

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY 2019**

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT

Kate Anolue, Huseyin Akpinar, Mahmut Aksanoglu, Maria Alexandrou, Daniel Anderson, Tolga Aramaz, Guner Aydin, Ian Barnes, Dinah Barry, Mahym Bedekova, Yasemin Brett, Anne Brown, Nesil Caliskan, Alev Cazimoglu, Mustafa Cetinkaya, Katherine Chibah, Will Coleshill, Lee David-Sanders, Birsen Demirel, Guney Dogan, Ergin Erbil, Ergun Eren, Alessandro Georgiou, Charith Gunawardena, Christine Hamilton, Ahmet Hasan, Elaine Hayward, James Hockney, Rick Jewell, Saray Karakus, Nneka Keazor, Joanne Laban, Tim Leaver, Dino Lemonides, Derek Levy, Mary Maguire, Andy Milne, Gina Needs, Ayfer Orhan, Ahmet Oykenner, Sabri Ozaydin, Lindsay Rawlings, Michael Rye OBE, George Savva MBE, Edward Smith, Jim Steven, Claire Stewart, Doug Taylor, Mahtab Uddin, Glynis Vince and Hass Yusuf

ABSENT

Chris Bond, Sinan Boztas, Clare De Silva, Chris Dey, Elif Erbil, Susan Erbil, Achilleas Georgiou, Margaret Greer, Stephanos Ioannou, Bernadette Lappage, Terence Neville OBE JP and Vicki Pite

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THE MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN TO GIVE A BLESSING

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

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

The Mayor began by wishing everyone good evening and welcoming them to first ordinary Council meeting since becoming Mayor.

The Mayor said "I have embraced my Mayoral duties with great pride. I am also lucky enough to be supported by two highly intelligent and thoroughly decent young individuals who have been nominated to be our new Young Mayor, Mr Okan Gurhan, and Deputy Young Mayor, Miss Christevie Ngoma. I am very proud of them and eagerly await to see how their future pans out as I am sure they will be fine upstanding pillars of our community as they enter adulthood."

1. Citizenship

One of her first tasks as Mayor had been chairing the Citizenship ceremony. She had been honoured to be part of this ceremony where so many members of the borough came to obtain their place in this country. New citizens attended with great excitement and she said that she enjoyed them all. She had attended six ceremonies so far.

2. Events

Over the last two months the Mayor had received many invitations and thanked the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Sabri Ozaydin, for helping her with some of the events, together with the Mayoral office, making a great team.

The Mayor had the pleasure of meeting many of those involved with the Mayor's Office, some of whom she had known when she was last Mayor in 2012. She named: Ann Cable (Deputy Lieutenant), Kathy Worrall, Paul Everitt, Shaun Rogan, Andrea Clemons, and the very helpful press team.

The Mayor had been extremely lucky to be able to meet many voluntary sector and community agency workers and had been overwhelmed by the amount of work that they all do for the community in our borough. This helped her to decide which charities she had chosen to support in her Mayoral year.

The Mayor had visited many local organisations since becoming mayor and had been amazed at the work being done in the borough. She said that she had met some wonderful people.

3. The Mayor's Charities

The Mayor's chosen charities were Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia, Dementia Care, the Children's Society, the Nightingale Cancer Support Centre, the Lefkara Association in Enfield, the Zebra Children and Adults Charity, Enfield Carers Centre, Stroke Action, Over 50's Forum, Capel Manor Enriching Programme for Youth Clubs and Groups.

The Mayor had begun work on raising as much money as she could for her charities. The first event was to be the quiz night on the 25th July 2019, which was to take place in the Civic Centre restaurant. She hoped that as many people as possible would join her for what she hoped would be a very enjoyable evening. Tickets would cost £10, all of the money collected was to go directly to her charity.

4. Future Engagements

The Mayor was launching her autobiography in the Council Chamber on Friday 26th July 2019 at 7pm in the Council Chamber. She hoped members would join her to share this special moment.

