are hopeful that despite the current national shortage of police officers that our funded team will not reduce from the current strength of 16 officers. Enfield Council has made a clear commitment to the Metropolitan Police that we will fund what is necessary to maintain our 16 police officers.

**Question 11 from Councillor Demirel to Councillor Savva, Cabinet Member for Licensing & Regulatory Services**

What awareness campaigns are currently under way?

**Reply from Councillor Savva**

Enfield Council has robust frameworks and practices in place to enforce all regulatory and licensing legislation to protect local people and sustain a safe, clean and healthy borough.

Since the start of the financial year in April we have focused our awareness raising campaigns on highlighting successful prosecutions of local businesses that have failed to meet regulatory and legal requirements, putting the health and wellbeing of local people at risk. Local press generated on the back of this PR activity has included a front-page article in the Enfield Independent on the prosecution of a rogue builder and two further articles on the successful prosecutions of a local restaurant and bakery for hygiene offences.

This campaign is designed to encourage all businesses to meet minimum standards by highlighting the enforcement action which will be taken if standards and regulations are breached – and raising awareness of the businesses and individuals that have been prosecuted for failing to meet these minimum requirements.

Enfield Council's Consumer Protection officers have also been leading the way regionally and nationally in calls for tighter regulations around 'special procedures' like tattoos, piercing, electrolysis and acupuncture. Find the latest video pushing this campaign on the Royal Society for Public Health website – which was filmed in Enfield Town and features local people, businesses and officers.

**Question 12 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Dogan, Cabinet Member for Environment & Sustainability**

Does Councillor Guney Dogan, Cabinet Member for Environment & Sustainability still support the new incinerator in Edmonton given the proposed costs are escalating?

**Reply from Councillor Dogan**

The current energy from waste facility was built in 1971, around 50 years and makes it one of the oldest plants in Europe. The current plant processes waste generated from around 2 million people which is around 600,000 tonnes every year (around 3% of England's waste). There will be some increase in waste owing to population growth and because of the age of the current facility it will need to be replaced with an improved disposal outlet. NLWA has considered the different options for disposing of future waste and the most cost effective and environmentally advantageous option is to build a new Energy from Waste facility. Details of the new facility are in the process of being produced and key stakeholders will be briefed as and when information becomes available.

**Question 13 from Councillor Eren to Councillor Savva, Cabinet Member for Licensing & Regulatory Services**

How many successful prosecutions has Enfield Council brought against Food outlets in the last 2 months for not following health and safety regulations?

**Reply from Councillor Savva**

In the last two months alone, the Food Safety team have successfully prosecuted two food outlets for not following food hygiene law, resulting in high levels of fines reflecting the seriousness of the breaches.

On 20 May 2019, the first Food outlet was fined £8,000 relating to 6 offences including food contamination, poor hygiene practices, a lack of food hygiene

training for staff, poor standards of cleaning and unsafe storage of cooked foods. The takeaway had previously been visited several times, and ultimately ordered to be closed down by Enfield Council's Food Safety Inspector in September 2017 after serious hygiene failings were found. The areas of concern were addressed, and the premises were allowed to reopen. The Food outlet was again visited in July 2018, inspected and given a Food Hygiene Rating of one – indicating major improvement was necessary – and in light of the repeated failings found on the premises, the Council prosecuted.

On 6 June 2019, the previous owners of the second Food outlet were ordered to pay fines totalling £25,000 relating to 18 offences for a string of poor food safety and hygiene practices, including an infestation of mice and cockroaches. The bakery's former director was also prosecuted personally, and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

We take a dim view of any food outlets whose premises aren't kept in a hygienic state for the manufacture and sale of food. We have the right to expect the food we buy is safe to eat and has been prepared in clean conditions.

**Question 14 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

Will Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council, state when she expects the contract with Galliford Try will be signed and confirm that it will include that they are able to deliver 50% affordable housing?

**Reply from Councillor Caliskan**

Both the Council and Galliford Try expect that the Development Agreement will be signed by the end of September.

Cabinet delegated authority to the portfolio holder to negotiate with Galliford Try at between 35% and 50% affordable housing with at least 75 retained Council Homes. The options are being worked through with Galliford Try now to ensure the best deal for the Council.

Galliford Try were asked by the Council to provide a finance option for 50% affordable which was shared with the Labour Group before the Cabinet report.

**Question 15 from Councillor Chibah to Councillor Savva, Cabinet Member for Licensing & Regulatory Services**

Are there any plans to continue Health and Safety inspections on high risk shops?

**Reply from Councillor Savva**



Yes, the Food Safety Team continues to inspect all food businesses, and particularly focuses on all high-risk food outlets, to ensure that businesses are adhering to their responsibility to hygienically prepare and sell safe food. The team will continue to robustly enforce against those businesses that flout food hygiene regulations and put our residents at risk.

