

## **Motions**

### **8.1 Motion in the name of Councillor Maria Alexandrou**

#### Cervical Cancer Screening

Cervical screening is a way for women to protect themselves from cancer. The sad reality is that fewer women are now having cervical screening. Last year 1.3m women didn't attend NHS screenings. There are 3,200 new cases of cervical cancer every year and of those 870 women die from it.

### **8.2 Motion in the name of Councillor Joanne Laban**

This Council agrees to withdraw its proposals to de-designate Green Belt land and commit to a policy of maintaining and enhancing our precious Green Belt

### **8.3 Motion in the name of Councillor Edward Smith**

This Council agrees to review its recently published Climate Change Action Plan which set a target for the Council achieving carbon neutrality by 2030 because it is flawed and was not subject to adequate consultation for such an important and far reaching project.

### **8.4 Motion in the name of Councillor Mike Rye**

This Council resolves:

- to require all public firework displays within the local authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people
- to actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks
- to encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock 'quieter' fireworks for public display.

### **8.5 Motion in the name of Councillor Joanne Laban**

Covid thank you

The chamber gives it heartfelt thanks to the Enfield Council staff involved in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **8.6 Motion in the name of Councillor Nesil Caliskan**

#### Private Cemeteries

It is a great cause for concern that in cases where private cemeteries are overcrowded, poorly maintained or reusing burial plots, local authorities do not have the powers to conduct their own inspections or investigations.

Enfield Council has taken steps locally to write to the Government and make the case for enforcement against privately owned cemeteries that are poorly maintaining burial grounds or illegally reusing burial plots.

Full Council notes the growing need for burial space in our borough and that the council has invested in its own cemeteries. As a council we should always do our best to ensure we are providing attractive, peaceful and safe cemeteries where graves can be properly prepared, well maintained and easily accessed by all grave owners and visitors.

Enfield Council moves to:

- Call on the Government to intervene immediately and use its powers to more vigorously take action against private cemeteries to require them to meet the same legal requirements as local authority cemeteries which preserve decency and safety (such as the maintenance of graves, grounds and facilities, burial records, documentation regarding burial rights, staff training and complaint handling).
- Reject the privatisation of cemeteries or outsourcing of burial services as they are a barrier to maintaining standards and prevent the local authority from enforcing against bad, or even illegal practices.
- Calls on the Government to follow recent steps taken in Scotland and ban private cemeteries.
- Continue and seek to expand Enfield Council's own management of the burial service, which operates at five cemeteries in the borough, which we took back in house to provide a more unified and cost-effective service.

## **8.7 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Maguire**

The rise of Adult Gaming Centres, such as the one in Palmers Green, is a blot on our communities; endangers our children's safety; causes untold hardship to families caught up in gambling addictions; and is a cause of crime and disorder on our streets.

It is outrageous that councils up and down the country are unable to prevent these establishments opening up. The law, as it stands, is loaded in favour of gambling businesses and is designed to "permit gambling" rather than permit the will of the people to prevail. Enfield council's hands have been tied by the current legislation that is not fit for purpose.

Enfield Council acknowledges that the only solution is for a change in the law so that local councils can determine whether or not such establishments have a place, if any, in their

communities. Enfield council agrees to write in the strongest possible terms to Government ministers demanding such a change in the law and further agrees to work with MPs, other politicians and community groups to achieve that change. Until such time as the law is changed, the council will, of course, continue to operate within the confines of current licensing legislation.

## **8.8 Motion in the name of Councillor Ian Barnes**

### **Climate Change**

In its most recent progress report the Climate Change Committee (CCC) has issued a stark warning to the Government. The Cabinet's statutory climate advisor says the Government needs to 'step up very rapidly' to meet targets.

Enfield Council welcomes the ambitious targets set by the Conservative Government to fight climate change. However, we are disappointed that to date the Government has failed to come up with the policies needed to achieve them.

Enfield Council notes:

Lord Deben, the CCC chairman, said: "[The targets] are remarkable and have set a major example [to the world]. But the policy is just not there. It's very clear we need to step up very rapidly."

Government's attempts to encourage people out of cars, such as the one hundred Low Traffic Neighbourhoods and many kilometres of cycle lanes, simply do not go far enough.

Enfield Council already has its own Climate Action Plan, which looks to decarbonise our borough by 2040, a full 10 years ahead of the Government's national target. However, the Council cannot do this alone, particularly after a decade of deep cuts from successive Conservative Governments. Therefore, Enfield Council calls on the Government to:

Tackle climate change as a priority and take meaningful steps to rapidly meet targets.

Release the extensive funds needed by local authorities to fulfil Climate Action Plans right across the UK.