On the 22nd September 2019, the Mayor planned to hold a Civic Mass.

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On 29th September 2019 there was to be the annual Mayor's Forty Hall Fun Run.

The Mayor's main fund raiser, a gala, will be on the 18th October 2019 at the Selby Centre. She asked members to mark the date in their diaries as she wanted to celebrate these events with everyone.

5. Tribute to Mrs Rita Miller, Freeperson of the Borough

The Mayor paid tribute to a late freeperson of the borough, Mrs Rita Miller, who had passed away the preceding week. Her funeral was due to take place on Monday 15th July 2019 at 11am at Christchurch, Southgate and afterwards at the Walker Cricket Ground.

A minute's silence was held in honour of Mrs Rita Miller.

Finally, the Mayor thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished them all a very nice summer.

6. Young Mayor and Deputy Young Mayor

The Young Mayor, Mr Okan Gurhan, and Deputy Young Mayor, Miss Christevie Ngoma also made short speeches saying how much they were looking forward to working with the Mayor and that they were enjoying their new roles.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 MAY 2019

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 8 May 2019 were received and agreed as a correct record.

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bond, Boztas, Dey, De Silva, Elif Erbil, Susan Erbil, Achilleas Georgiou, Greer, Ioannou, Lappage and Pite and for lateness from Councillor Alessandro Georgiou.

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DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors Brett, Laban, Milne, Orhan, Rawlings, Smith, Taylor and Vince declared non-pecuniary interests in item 7 on The Response to Climate Change Emergency and Motion 2 in the name of Councillor Vicki Pite.

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OPPOSITION BUSINESS - STREET RACING ON THE A10 GREAT CAMBRIDGE ROAD

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

1. Issues highlighted by Councillor Laban were as follows:
 - Racing on the A10 had been causing distress for a long time despite efforts on all sides to improve the situation.
 - The wards abutting the A10 and further afield were disturbed by the noise and affected by the increased emissions.
 - It was a key issue for residents, raised on the doorstep and as shown by comments on social media forums and had also been discussed on BBC London.
 - Transport for London were aware of the issue and questions had been asked of the Mayor of London.
 - Cameras monitoring average speeds which could help solve the problem had been promised in 2015, but had not materialised.
 - Detective Superintendent Andy Cox and his police team had helped to alleviate the problem, but this was only a temporary solution. A permanent solution was needed.
 - In Hertfordshire, further up the A10, average speed cameras had been installed and this had reduced racing.
 - Lives were being put in danger and quality of life disturbed.
 - Councillor Laban asked Council to agree the recommendations in the report.

2. Councillor Caliskan, the Leader of the Council, responded on behalf of the Majority Group highlighting:
 - Welcoming of the opportunity to discuss this important issue, where safety was paramount.
 - Before 2015 there had been 60 slight, 1 serious and no fatal accidents. Since, there had been 11 serious and 2 fatal accidents, a marked increase. Members were right to be concerned.
 - Acknowledgement that the current police operation, while welcome, was a temporary solution and that a permanent solution was needed.
 - The Government had overseen a cut of 30,000 police officers in London and a £6 million cut in police budgets. This was unsustainable.
 - The problem with the Opposition recommendations was that they gave no suggestion as to how the cameras were to be funded. The Government had decimated funding in London and cut the Transport for London operational grant, which now received £1 billion less every year. This meant that they were

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forced to ration resources and were reviewing the criteria for safety cameras.

- The Leader had written to the Mayor of London, Transport for London and to Heidi Alexander (Deputy Mayor of London) to raise the issue and had offered a contribution from the Council towards the cost of installing cameras.
- She had also written to Chris Grayling, Secretary of State for Transport asking for additional funding, which he had refused to provide.
- She felt that it was misleading to state that all transport funding had been devolved, as any fines collected were returned to the treasury. She felt that this money should be spent on safety measures.
- She thanked the opposition for the debate, said that they had been right to highlight the issue and invited them to write to the Secretary of State with her to ask him to invest income from fines in road safety measures. This could save lives.