**Question 16 from Councillor Alexandrou to Councillor Dogan, Cabinet Member for Environment & Sustainability**

Would Councillor Guney Dogan, Cabinet Member for Environment & Sustainability report to Council how many schools in Enfield do not have a 20mph zone including details of the reasons why some do not and what action is being taken to rectify this. Please also include information on what is being done to enforce the 20mph speed limit around schools.

**Reply from Councillor Dogan**

There are 110 maintained/academy primary schools in the Borough and 18 maintained/academy secondary schools. Of these, only 12 are either not in a 20mph zone or on a road subject to a 20-mph speed limit. The majority of these schools are either in short cul-de sacs where speeds are already very low (such as St. Monica's and Chase Side primary school), or on busy main roads (such as Kingsmead or Aylward Academy) where a 20mph speed limit may not be feasible. However, we are continuing to extend the number of 20mph zones and are in fact currently consulting on a scheme to introduce a 20mph speed limit outside Walker School on Waterfall Road.

Our approach for many years, supported by the Police, has been to make our 20 mph zones self-enforcing by the use of appropriate traffic calming measures to physically slow traffic speeds. Enforcement of speed limits can currently only been carried out by the Police, who have increasingly limited resources. As part of my work with London Councils TEC (Transport and Environment Executive Sub Committee), the feasibility of decriminalising some speeding offences is currently being considered with a view to Boroughs playing a greater enforcement role in the future.

**Question 17 from Councillor Leaver to Councillor Needs, Cabinet Member for Social Housing**

Will Enfield consider joining the Crisis Homelessness campaign to repeal the Vagrancy Act 1824, which criminalises people for rough sleeping and begging in England and Wales?

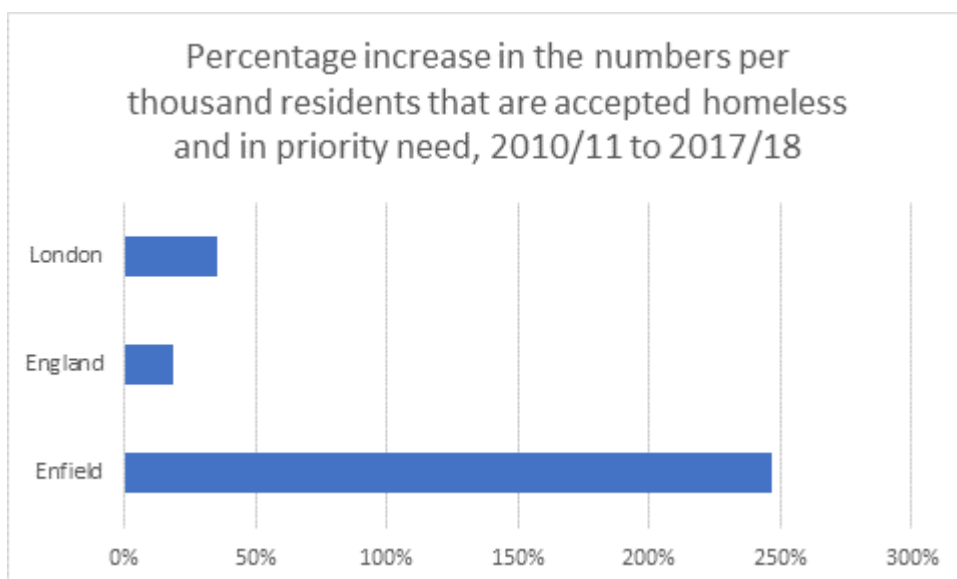
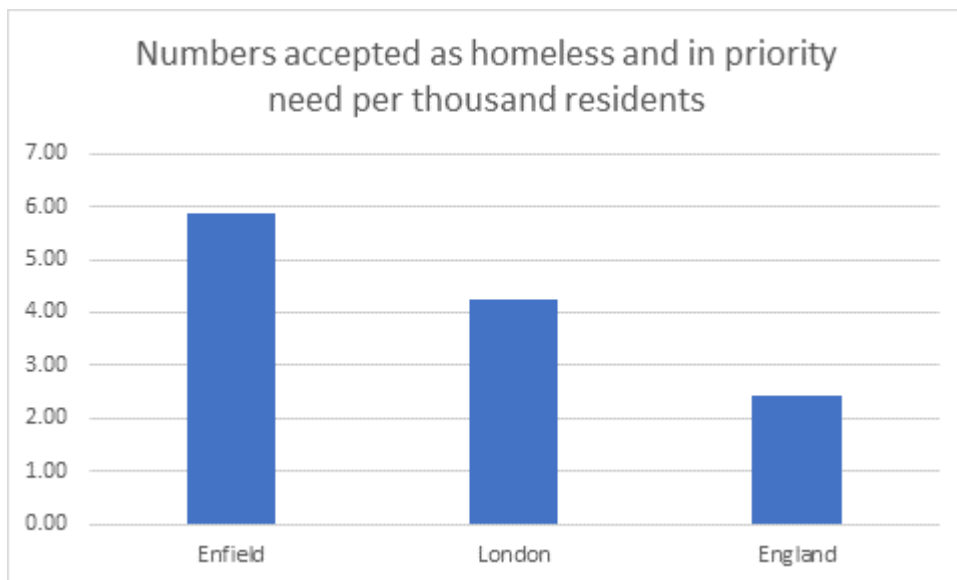
**Reply from Councillor Needs**

