

EPSOM AND EWELL

Minutes of the Meeting of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF EPSOM AND EWELL held at the Council Chamber, Epsom Town Hall on 18 April 2023

PRESENT -

The Mayor (Councillor Clive Woodbridge); The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Rob Geleit); Councillors Arthur Abdulin, John Beckett, Kate Chinn, Monica Coleman, Alex Coley, Nigel Collin, Neil Dallen, Hannah Dalton, Chris Frost, Liz Frost, Bernice Froud, David Gulland, Christine Howells, Colin Keane, Eber Kington, Jan Mason, Steven McCormick, Debbie Monksfield, Julie Morris, Bernie Muir, Barry Nash, Phil Neale, Peter O'Donovan, David Reeve, Humphrey Reynolds, Alan Sursham and Alan Williamson

<u>Absent:</u> Councillors Steve Bridger, Christine Cleveland, Luke Giles, Graham Jones, Lucie McIntyre, Guy Robbins, Chris Webb and Peter Webb

The Meeting was preceded by prayers led by the Mayor's Chaplain

51 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made by Councillors regarding items on the agenda.

52 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14 February 2023 and Extraordinary meeting held on 22 March 2023 were agreed as a true record and the Mayor was authorised to sign them.

53 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS/BUSINESS

The Mayor noted that this was the last meeting of the Council in it's 4 year term, reflecting upon the work undertaken and challenges faced over that period. The

Mayor expressed his thanks and gratitude to all councillors and staff, both past and present, for their work over the past 4 years and in particular for addressing the challenges created by Covid-19.

The Mayor also expressed his thanks to councillors who were not standing in the upcoming elections for all their work on behalf of the council during their term of office.

54 QUESTIONS

One question had been addressed to the Chair of the Environment and Safe Communities Committee to which a written answer had been provided and published.

A supplementary question was asked by Councillor David Gulland and a response was given by the Chair of the Environment and Safe Communities Committee, Councillor John Beckett.

55 CHAIRS' STATEMENTS

Council received written statements from the Chair of the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee and Chair of the Strategy and Resources Committee.

5 questions were asked relating to the statements and responded to by the relevant Committee Chair.

56 COUNCILLORS STATEMENTS

The Mayor provided the opportunity for any councillors who wished to make a brief statement to the Council to do so, as this was the last meeting of the 4 year term.

One statement was made, by Councillor Eber Kington.

The meeting began at 7.30 pm and ended at 7.50 pm

COUNCILLOR CLIVE WOODBRIDGE MAYOR