3. Other issues highlighted during the debate were as follows:

a. The need highlighted by the members of the Opposition Group:

- To recognise the issue as non-party political and to acknowledge the enforcement work being done by Andy Cox and his team. In May 2015 there had been 5 serious injuries and 1 fatality, in 2018 5 serious injuries but in 2019, thanks to Andy Cox, none.
- To acknowledge the concern that it took the Mayor of London 3 months to respond to the Leader's letter.
- As part of their operations, the police team had also found many other criminal offences including driving without tax and insurance and drunk driving.
- The view that many local residents' lives had been blighted by poor behaviour on the roads and that installing cameras could help prevent this.
- Compliments to the Leader for the areas of commonality. The problem needed to be addressed and pressure maintained to find a solution.

b. The need highlighted by members of the Majority Group:

- To recognise that the removal of the old-style cameras in 2015 had led to an increase in fatal and serious accidents.
- That the Council was working with the police on finding a solution to the lack of funding for average speed cameras.
- To acknowledge that if there were 30,000 fewer police officers and less funding, this was bound to lead to a lower conviction rate. Convictions had dropped by two thirds.

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- To recognise the impact on the residents of Southbury Ward including that a young woman had died, that 127 vehicles had been seized and 165 caught speeding.
- That we could not expect the police to continue their operation indefinitely. A permanent solution was needed.

During the discussion Councillor Ergin Erbil moved and Councillor Barnes seconded a proposal to extend the time spent on this item by 15 minutes.

This was agreed after a vote with the following result:

For: 32

Against: 15

Abstentions: 3

4. At the end of the debate Councillor Laban summed up on behalf of the Opposition Group as follows:

Councillor Laban was pleased that sentiments were shared and hoped that members would agree the recommendations in the Opposition Business Paper and would be happy to sign a joint letter with the Leader.

5. Councillor Caliskan then summed up on behalf of the majority group responding to the recommendations in the Opposition Priority Business Paper:

Councillor Caliskan felt that the recommendations were sensible, that multi agency actions were needed and she was heartened by the support from the Opposition on this issue. She felt that money raised through speeding fines should be used to address the problem.

After the debate, the Leader's response to the Conservative Opposition Business paper, was agreed unanimously, without a vote.

AGREED the Leader's response in support of the following recommendations from the Opposition Business Paper:

1. For the Leaders of both groups to write a joint letter to the Mayor and ask for the following:
 - To commit to placing average speed cameras on the A10 Great Cambridge Road.
 - Until cameras are installed, request that the police presence (Operation Vision Zero) remains fully funded to combat speeding/ racing at the known prevalent times when operationally appropriate.
2. Council to lead on arranging a multi-agency meeting(s) as required with key stakeholders including Transport for London (TfL), Police and Retail Parks to ensure a coordinated response to tackling the problem.

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3. That the Council communications team actively work with the Police to raise awareness in the community of the Vision Zero strategy, new Dashcam enforcement process and dangers of speeding.
4. Council to conduct a review of how many times the PSPO power has been implemented, its effectiveness and if it can be deployed better in tackling large gatherings on the retail parks.

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CHANGE IN ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councillor Ergin Erbil moved and Councillor Nesil Caliskan seconded a proposal under paragraph 2.2(B) of the Council procedure rules to change the timing and order of items on the agenda.

It was proposed that 120 minutes be allocated to motions and 10 minutes to reports and that motions should be taken in the following order: 15.2, 15.14, 15.8, 15.6, 15.7, 15.5.

This was agreed after a vote with the following result:

For: 30
Against: 13
Abstentions: 2

The minutes reflect the order of the meeting.