Enfield Council seeks to work positively, with care and understanding, to support those in our community unfortunate enough to be affected by rough

sleeping. Our support services are designed to help people in these situations as best we can.

The Crisis campaign raises important issues for central Government to consider and the ten years of austerity that we have experienced has undoubtedly contributed to a worsening of the situation as numbers of rough sleepers continue to climb. We will give full support to join the Crisis Homelessness campaign to repeal the Vagrancy Act 1824 and update members in due course.

Between years 2010/2011 and 2017/2018 the number of people accepted as homeless and in priority need rose on average by 20% in England. The change in London amounted to 40%, however if looking at Enfield alone the change was nearer to 250% mark.



### **Question 18 from Councillor Smith to Councillor Needs, Cabinet Member for Social Housing**

Would Councillor Gina Needs, Cabinet Member for Social Housing list the number of Enfield Tenants Associations recognised by the Council (together with their names) in July 2016 and July 2019?

### **Reply from Councillor Needs**

We are committed to the development and active support of TRAs.

The following TRAs were supported and recognised by the Council in July 2016:

1. Chaddlewood Residents' Association (RA) (Cockfosters)
2. Merryhills Court Community Association (CA) (Cockfosters)
3. Whitefields Estate Community Association (Broxbourne)
4. Princes Avenue Residents Association (Enfield Wash)
5. Ayley Croft Tenants and Residents Association (TRA) (Bush Hill Park)
6. Kempe Residents Association (EN1)
7. Alma Residents Association (RA) (Ponders End)
8. Beale Close (Cockfosters)

In 2017 there were 10 TRAs and in 2018, 13 TRAs.

At the beginning of July 2019, the following TRAs are recognised by the Council:

1. Chaddlewood RA (Cockfosters Ward)
2. Merryhills Court CA (Cockfosters Ward)
3. Whitefields Estate CA (Broxbourne)
4. Snells Park RA (Upper Edmonton Ward)
5. Walmer House CA (Jubilee Ward)
6. The Poplars RA (Cockfosters Ward)
7. The Shires RA (Edmonton Green Ward)
8. Buckfast House RA (Cockfosters Ward)
9. Scott House RA (Upper Edmonton Ward)
10. Four Hills RA (Chase Ward)
11. Ayley Croft TRA (Buh Hill Park)
12. Kempe RA (EN1)
13. Alma RAs (Ponders End)
14. Dujardin Mews RA (Ponders End)

There are also 14 Estates where TRAs are currently in development:

1. Jeremys Green (Edmonton Green Ward)
2. Moree Way (Edmonton Green Ward)
3. The Mews (Edmonton Green Ward)
4. Dover House (Upper Edmonton Ward)
5. Klinger Estate (Upper Edmonton Ward)
6. Rushleigh House (Edmonton Green Ward)
7. Holbrook Close (Chase Ward)
8. Avenues Residents Association (Bush Hill Park)
9. Bullsmoor Way (Waltham cross)
10. Exeter Road (Ponders End)
11. West Croft Close (EN3)
12. Guernsey House (Enfield Wash)
13. Princes Avenue TRA
14. Ashwood Road CA

**Question 19 from Councillor Susan Erbil to Councillor Keazor, Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Cohesion**

Can the Cabinet Member confirm purpose of the youth crime public meeting and when the next meeting will take place?

**Reply from Councillor Keazor**

The youth crime meeting is part of a series of events that we have developed to give people a chance to meet with agencies that are working in this area and to ask questions and for the Council and its partners to inform parents and young people about what activities are available over the school holidays.

This year we are able to showcase the “Summer Uni” programme with dozens of free courses for children 11-19 years held all over the borough. The leaflet with options has been shared through all secondary schools in the borough. In addition, the Community Safety Team have commissioned and work through Oasis, the Scorpions Basketball and the Eagles Boxing Club.

