



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 23 May 2023

PRESENT -

The Mayor (Councillor Rob Geleit); The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Steve Bridger); Councillors Arthur Abdulin, Chris Ames, Christine Cleveland, Alex Coley, Neil Dallen, Hannah Dalton, Julian Freeman, Liz Frost, Bernice Froud, Anthony Froud, Shanice Goldman, Christine Howells, Graham Jones, Alison Kelly, James Lawrence, Robert Leach, Jan Mason, Steven McCormick, Lucie McIntyre, Julie Morris, Bernie Muir, Phil Neale, Kieran Persand, Humphrey Reynolds, Kim Spickett, Alan Williamson and Clive Woodbridge

Absent: Councillors John Beckett, Kate Chinn, Rachel King, Peter O'Donovan, Darren Talbot and Chris Watson

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

1 TO ELECT THE MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Steven McCormick, seconded by Councillor Chris Ames and resolved by the Council:

That Councillor Rob Geleit be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

2 TO ELECT THE DEPUTY MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Phil Neale, seconded by Councillor Alex Coley and resolved by the Council:

That Councillor Steve Bridger be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

3 VOTE OF THANKS

It was proposed by Councillor Christine Cleveland that a vote of thanks be recorded to the Outgoing Mayor, Councillor Clive Woodbridge. Accordingly, it was resolved:

That the Council place on record its high appreciation of the excellent and devoted service rendered by Councillor Clive Woodbridge during his term of office as Mayor.

4 OUTGOING MAYOR'S BADGE AND OUTGOING MAYORESS' BADGE

The Chief Executive, on behalf of Members of the Council, presented a Badge of Office to Councillor Clive Woodbridge in recognition of his services to the Office of Mayor and the Council's Badge to Mrs Mary Woodbridge in recognition of her services as Mayoress. The gifts were acknowledged by Councillor Woodbridge who spoke of his privilege and pleasure to have been Mayor of the Borough, thanking all who had helped him during his term of office.

(The retiring Mayor, Councillor Clive Woodbridge, thereupon vacated the Chair and the newly elected Mayor, Councillor Rob Geleit, took the Chair)

5 DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Rob Geleit and Councillor Steve Bridger made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Mayor and Deputy Mayor respectively.

The Mayor spoke in acknowledgement of his election, announcing that he had selected the following organisations to help as his chosen charities:

- Love Me Love My Mind
- Age Concern Epsom
- Citizens Advice Epsom and Ewell

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

7 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 18 April 2023 were agreed as a true record and the Mayor was authorised to sign them.

8 EPSOM AND EWELL BOROUGH COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

The Council received a report seeking approval of the Constitution.

Following consideration, it was resolved by majority vote in favour to:

- (1) **Approve the Constitution of Epsom and Ewell Borough Council.**

9 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES 2023-24

The Council considered a report seeking approval of the allocation of seats on Committees and Advisory Panels; the appointments to Committees and Advisory Panels and the appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the 2023/24 Municipal Year.

Following consideration, it was resolved unanimously that the Council:

- (1) **Noted the allocation of seats based on political balance and proportionality;**
- (2) **Allocated seats on the Committees and Advisory Panels in accordance with the wishes of the political groups set out in Appendix 1 to the report and detailed below;**
- (3) **Appointed Chairs and Vice Chairs in light of the nominations received as set out in Appendix 1 to the report and detailed below.**
- (4) **Appointed all members of Council as substitutes for their group members on committees, where the group member is unable to attend a meeting.**

Audit and Scrutiny Committee (8): Steve Bridger (**Chair**), Robert Leach (**Vice Chair**), Chris Ames, Rachel King, James Lawrence, Jan Mason, Phil Neale, Chris Watson.

Community and Wellbeing Committee (8): Clive Woodbridge (**Chair**), Bernice Froud (**Vice Chair**), Kate Chinn, Shanice Goldman, Alison Kelly, Rachel King, Lucie McIntyre, Darren Talbot.

Environment (8): John Beckett (**Chair**), Liz Frost (**Vice Chair**), Arthur Abdulin, Tony Froud, Steven McCormick, Julie Morris, Kieran Persand, Kim Spickett.

Crime and Disorder Committee (5): Alex Coley (**Chair**), Shanice Goldman, James Lawrence, Darren Talbot, Alan Williamson.

Licensing and Planning Policy Committee (8): Steven McCormick (**Chair**), Peter O'Donovan (**Vice Chair**), Steve Bridger, Shanice Goldman, Julie Morris, Phil Neale, Kieran Persand, Clive Woodbridge.

Licensing Sub Committee Panel: Steven McCormick, Peter O'Donovan, Steve Bridger, Neil Dallen, Julian Freeman, Shanice Goldman, Kieran Persand, Phil Neal.

Planning Committee (10): Humphrey Reynolds (**Chair**), Steven McCormick (**Vice Chair**), Kate Chinn, Neil Dallen, Julian Freeman, Jan Mason, Bernie Muir, Phil Neale, Peter O'Donovan, Clive Woodbridge.

Strategy and Resources Committee (8): Neil Dallen (**Chair**), Hannah Dalton (**Vice Chair**), Chris Ames, Shanice Goldman, Graham Jones, Alison Kelly, Robert Leach, Alan Williamson.

Shareholder Sub-Committee (5): To be appointed by the Strategy and Resources Committee.

Standards and Constitution Committee (6): Liz Frost (**Chair**), Hannah Dalton (**Vice Chair**), Chris Ames, James Lawrence, Robert Leach, Chris Watson.

Financial Policy Panel (6): Neil Dallen (**Chair**), John Beckett, Hannah Dalton, Alison Kelly, Steven McCormick, Clive Woodbridge.

