

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.

According to CANCER RESEARCH UK 99.8% of cases are preventable. When Jade Goody fought her cancer battle, nearly 80% of women went for smear tests. 10 years later, only 72% of women go. If this rate falls any lower, the rise in deaths will shoot up. In the case of Jade Goody, she ignored letters about her abnormal cells. She needed to go to hospital for surgery to remove those abnormal cells, surgery which most probably would have saved her life.

Many young women in their 20s and 30s are dying from cervical cancer and the tragedy is they are leaving behind their partners and young children. We need to encourage everyone to look after their health and have regular check-ups.

Enfield Council therefore agrees to work together with other agencies for a local campaign on cervical cancer awareness and encourage women to attend that important screening test. It only takes 5 minutes at the doctor's surgery and this test can save your life.

2. Motion in the name of Councillor Michael Rye

Fireworks & Animals

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.

3. Motion in the name of Edward Smith

Carbon Neutrality

"This Council agrees to review its 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."

4. Motion in the name of Councillor Joanne Laban

Forced Marriage

This Council is horrified that failings led to a teenage girl being forced to marry a man who assaulted her. Enfield Council deeply regrets the harm suffered by the victim of and accepts the findings of Judge Oliver Jones. Enfield Council takes its safeguarding seriously and will work tirelessly to make sure the failings highlighted by Judge Oliver Jones are never repeated.

5. Motion in the name of Councillor Edward Smith

Tall Buildings

"This Council supports the findings in the recent letter to all councillors from Andrew Boff, AM, Chair of the London Assembly's Planning and Regeneration Committee which sets out the many disadvantages of residential high-rise buildings such as life-time costs, excessive density, impact on family lives, quality of design and post Covid 19 issues."

6. Motion in the name of Councillor Andrew Thorp

Squirrels, Scouting Movement

On 9th September, the Scouts announced the launch of a new age group – Squirrels. This is Scouts for 4-5 year olds, and it is particularly targeting wards disproportionately affected by the pandemic to help ensure all children have access to the same opportunities. Will the Council join me in welcoming the launch of Squirrels and help to promote uniformed youth organisations across the Borough so that they can reach the children and volunteers that need it most?

7. Motion in the name of Councillor James Hockney

Pets as Prizes

Enfield Council:

- is concerned about the number of cases reported to the RSPCA each year, regarding pets given as prizes via fairgrounds, social media and other channels in England - and notes the issue predominantly concerns goldfish
- is concerned for the welfare of those animals that are being given as prizes
- recognises that many cases of pets being as prizes may go unreported each year

- supports a move to ban the giving of live animals as prizes, in any form,

The Council agrees to:

- ban outright the giving of live animals as prizes, in any form, on Enfield Council land.
- write to the UK Government, urging an outright ban on the giving of live animals as prizes on both public and private land.

8. Motion in the name of Councillor Mahmut Aksanoglu

Cladding

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 made it a requirement to remove all cladding that presents a fire risk and remediation of unsafe wall 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 wooden panels.
- The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and the UK Council of Mortgage Lenders agreed an industry-standard External Wall System fire review process, which takes place through a EWS1 form.
- An EWS1 form shows that the building is “safe”. Lenders often value properties at £0. Many leaseholders are unable to secure a mortgage over their properties. leaseholders are trapped in their ‘unsafe’ homes unless they are able 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.
- 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.
- 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 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.

9. Motion in the name of Councillor Ian Barnes

Climate Action Plan

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, as COP26 approaches 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.”

Enfield Council already has its own ambitious 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.

10. Motion in the name of Councillor Christine Hamilton

Wealth Tax

The Government's plan to fix the social care crisis' is yet more evidence that the current proposal was not the promise made in 2019. The proposal put forward by the Government is opposed across the country, even cabinet members are raising concerns about hitting low paid workers. The NHS/Care workers and lowest paid workers are the hardest hit of all through these changes.

This motion is to raise concerns from across the country to call on this Government to fund a new deal for social care, asking those with the broadest shoulders to pay the most. We are asking for the Government's plan to be changed as it is also doing nothing for disabled working age people with a cap on care costs benefiting on just a fraction of those who use social care.

Please support this motion.

11. Motion in the name of Councillor Nesil Caliskan

Afghan Refugees

Enfield Council believes that it is right that the UK Government welcomes Afghan refugees and should be doing everything it can to provide a safe passage for asylum seekers fleeing Afghanistan.

The London Borough of Enfield has a long history of being a place for those seeking sanctuary, arriving to start a new life.

We welcome the Afghan Refugee Resettlement initiative and we are proud that Enfield Council has made an offer to find homes for over 150 individuals and families from Afghanistan as part of the programme.

Enfield Council calls on the Government to ensure that proper collaboration with and funding to councils and its partner organisations are immediately accessible and at adequate levels to ensure that the appropriate support for the needs of all those fleeing Afghanistan is available.