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RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

Councillor Nesil Caliskan moved and Councillor Ian Barnes seconded the report of the Executive Director Place on a response to the Climate Change Emergency. (Report No: 57)

NOTED

1. This report had been considered at a Cabinet meeting held on 8 July 2019. Cabinet had agreed to recommend that the Council should make a commitment to make Enfield carbon neutral by 2030.
2. The Leader's view that:
 - This report provided clarity on an important issue which was subject to protest.
 - The issue was also due to be debated in a motion later in the agenda.
 - The issue required urgent attention. It was important that the Council should take the lead on making the borough carbon neutral by 2030, if not before. It represented a step change in attitudes.
 - The Council should be looking to divest in fossil fuel companies that increase carbon emissions.

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- The Pension Policy Investment Committee had already begun to consider their investments, as was right and proper.
 - Further details would be considered during the discussion on the motion.
3. The response of the Leader of the Opposition, saying that she could not support the report and expressing:
- Concern that this issue had not been urgent when the motion was originally presented in January.
 - Concern that it had only been brought forward because of pressure from Enfield Voices and Extinction Rebellion.
 - Concern that the report was weak, too narrowly focussed and contained little financial information on how the targets would be met.
 - Concern that not all Cabinet members had been present when the declaration was signed.
 - Concern that the new local plan was proposing building on the Green Belt, which she felt was contrary to the ambitions on climate change.
 - Concern that the report had not included more on proposals to increase electric charging points and planting more trees.
4. Thanks to Extinction Rebellion for their brilliant campaign and for bringing the matter to the fore.
5. That the Cabinet had had a target and that members had signed a pledge on carbon reduction. They had also made a significant investment in green energy.

After the debate a vote was taken on the report recommendations and they were agreed with the following result:

For: 28
Against: 1
Abstentions: 14

AGREED

1. To note that this report was considered by Cabinet at a meeting on 8 July 2019 and that Cabinet agreed to recommend the report to Council.
2. To approve a commitment to make Enfield Council carbon neutral by 2030 – or earlier if possible – and to undertake to move all strategic, budgetary and policy decisions in line with this shift.
3. To note that Cabinet was asked (8 July 2019) to establish a Climate Emergency Task Force of officers and members to determine how to achieve this target and to explore what more can be done to cut greenhouse gas emissions in the Council's operations and supply chain, as well as across the borough, and to:

- Update the Sustainable Enfield plan by 2020 and submit it to Cabinet for approval.
 - Involve all our partners, but especially the Youth Parliament, in updating the plan.
4. That the Pension Policy and Investment Committee 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.

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CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councillor Ergin Erbil moved and Councillor Gina Needs seconded a proposal under paragraph 2.2(B) of the Council procedure rules to change the order of items on the agenda to take the motions as the next item:

This was agreed after a vote with the following result:

For: 30
Against: 12
Abstentions: 0

The minutes reflect the order of the meeting.

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MOTIONS

Motion 15.2

Councillor Levy moved, on behalf of Councillor Vicki Pite, and Councillor Barry seconded the following motion:

“More than 92 councils, including the London Assembly, have now made Climate Emergency Declarations since the IPCC “Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5^o C”, published in October 2018, described the enormous harm that a 2^oC rise in world temperature is likely to cause, urging that governments and authorities world-wide seek to limit global warming to 1.5^o C. Two thirds have set a target date for net zero carbon of 2030. Others have set no target date or have aimed for 2050.

On May 1st Parliament approved an opposition motion to declare an environment and climate emergency; a citizens’ assembly on climate change is to meet this autumn and the Prime Minister used one of her last major acts to set 2050 as the date for Britain to end greenhouse gas emissions, making it the first major economy in the world to do so.

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Research from Greener UK and the Climate Coalition revealed that two thirds of Britons want faster action to tackle climate change.

Extinction Rebellion Enfield Enfield has petitioned the Council to declare a climate emergency immediately and come up with concrete plans to get Enfield to net zero carbon emissions by 2025.

