

20/21 Workplan

**Environment Forum
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Enfield



THERE ARE
125,370
HOMES IN ENFIELD, OF WHICH:

10,080
ARE LOCAL
AUTHORITY OWNED
(8%)

8,400
ARE REGISTERED
PROVIDER HOMES
(7%)

106,830
ARE PRIVATE SECTOR HOMES (85%)



An average house
in Enfield costs
12.3 times
the median
average salary.

ENFIELD HAS
**FOUR UNDERGROUND
STATIONS**
on the Piccadilly Line,
18 RAILWAY STATIONS
and around
570 BUS STOPS,
served by
45 DAY-BUS ROUTES

**3 theatres, 17 libraries and
130 parks and open spaces**



65.9%

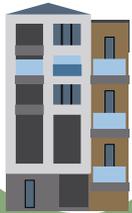
of working-age people are in employment;
this is lower than national rates
(Nomis Annual Population Survey, year to Dec 2019)



OUR PUPILS SPEAK OVER
**178 LANGUAGES
AND DIALECTS,**

WITH 55% OF PUPILS SPEAKING ENGLISH
AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

A LIFETIME OF *Opportunities* for everyone



Good homes in
well connected
neighbourhoods



Safe, healthy
and confident
communities



An economy
that works for
everyone

MODERN COUNCIL

CLIMATE ACTION

FAIRER ENFIELD

EARLY HELP

Priority 1: Good homes in well-connected neighbourhoods



Build more and better homes for local residents

Invest in and improve our council homes

Deliver housebuilding and regeneration programmes with our residents

Drive investment to deliver good growth for London

Priority 2: Safe, Healthy and Confident communities



Keep communities free from crime

Inspire and empower young Enfield to reach their full potential

Deliver essential services to protect and support vulnerable residents

Create healthy streets, parks and community spaces

Priority 3: A economy that works for everyone



Create more high-quality employment

Enhance skills and connect local people to opportunities

Develop town centres that are vibrant, safe and inclusive

Craft a cultural offer for Enfield to support London's status as a world class city

A Modern Council

Top
10

Enfield Council is in the top 10 most effective councils for adult social care, delivering great services and good value for money.



WE HAVE

600,000

customer contacts every year via the telephone and

10.3m hits

on the councils' website



OFSTED
GOOD

In 2019, Ofsted rated our children's social care services 'good'.

Supporting our communities during Covid-19

The Covid-19 outbreak has had a huge impact on our communities. We acted decisively and in partnership with community groups to support residents and businesses:



90 schools kept open with 785 key workers and vulnerable families supported



17,792 calls taken by Enfield Stands Together helpline



9,700 medication collections and deliveries to vulnerable residents



39,539 food parcels and essential items delivered to residents



400+ staff redeployed to support response effort



1,200+ volunteers supported and coordinated



100% of essential services delivered



60k+ visits to our digital library webpages

ENFIELD
Council



Recession

1. In July, Enfield had 49,000 residents on furlough. This is approximately 35% of the borough's workforce.
2. Town Centre footfall is still below pre-covid averages – c. 60-80% of summer averages.
3. The Council is preparing for a second wave, and local lockdowns.
4. We are also preparing for an increased demand for social services, such as benefits advice and housing support.

Financial Context

- 10 years of austerity - council services have been reduced and affected.
- Enfield has high levels of deprivation and economic inactivity coupled with low average earnings.
- No confirmation of central government funding next year, or future years.
 - Adult Social Care – still not adequately funded.
- Covid: Costs and lost of income of £68m; government support totals £25m to date.
- Over the next 5 years we need to find £60m in additional savings or income if government support does not increase.
 - Context: this is 33% of our net budget; more than 2x annual budget for waste and street cleaning each year
- Prioritise our corporate plan and our statutory responsibilities

The Environment Forum

Terms of Reference

- General (i) to advise and comment on policies and strategic issues in Enfield that affect the built and natural environment, (ii) to encourage community initiatives that improve sustainability, (iii) to enable information exchange and networking among members and supporters in Enfield (iv) to scrutinise and monitor the progress of the Local Plan.
- Green Belt (i) To comment on strategic and policy issues affecting the green belt in Enfield, such as government, regional or local policies, and changing patterns of usage. (ii) To consider and comment on major developments which are likely to affect the character or appearance of the green belt. (iii) To comment on the Council's various enforcement policies which are likely to affect the character and appearance of the green belt. (iv) To keep under review the Council's overall management of the green belt in the borough.
- Conservation of the Borough (i) To consider and advise the Head of Planning and Planning Committee on proposals for development which are referred to the Group which could affect the character or appearance of conservation areas, ancient monuments, listed buildings or their settings, or the architectural or historic interest of key sites in the borough generally. (ii) To advise the Head of Planning and appropriate Cabinet Member on the preservation or enhancement of the character or appearance of heritage features, areas and their environs. (iii) To encourage the improvement of heritage features, areas and their environs. (iv) To make recommendations to the Head of Planning and appropriate Cabinet Member for the designation of further Conservation Areas and Article 4 Directions relating to the historic environment of the borough. (v) To promote greater awareness of architectural quality through the bi-annual Enfield Design Awards scheme.
- Public Transport (i) To consider and monitor the operation and provision of public transport facilities within the Borough; (ii) To share information on key developments relating to the public transport network including receiving reports from representative forums and groups; (iii) To identify strategic issues for public transport providers to address; and To provide input into the development of Council policies and responses to relevant consultations.

Proposed Workplan

Sustainable Transport

- Under 18s and Freedom Passes: concessionary travel
- Further rail devolution; TfL taking over GTR services
- Bus Economics: Cost of running services
- Impact of Covid 19 on bus and rail services
- Expansion of the ULEZ to the north circular
- Public realm changes to support cycling and walking and better air quality

Proposed Workplan

Climate Action

- Community initiatives promoting environmental sustainability in support of the *Climate Action Plan*
- Government housing retrofit programme
- Refurbishment and retrofit in schools

Proposed Workplan Environment

- Air quality in the borough
- Enforcement in the green belt
- Workshop on development of green infrastructure and parks strategy
- Rewilding and tree planting
- Future landscape of planning – planning reform
- Including white paper and extension of permitted development
- Emerging new local plan policies
- Major applications that substantially affect the green belt

Proposed Workplan Heritage and Design

- Use of Heritage Lottery Funding
- Workshop on housing needs, capacity and design of buildings
- Major applications that substantially affect conservation areas

Environment Forum – Future Meetings

DISCUSSION