## **8.9 Motion in the name of Councillor Alev Cazimoglu**

### **Integrated Care Systems**

The 2012 Health & Social Care Act was a disastrous top down, ideologically driven re-organisation wasting £3bn of tax payers' money, resulting in a more bureaucratic, fragmented NHS. A decade of underfunding to the NHS & Social Care has led to increased waiting times and worsening health inequalities.

The Government's current reorganisation in creating Integrated Care Systems (I.C.S) risks repeating the same mistakes, resulting in a wasted opportunity to improve population health by working in a truly collaborative way with local councils to improve health outcomes.

Enfield Council raises four specific areas of concern to Enfield that remain and require further thinking:

**Governance:** ICS proposals need to make local government a partnership of equals in the health, wellbeing and social care system.

**Management of Finances:** A clear commitment on the distribution of finances based on local need rather than historic allocations.

**Privatisation of Services:** A guarantee that the provider collaboratives are exclusively in reference to NHS Providers and not private health care providers.

**Protection of Local Land and assets for benefit of local communities:** Establishment of mechanisms to safeguard decision-making on the sale of existing land and assets.

## **8.10 Motion in the name of Christine Hamilton**

The government's plan to give housebuilders freedom to build over designated "growth" zones without local planning approval is disgraceful. We must lobby this government to recognise that the public must retain rights to object (or support) planning applications.

This was in the Queen's speech, to bring forward the biggest overhaul of England's planning system since the second world war and remove the need for detailed planning applications for buildings in designated growth zones.

This would impact over local areas across the country and deny local authorities and residents to have a voice heard on the planning permission to be granted in their local area. We want to know and be heard about where the homes would be built and why.

Public engagement is critical in planning. Enfield Council and MPs to lobby the government to change this section of the plan to improve the current

planning permission and retain the rights to object or support all planning applications and designated growth zones in our local area.

### **8.11 Motion in the name of Councillor Mahmut Aksanoglu**

Enfield Council Supports the End Our Cladding Scandal campaign and calls for the government to provide active remedies to resolve the cladding scandal in the country which is affecting leaseholders and residents in Enfield.

The Council Notes:

- The Government has advised building owners to remove all cladding that presents a fire risk and unsafe systems on the walls of existing residential buildings of any height, after the Grenfell disaster. This is affecting not only buildings with the ACM cladding used on Grenfell, but many other buildings incorporating materials which could be flammable-including balconies and their finishes.
- The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and the UK Council of Mortgage Lenders have produced a process via which competent professionals can evaluate the risks associated with a wall system and confirm if remediation is required, via the production of an EWS1 form (and supporting report).
- As a result of the introduction of this process, lenders are valuing properties at £0. Many leaseholders are therefore unable to sell their homes or refinance. As such leaseholders are trapped in their 'unsafe' homes, unable to pay the huge sums of money often required to address the fire safety issues highlighted in the EWS1 form. Many people face bankruptcy by this even before remediation bills can be passed on.
- It is estimated that at the current rate it will take over 150 years to complete the remediation work required to the number of known unsafe properties over 18 metres. This does not take into account the larger quantity of buildings nationally that fall between the 11 metres and 18 metres height, which also comprise external wall systems, where significant risks have been identified.
- Whilst the Government has provided some funding to support the remediation of unsafe cladding, this only covers a bare minimum number of buildings requiring remediation works and despite additional funds recently being announced the Treasury, the fund is still oversubscribed.
- For buildings under 18 meters tall, the Government has provided no funding at all as a result of this funding shortfall the costs of

remediation works are being passed on to leaseholders, who are blameless for this situation and bought their properties in good faith.

- There are many Enfield residents affected by this issue including Prowse Court in Edmonton and many leaseholders are facing high bills to rectify the issue.

Council also notes:

That giving leaseholders loans to pay for the repairs, whatever the terms, is not an acceptable solution, as this is placing the long-term financial burden on them.

Council calls for:

- The council supports the end our Cladding Scandal Campaign, which makes the following 10 demands:
  1. The government must lead an urgent national effort to remove all dangerous cladding from buildings by June 2022.
  2. The Building Safety Fund must cover all buildings, regardless of height, and a range of internal and external fire safety defects, not just cladding.
  3. The government should provide the money up front and then seek to recover it from any responsible parties or via a temporary levy on development.
  4. Social housing providers including Councils must have full and equal access to the fund.
  5. The government must compel building owners or managers to be honest with residents about fire safety defects.
  6. The government should cover the cost of interim safety measures.
  7. The government should act as an insurer of last resort and underwrite insurance where premiums have soared.
  8. A fairer, faster process is needed to replace the EWS form and funding is necessary to ensure all buildings requiring a form are surveyed within 12 months.
  9. Mental health support must be offered to affected residents.
  10. Protecting residents from historic and future costs must be a key commitment of new building safety legislation.

The council calls for the Government to impose adequate funding to cover the costs of safety measures.