The London Assembly, in a unanimous vote, called on the Mayor of London to put an emergency plan in place and declare a Climate Emergency in London. Reflecting our ambitions for Enfield, our children's future and the demand for action not words, Enfield council notes:

- the IPCC's Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C and endorses the proposal that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities and others
- the Mayor of London's climate change mitigation and adaptation responsibilities and recognises his aims to make London a zero-carbon city by 2050 but welcomes, and supports, further ambitious steps.
- the declarations by other councils in the UK and around the world that commit resources to tackling the 'Climate Emergency'
- that strong policies to cut emissions have associated health, wellbeing and economic benefits

And therefore Enfield Council agrees:

- to declare a climate emergency that requires urgent action
- that all strategic and policy decisions, budgets, and approaches to planning decisions are in line with a shift to carbon neutrality by 2030
- that cabinet and officers determine what more can be done locally to cut emissions, and publish a plan setting out these actions for debate and approval by 2020
- that the Pensions Policy & Investment Committee should continue to play its part in reducing carbon and mitigating its effects by looking, in consultation with pension beneficiaries, to invest in assets which contribute to a decarbonised economy; including divesting from assets, in a managed way, which do not contribute to meeting the objectives
- that our partners, especially young people, are involved in these plans so that our communities have a voice in shaping their future.

Enfield Council further asks, in line with the unanimous vote of the London Assembly, that the leaders of both parties write to

- the Mayor of London to support the Mayor's declaration of a Climate Emergency, underpinned by specific emergency plans with the actions

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necessary to make London carbon neutral by 2030, and, as vice chair of the C40 Cities network, to be a leader on this agenda.

- The Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs urging him to give the Mayor of London the powers and funding to make this possible.”

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

For: 35
Against: 0
Abstentions: 11

Councillor Brett asked for her thanks to Councillor Pite be recorded for bringing this matter forward.

Motion 15.14

Councillor Uddin moved and Councillor Cazimoglu seconded the following motion

“To adopt the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) definition of Islamophobia.

Enfield Council notes that the APPG is investigating prejudice and discrimination against British Muslims and the aim of their definition is to build a common understanding of the causes and consequences of Islamophobia and show a united determination to end it.

Enfield Council adopts the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) definition of Islamophobia. The definition is “Islamophobia is rooted in racism and is a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness”.

Enfield’s Council condemns, in the strongest possible terms, Islamophobia and believes that it has no place in our society. We must do all we can to stand together against those who seek to divide our communities.

This was altered by Councillor Uddin to include the following additional sentence:

“We must review the Council’s own policies and procedures to ensure we support those affected.”

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

For: 35
Against: 10
Abstentions: 0

The following motions lapsed under the guillotine arrangements: 15.1, 15.3, 15.4, 15.5, 15.6, 15.7, 15.8, 15.9, 15.10, 15.11, 15.12, 15.13, 15.15

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DURATION OF COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor advised, at this stage of the meeting, that the time available to complete the agenda had now elapsed so Council Procedure Rule 9 would apply.

NOTED that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9 (page 4-8 – Part 4), the remaining items of business on the Council agenda were considered without debate.

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LED CONVERSION PROJECT 2019 FOR HIGHWAY STREET LIGHTING

RECEIVED: the report from the Executive Director Place on the LED Conversion Project for Street Lighting. (Report No: 7)

NOTED

1. That Cabinet had agreed at their meeting held on 12 June 2019 and had recommended that Council approve additional funding for the Council's Capital Programme to cover the cost of the project.
2. The Cabinet decision had been called in and was considered at a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 9 July 2019. At the meeting, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to confirm the original Cabinet decision.