The event will take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019 between 12.00 and 2.00pm at Community House on Fore Street.

**Question 20 from Councillor Smith to Councillor Needs, Cabinet Member for Social Housing**

Would Councillor Gina Needs, Cabinet Member for Social Housing list the number of inspections carried out by the Council's new MOT team since its inception broken down by works category.

**Reply from Councillor Needs**

To date the team has undertaken MOTs to 714 properties, across a number of areas of the Borough. As well as undertaking the preventative MOT checks (ease and adjust windows and doors, check and adjust overflows, checking sinks flow away properly, etc) which will drive down future repairs calls, the Team has also completed 380 additional repairs. We do not record these by work category at this time.

We have also raised 117 follow on jobs (those which can't be completed at the time of the MOT, either due to requiring parts or those that will take longer to complete). These are either being completed by the MOT team at planned appointments or by specialist contractors.

One of the additional benefits of the service is the ability to identify any non-property issues such as vulnerable tenants, additional needs, safeguarding issues, hoarding issues etc. To date we have identified 32 such issues and these have been passed to the relevant teams to progress.

**Question 21 from Councillor Ergin Erbil to Councillor Keazor, Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Cohesion**

Can Cabinet Member confirm commitment for additional Police in the community?

**Reply from Councillor Keazor**

The Council remains committed to supporting local communities through additional policing and is preparing to fund the 16 officers for a further contract period.

**Question 22 from Councillor Smith to Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

Would Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council inform the Council of the number of people who attended the recent Field Day Music Festival at Meridian Water, whether the Police were satisfied with the egress arrangements from the ground and include the cost of any further works required to the site or buildings themselves.

**Reply from Councillor Caliskan**

Field Day was a very successful event with a great turn out for the festival, there were 9,100 ticket holders on Friday 16,000 on Saturday, a total of 25,100 people over the weekend. People came from all over London and further afield. The Safety Advisory Group (SAG) which includes the Police as well as other organisations associated with public welfare, said that Field Day had a compliant and pleasant crowd with a considerably low number of people using welfare facilities. Access and egress worked as anticipated with good use being

made of the newly opened station. A lease is in place with the organisers of the Festival, any further access costs will be at the leaseholder's expense.

**Question 23 from Councillor Aydin to Councillor Keazor, Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Cohesion**

Can Cabinet Member give an update on CCTV audit in our community?

**Reply from Councillor Keazor**

The CCTV team have been involved in 3 major surveys for new schemes, which will be presented for final sign off. These include Enfield Town, to try to provide additional reassurance and deter crime recently reported, which is affecting school children, a scheme in Grange Ward which has been requested by ward councillors following an increase in reported crime and similarly from the councillors of Highlands Ward.

The Council already has 355 Community Safety Cameras helping the police and deterring crime.

**Question 24 from Councillor Smith to Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

Would Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council inform the Council on the criteria required by the GLA for Strategic Industrial Land and list the industrial sites with the London Borough of Enfield which in her view fulfil these criteria and would therefore be suitable to replace the SIL at Meridian Water.

**Reply from Councillor Caliskan**

The new draft London Plan (DLP) Policy E5 Strategic Industrial Locations sets out the approach boroughs should take when reviewing Strategic Industrial Land (SIL) policies through their development plan processes.

- A SIL locations identified by borough in Figure 6.2 and Table 6.3
- B Boroughs in their development plans should
  - Define detailed boundaries of SIL having regard to the scope for intensification, co-location and substitution.
  - Develop policies to protect and intensify SIL the function and enhance attractiveness and competitiveness.
  - Explore opportunities to intensify and make efficient use of SILs through Plan reviews and Opportunity Area Planning Frameworks in collaboration with the GLA (i.e. Upper Lee Valley OAPF in Enfield's).
- C. Proposals for light industrial (B1c), general industrial use (B2) and storage & distribution (B8) should be supported

- D. Other industrial type uses not falling within above including secondary materials waste management, aggregates, utilities infrastructure, and land for transport.
- E. Flexible B1c, B2 and B8 premises suitable for SMEs.
- F. Development proposals for uses in SIL other than those above (including residential, retail, places of worship leisure & assembly uses) should be refused except in areas released through a strategically coordinated Local Plan or master planning process in collaboration with the GLA.
- G. Development proposals within or adjacent SIL should not compromise the integrity or effectiveness of SIL and the ability of uses to operate on a 24hr basis.

Enfield is a strategically important industrial location to London and our industrial sites are made up of a combination of Strategic Industrial Land, Locally Significant Industrial Sites and non-designated industrial land. The supply is primarily concentrated along two axes: The Upper Lee Valley and along the A406.