AGREED:

1. To note that Cabinet had approved at their meeting on 12 June 2019:
 - ii) A project to replace the existing street lights with LED lighting in line with current design standards and introduce a smart central management system.
 - ii) A recommendation to Council, for the inclusion of the Street Lighting Project in the Council's approved Capital Programme at a cost of £6.375m.
 - iii) A recommendation to Council, for funding arrangements as set out in the report being external borrowing of £6.375m of which there is a five-year interest free loan of £4.09m from SALIX.
 - iv) To note that the updated net savings will be reflected in the MTFP for 2020/21 and future years.
 - v) To delegate to the Director of Environment and Operational Services, in consultation with the Director of Law and Governance, approval to make any necessary changes to the terms of the Street Lighting PFI contract.
2. To approve:

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- i) The inclusion of the Street Lighting Project in the Council's approved Capital Programme at a cost of £6.375m.
- ii) Funding arrangements as set out in the report being external borrowing of £6.375m of which there is a five-year interest free loan of £4.09m from SALIX.

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COUNCILLOR CONDUCT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

RECEIVED the Annual Report of the Councillor Conduct Committee setting out the work carried out over the past year (2018/9).

NOTED

1. The report was considered and agreed at the meeting of the Councillor Conduct Committee held on 3 July 2019 with the following additional information: "The monitoring officer had dealt with 22 complaints in total during the year and there were 6 outstanding complaints, subject to further investigation".

AGREED to note the Annual Report 2018/19 of the Councillor Conduct Committee.

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INDEPENDENT PERSON - EXTENSION OF TERM OF APPOINTMENT

RECEIVED the report of the Director of Law and Governance regarding the extension of the appointment of Christine Chamberlain as Independent Person. (Report No: 55)

NOTED that the Councillor Conduct Committee at their meeting held on 3 July 2019 had agreed to recommend that Council extend the term of appointment of Christine Chamberlain for two years to 30 June 2021.

AGREED to extend the term of appointment of Christine Chamberlain, Independent Person, whose current term of office comes to an end on 30 June 2019, by two years to 30 June 2021.

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MEMBERSHIP OF AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RECEIVED a report from the Director of Law and Governance on changes to the Audit and Risk Management Committee Membership. (Report No: 59)

AGREED to determine the membership of the Audit and Risk Management Committee to be a committee of nine with seven Labour and two Conservative members.

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COUNCIL HOUSING BOARD - CHANGES TO TERMS OF REFERENCE

This item was withdrawn.

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URGENCY REPORT

NOTED

1. The details provided of three decisions recently taken under the Council's urgency procedure relating to the waiver of the Council's key decision and call in processes along with the reasons for urgency.
2. The decisions were made in accordance with the urgency procedures set out in Paragraph 17.3 of Chapter 4.2 (Scrutiny) and Paragraph 16 of Chapter 4.6 (Access to Information) of the Council's Constitution.

Councillor Laban indicated that if there had been a vote on this issue the Opposition would have voted against.

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COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

1. Urgent Questions

There were no urgent questions.

2. Questions by Councillors

NOTED

1. The forty questions on the Council agenda and the written responses provided by the relevant Cabinet Members.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

AGREED to confirm the following changes to Committee memberships:

- Audit and Risk Management Committee: Councillor Tim Leaver to be appointed to the Committee as Vice Chair and Councillors Claire Stewart and Councillor James Hockney to be appointed to the new vacancies.
- Pension Policy and Investment Committee – to confirm the appointment of Councillor Tim Leaver as Chair and Councillor Claire Stewart as Vice Chair.
- Conservation Advisory Group – Councillor Ayfer Orhan to replace Councillor Charith Gunawardena
- Electoral Review Panel – to appoint Councillor Nesil Caliskan as Chair and Councillor Ian Barnes as Vice Chair.

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NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

AGREED to confirm the following changes to the nominations on outside bodies:

- North London Waste Authority – Councillor Bond to replace Councillor Barnes as the Council representative.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

NOTED that the next ordinary Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 18 September 2019 at 7pm.