The criteria for Strategic Industrial Land (SIL) as set by the Draft New London Plan Policy E7 is that it is largely characterised by the ability to accommodate a broad range of industrial-type uses from light industrial to storage, logistics and distribution, in accessible locations that in turn have the role of serving to support London's economic function as set out in paragraph 6.7.6 of the DNLP.

It is important to clarify that the Mayor's approach to loss of industrial supply is not based on land area (individual sites) but rather on floorspace capacity. Therefore, the Council, through the emerging New Local Plan, supported by draft London Plan Policy E7, is currently undertaking an evidence-based approach to understanding industrial land capacity and audits to look at quality, economic role and functionality and link with our proposed Economic Development Strategy.

This work will then lead us to exploring the potential for intensification of floorspace capacity overall which can also be used to facilitate consolidation of identified SIL to support the delivery residential and other uses as set out in Part B and E of Policy E7 provided there is an increase in capacity (or at least no overall net loss). Supporting paragraph 6.7.2 goes on to read there may be selected of SIL to be consolidated and facilitate the release of some land for a mix of uses but this should quite rightly be done in a carefully coordinated plan-led approach. The Mayor also discusses the potential for supported land swaps within borough or neighbouring boroughs in paragraph 6.7.2A

We will work in collaboration with the GLA and adjoining boroughs through the New Local Plan to define the future boundaries of Enfield's SIL, recognising that the designation of SIL is likely to change over time. This will then determine any proposals to support any managed plan-led release of SIL, or managed intensification and mixed-use where regeneration opportunities exist.

**Question 25 from Councillor Brett to Councillor Keazor, Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Cohesion**

The former Middlesex bowler Richard Stewart died a week ago, aged 74. An Enfield man and high-flying sportsman he was caught up in Windrush. Will the Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion be writing to his family to express our condolences?

**Reply from Councillor Keazor**

It is sad to hear of the passing of Richard Steward. My sincerest condolences go to Richard's family for their great loss. May they be comforted by the outpouring love from friends at this challenging time. I hope that the family will receive an apology from the Home Secretary albeit too late for Richard.

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

Will Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council confirm whether her group has undergone equality training?

**Reply from Councillor Caliskan**

Equality and Diversity training has previously been scheduled as part of the Member Development programme, members of the Labour Group have attended this training.

**Question 27 from Councillor Pite to Councillor Keazor, Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Cohesion**

In the Labour Party's manifesto, we committed to expanding and enhancing our award-winning CCTV centre to deter and catch wrongdoers.

Can Councillor Keazor update the Council on progress towards this objective?

**Reply from Councillor Keazor**

Please see response to Q23 above.

**Question 28 from Councillor de Silva to Councillor Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care**

Would Councillor Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care please clarify the Council's response to the article in Private Eye regarding tendering to Cyprian Care as there seems to be some confusion over the accuracy of the press release issued.



### **Reply from Councillor Cazimoglu**

I would refer you to the statement issued by the Leader of the Council on this matter on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019. "I am aware that there has been media coverage relating to the long-standing arrangement between Enfield Council and Cyprian Care. I can confirm that an elected Councillor is a Director of this company. As of the 8th May 2019, this councillor no longer serves in the cabinet.

Since 2016, national legislative changes have meant that any local authority financial transaction over £250 is published. Having received Enquiries regarding the amount of money paid by the council, I can confirm that Between 2016/17-2019-2020 Enfield Council paid a total of £2,066,826 to Cyprian Care.

To ensure absolute public confidence in our council, in Early May 2019, the leader announced the development of a charter to express our principled stance on awarding council contracts and any direct payments from the council to third parties. I am sure the Charter will be welcomed by all councillors".

### **Question 29 from Councillor Bond to Councillor Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care**

Can the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care update on progress of the new Extra Care Home at Reardon Court?

### **Reply from Councillor Cazimoglu**

In July 2018 Cabinet approved the demolition, design and redevelopment of the existing Reardon Court site for Extra Care Housing.

The model detailed in the report was based on an initial high-level assessment of a minimum of 69 homes, with a projected GLA contribution of £60k per home.

Since the Cabinet approval to progress I am pleased to report detailed work has been undertaken with architects and early discussions with Enfield's Planning Department suggest it may be possible to develop approx. 91 self-contained homes on the site (subject to a full planning application). The entire scheme will be fully accessible and will also incorporate best practice guidance to enhance the internal and external living conditions for those living with, for example, dementia.

I am also delighted to confirm that the GLA have now approved our bid for funding which has increased from £60k per unit, to £103k per unit. This means instead of getting circa £4.5 million we will have a total of £9.4million towards the cost of the scheme.

This project is a fantastic opportunity to increase the Borough's supply of high-

quality housing for older people, to offer support and care needs in later life. For some this will be an alternative to residential care and for others it gives an opportunity to downsize to a more accessible environment with support on hand 24 hours a day. The key features include:

- 81 x 1-bed flats, 10 x 2-bed flats
- A large central communal lounge area which opens onto a landscaped courtyard & gardens with outdoor seating throughout; this will include a sensory area, raised flower beds and an allotment space - allowing residents to be actively involved in the garden to encourage healthy, active living.
- A hairdressing and treatment salon
- A Laundry room
- A Library and IT suite with which can also be used for 'cinema' events
- A large multi-purpose room which provides an opportunity for local groups to use for community activities
- Intuitive assistive technology
- Open-space terraces on each floor with outdoor seating, and
- A roof garden

A Project Board has been established to oversee the early development of this project which has been informed by the views of local residents, Occupational Therapists, service users and carers. Initial feedback from a recent local residents' information event, held at Winchmore Hill library, was that the scheme is welcomed and will be an asset to our community.

A further report is being presented to Cabinet in July 2019 to provide an update and to confirm the financial model based on increased GLA contribution and an increase in the number of units we will be able to provide on the site.

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

Will Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council agree to a comprehensive Corporate Governance Inspection following the revelation that she broke the Code of Conduct by trying to influence the scrutiny process potentially compromising the integrity of the statutory Overview and Scrutiny Committee?

### **Reply from Councillor Caliskan**

All my communication with Labour scrutiny members has been in the spirit of our shared and joint commitment to our manifesto and of Enfield Labour Group. I am confident that the new Chair of Overview and Scrutiny, as elected by Enfield Labour Group in May 2018, has the skills that mean she does not mistakenly misconstrue any future communication from myself or executive

members.

Regrettably, in 2018/19 there has been much frustration that Conservative members have often wasted council resources and time in using the scrutiny process inappropriately. This is a view that was shared regularly by the former Chair of Overview and Scrutiny, Cllr Levy. Therefore, I am more than happy to explore ways that precious council time and resources are not wasted, that a robust overview and scrutiny process ensures the sharing of factual information, and that the elected administration is not hampered by spurious challenges in implementing its manifesto and political agenda.

**Question 31 from Councillor Achilleas Georgiou to Councillor Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care**

In light of the BBC Panorama Programme about the abuse of adults with learning disabilities at Whorlton Hall Hospital, how many people do Enfield have in specialist hospitals and how are we ensuring that they are safe?

**Reply from Councillor Cazimoglu**

In light of the BBC Panorama Programme about the abuse of adults with learning disabilities at Whorlton Hall Hospital, how many people do Enfield have in specialist hospitals and how are we ensuring that they are safe?

The Integrated Learning Disabilities Service works closely with our CCG colleagues to prevent admissions to Assessment & Treatment Units. We have only one Enfield resident in hospital on a Section on the Mental Health Act and their care, treatment and support is closely monitored by the social worker and clinicians in the ILDS. Our performance in reducing admissions and maintaining very low in-patient numbers has been excellent and is the best in our sector, NCL.

**Question 32 from Councillor Hockney to Councillor Dogan, Cabinet Member for Environment & Sustainability**

Public Health England recently published a report about the pollution health risks of engine idling near schools. Does Councillor Dogan, Cabinet Member for Environment & Sustainability have a strategy or active measures in place to support schools in reducing engine idling?

**Reply from Councillor Dogan**

The Council is part of a cross-London partnership which is looking to combat engine idling. This means we already undertake anti-idling activities with the focus being on school sites where there are reports of significant issues. These events involve educating drivers about the health risks. I have also asked officers to look at how we can use existing powers to undertake enforcement.

Whilst these address engine idling at the school gates, the only way to reduce the negative impacts of private cars (including the people they kill and congestion they cause), is to reduce the number of people who drive in the first place. This is why we are investing in programmes and projects which encourage people to cycle, walk and use sustainable transport. These include supporting schools to develop sustainable travel plans.

We are also going to introduce a number of School Streets to restrict non-resident cars using roads around schools; this will make it safer for children to get to school, remove a nuisance for residents and reduce air pollution

Overall our aim is to make it safer to cycle and walk, as well as more convenient to use public transport so, by 2041, 69% of journeys in Enfield will be made actively and sustainably.

**Question 33 from Councillor Hamilton to Councillor Uddin, Cabinet Member for Public Health**

Please could the Cabinet Member for Public Health give an update on the new Smoking model in the Borough?

**Reply from Councillor Uddin**

Smoking is the leading cause of preventable death and disease in the UK. About half of all lifelong smokers will die prematurely, losing on average about 10 years of life. Smoking kills more people than obesity, alcohol, road traffic collisions, illegal drugs and HIV infection combined.

Recent years have seen two major developments in relation to supporting quitting behaviour; the London Stop Smoking Portal and the Sustainable Transformation Programme (STP) emphasis on maternal smoking. Enfield is capitalising on both of these developments:

- Enfield subscribes to the London Stop Smoking Portal; an online/telephone support that may be accessed by any resident. The Portal is based on the New York model in conjunction with a number of other measures, helped prevalence in NY fall from approximately 16% to 11%. This service is open Monday-Friday 9am to 8pm and Saturday/Sunday 11am to 4pm.
- Through the NHS North Central London (NCL) STP work is being developed to offer all tobacco addicted pregnant mothers stop smoking support. Pregnant mothers are being targeted as this may be a time when mothers are most likely to quit, there are obvious health gains for both mother and child and because this might be an opportune time to target the mother's partner. Any woman testing positive for nicotine

addiction is automatically referred to the Enfield Stop Smoking Service on an opt-out rather than an opt-in basis.

The new service is an in-house service using the existing skills of the Enfield Health Trainers who have extensive experience of working 1-1 with client. By terminating the contract of an external provider has saved the Council over £100k.

**Question 34 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Needs, Cabinet Member for Social Housing**

I have been contacted by a resident of Brittany House who has had an ongoing enquiry about a charge for CCTV that is on the tenants for Brittany Houses rent schedule. I have made a number of enquiries via the MEQ System and have not received a satisfactory answer, in fact I have been given incorrect information more than once.

Would Councillor Needs, Cabinet Member for Social Housing provide a definitive reply to the resident's enquiry including the following details:

**Reply from Councillor Needs**

Unfortunately, when the original MEQ was dealt with there was some confusion between the CCTV and the Intercom system at Brittany House. There was previously a working camera at the main front door to Brittany House which was linked to the warden alarm system and door entry system but not to the CCTV system, this was not charged to the residents. This camera enabled the sheltered housing residents to select an analogue channel on their TV to see who was at the main front door. This camera no longer works as all the televisions and aerials are now digital.

- Where are the cameras on the estate that the residents of Brittany House are paying for?

One of the CCTV cameras' is on the roof of Brittany House providing coverage of the whole housing estate, the other cameras are detailed in the table below.

- Are other tenants on the Four Hills Estate paying a charge for CCTV on the estate?

All residents who live at Burgundy House, Normandy House, Picardy House, Blossom Lane and Bedale Road pay a CCTV service charge which is covered by Housing Benefit.

- If the tenants are paying for the cameras that are placed on the junction of Blossom Lane/Lavender Hill and also Bedale Road, why is this?

The CCTV cameras are located in the positions detailed below to provide the

best coverage of the whole estate including entry to the estate.

HRA are charged by the Enfield Public Safety Centre for the monitoring and maintenance for the cameras in the following locations: -

2910	Blossom Lane	PTZ External	6	E - Residential streets	Covering flats and houses
2911	Picardy House	PTZ External	6	E - Residential streets	Covering flats, car park and houses
2913	Brittany House Roof	PTZ External	6	L - Rooftop cameras	Coverage of Housing Estate
2914	Bedale Road Cam1	PTZ External	6	E - Residential streets	Covering surrounding area
2915	Bedale Road Cam2	PTZ External	6	E - Residential streets	Covering flats and houses

- A similar camera is placed on Lancaster Road outside Celbic Hall who pays for this.

This camera is paid for by the General Fund and not by the residents living on the estate

- Are Blossom Hill, Lavender Hill & Bedale Road deemed as general public roads or owned by Housing.

Blossom Lane (there is no Blossom Hill in the Borough), Lavender Hill and Bedale Road are all highways managed and maintained by the Council in its capacity as local highway and traffic authority

#### **Question 35 from Councillor Stewart to Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

The annual Municipal Journal awards took place on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Please can the Leader tell Members whether Enfield Council were nominated for any awards?

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

Enfield Council submitted six entries for this year's Municipal Journal Awards. Three of these entries received Commendations with a further two making it

onto the final shortlist for their categories:

- Innovation in Property and Asset Management - New Genotin Road development securing income for Enfield Council, enabling growth for local employers in the town and creating a quality premises for Enfield. **Finalist - Highly Commended**
- Rising Star – Elspeth Smith, Assistant Team Manager, Safeguarding Adults, Health, Housing and Adult Social Care. **Finalist - Highly Commended**

Congratulations to all staff involved in these successful award entries who are a credit to the Council and the borough.

### **Question 36 from Councillor Rawlings to Councillor Dogan, Cabinet Member for Environment & Sustainability**

Would Councillor Guney Dogan, Cabinet Member for Environment & Sustainability state how many trees were planted between May 2018-2019?

### **Reply from Councillor Dogan**

During the period May 2018 – May 2019, the Council planted 582 new trees, plus an additional 1400 whips (young trees less than two years old)

Of the 582 trees:

443 were planted in streets,  
47 were planted on Council housing land,  
20 Memorial Trees were planted in parks and  
72 trees were planted as part of specific schemes (see further below for breakdown).

Of the 1400 whips:

1200 whips were planted as part of Thames 21/wetlands schemes and a Sakura Cherry Planting Project (Parks)  
200 whips were planted as part of the Bramley Road Hedge line (Highways)

A further breakdown of the 72 trees planted as schemes is as follows:

St Andrews Church: 1  
Enfield Road: 5  
Hazelbury Rain Gardens: 10  
Inter Faith Tree planting: 4  
Edmonton Green: 4  
Trees for Cities, Montagu Rec: 3  
New River, Green Lanes: 9  
Trees for Cities, highways: 2  
North Square Edmonton Green shopping centre: 2  
Enfield Town Park: 26

Wellington Road Limes: 6

**Question 37 from Councillor Aksanoglu to Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council**

Can the Leader provide Members with an update on how Enfield Council is supporting the efforts of local Trade Unions to re-found the Enfield Trade Union Council?

**Reply Councillor Caliskan**

Enfield Council recognises the valuable role that organised labour as represented through trades unions bring to life in our borough. It had been noted that for some time Enfield had been without the strategic advantage an Enfield Trades Union Council can provide to local workers now and in the future and that efforts should be made to rectify this.

A first meeting was held earlier this month that I was very happy to speak at and show our support for the re-founding of an Enfield TUC. I value my relationship with the Trade Union at Enfield. I meet on a monthly basis with representatives from GMB and Unison. The Council will continue to be highly supportive of the re-establishment of an Enfield TUC and is ready to help where it can to ensure it can be done.

**Question 38 from Councillor Clare de Silva to Councillor Guney Dogan, Cabinet Member for Environment & Sustainability**

Could Councillor Dogan, Cabinet Member for Environment & Sustainability please clarify what measures are being taken to tackle the dangerous road conditions on Firs Lane where night racing is a regular occurrence over the hump bridge as residents have repeatedly reported concerns

**Reply from Councillor Dogan**

Officers are aware of residents' concerns and carried out a speed survey in October 2018 to look into the matter in more detail. Overall, this suggests that recorded speeds are not excessive on this part of Firs Lane, with only 5% of vehicles exceeding 33.3mph. Data recorded by the Police also suggests that this is not a location where collisions are resulting in people being injured.

However, I understand that residents' vehicles have been damaged and that a small number of people may be driving at excessive speeds. I have therefore asked officers to review the situation in Firs Lane as they bring forward their proposals for the Firs Lane Quieter Neighbourhood later this year.

**Question 39 from Councillor Bond to Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council**



Enfield Council is a member of 'Local London Partnerships', a membership organisation made up of 8 London Boroughs; Barking & Dagenham, Bexley, Enfield, Greenwich, Havering, Newham, Redbridge & Waltham Forest. Please can the Leader provide members with a brief update on the work being delivered by this organisation in relation to delivering growth?

### **Reply from Councillor Caliskan**

Local London will be a critically important regional and sub-regional player for Enfield in the coming years. It has been specifically set-up to help coordinate and maximise the opportunities for all of its local authority members to deliver sustainable growth over the coming years.

I have been asked to lead the Skills and Employment workstream on behalf of the 8 boroughs and I am working with them presently to develop a fully joined up approach that can see us working together to bring the sustainable economic growth and job opportunities that can help us meet our long term aims.

We have already worked successfully together as part of Local London to secure investment in our digital infrastructure and we are now proceeding to work on a wider set of initiatives with supporting projects that we hope can bring well-paid and sustainable jobs to our region.

In combination with the other Local London work streams that will focus on growth and communities, I am confident that we will see an increasing number of successful initiatives delivered through Local London that can play an effective role in delivering a lifetime of opportunities for local people.

## **2. Questions to Chairs of Other Committees**

### **Question 40 from Councillor David-Sanders to Councillor Susan Erbil, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Will Councillor Susan Erbil, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee confirm if Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council has requested to meet with her regularly?

### **Reply from Councillor Susan Erbil**

I confirm that I have been contacted by the Leader of the Council and each of the Cabinet member who have offered to meet regularly with me so that they can assist in ensuring that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is receiving the detail of policy proposals from the administration.

As a member of the Labour Group, I also meet with the same individuals at Labour Group meetings every fortnight to discuss, debate and collectively

agree policy.