Health Liaison Panel (6): Christine Cleveland (**Chair**), Chris Ames, Liz Frost, Bernice Froud, Bernie Muir, Kim Spickett.

Human Resources Panel (6): Christine Cleveland (**Chair**), Chris Ames, Neil Dallen, Robert Leach, Phil Neale, Kieran Persand.

Nonsuch Park Joint Management Committee (3): Julian Freeman, Christine Howells, Tony Froud.

Surrey Police and Crime Panel (1): Alex Coley

10 REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL BODIES

The Council received a report seeking appointments to representation on external bodies. The following matter was considered:

- a) **Ballots.** The Council undertook a ballot for all vacancies for which the number of nominations exceeded the number of available places, as set out in the agenda. At the invitation of the Mayor, the Chief Executive informed the Council that the results of the ballots were as follows:
- **Age Concern (Epsom and Ewell) – General Committee (2 vacancies):**
 - **Councillor Arthur Abdulin 21 votes (APPOINTED)**
 - **Councillor Steven McCormick 22 votes (APPOINTED)**
 - **Councillor Bernie Muir 3 votes**
 - **Central Surrey Community Action (1 vacancy):**
 - **Councillor Steven McCormick 20 votes (APPOINTED)**
 - **Councillor Bernie Muir 3 votes**
 - **Committee of Management of Local Citizens Advice Bureau (2 vacancies):**

- **Councillor Robert Leach 20 votes (APPOINTED)**
- **Councillor Steven McCormick 23 votes (APPOINTED)**
- **Councillor Bernie Muir 5 votes**
- **Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators (6 vacancies):**
 - **Councillor Christine Cleveland 24 votes (APPOINTED)**
 - **Councillor Liz Frost 24 votes (APPOINTED)**
 - **Councillor Bernice Froud 24 votes (APPOINTED)**
 - **Councillor Steven McCormick 24 votes (APPOINTED)**
 - **Councillor Kieran Persand 4 votes**
 - **Councillor Kim Spickett 24 votes (APPOINTED)**
 - **Councillor Clive Woodbridge 20 votes (APPOINTED)**
- **Surrey Environment Partnership (1 vacancy):**
 - **Councillor John Beckett 16 votes (APPOINTED)**
 - **Councillor Kieran Persand 3 votes**

Following consideration, it was resolved unanimously:

That the Council:

- (1) Appointed representatives to the external bodies and inter authority partnerships set out in Appendix 1 to the report and detailed below;**
- (2) Appointed the Member Champions set out in Appendix 1 to the report and detailed below;**
- (3) Noted the Officer/Member Working Groups appointed by Committees set out in Appendix 1 to the report and detailed below.**

Outside bodies				
Body on which Represented	Responsible Policy Committee	No of Reps	Representative(s)	
Age Concern (Epsom and Ewell) – General Committee	C & W	2	Councillor Abdulin	Arthur
			Councillor McCormick	Steven
Central Surrey Community Action	C & W	1	Councillor McCormick	Steven

Outside bodies			
Body on which Represented	Responsible Policy Committee	No of Reps	Representative(s)
Committee of Management of Local Citizens Advice Bureau	C & W	2	Councillor Robert Leach Councillor Steven McCormick
Epsom and Ewell Town Twinning Association Management Committee	S & R	2	Councillor Rachel King Councillor Clive Woodbridge
Epsom Common Association	C & W	1	Councillor Steve Bridger
Ewell Parochial Trusts	C & W	3	Councillor Christine Cleveland Councillor Humphrey Reynolds Councillor Clive Woodbridge
Friends of Epsom and Ewell Parks	C & W	1	Councillor Steven McCormick
Local Government Association	S & R	1	Councillor Hannah Dalton

Joint Committees / Arrangements			
Body on which Represented	Responsible Policy Committee	No of Reps	Representative(s)
Coast to Capital Joint Committee	S & R	1	Chair of RA Group
Epsom and Ewell Community Safety Partnership	E & SC	1	Chair of Environment and Safe Communities Committee
Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators	C & W	6	Councillor Christine Cleveland

Joint Committees / Arrangements			
Body on which Represented	Responsible Policy Committee	No of Reps	Representative(s)
Already appointed to a Term of Office (4 years, 2023 – 2027)			<p>Councillor Liz Frost</p> <p>Councillor Bernice Froud</p> <p>Councillor Steven McCormick</p> <p>Councillor Kim Spickett</p> <p>Councillor Clive Woodbridge</p>
Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee	C & W	1 (+ Chairman of the Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators)	Councillor Bernice Froud
Epsom and Walton Downs Training Grounds Management Board	C & W	2	Councillor Neil Dallen
Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London Adjudication Joint Committee (PATROL)	E & S C	1 + Sub	<p>Chair of Environment & Safe Communities Committee</p> <p>Vice Chair of Environment & Safe Communities Committee</p>
South East England Councils (SEEC)	S & R	1	Councillor Hannah Dalton
Surrey Environment Partnership	E & SC	1	Councillor John Beckett
Surrey Climate Change Partnership	E & SC	1	Chair of Environment & Safe Communities Committee
Surrey Leaders Group	S&R	1	Councillor Hannah Dalton

Member Champions

	Champion
Armed Forces	Councillor Graham Jones
Alternative Transport	Councillor Tony Froud
Heritage	Councillor Kim Spickett
Mental Health	Councillor Darren Talbot

Officer/Member Working Groups appointed by Committees		
Body on which Represented	Responsible Committee	Representative(s)
Capital Member Group	S & R	Appointed by Strategy & Resources Committee
Investment Property Group	S & R	Appointed by Strategy & Resources Committee
CIL Panel	S & R	Appointed by Strategy & Resources Committee
Car Park Working Group	E & SC	Appointed by the Environment & Safe Communities Committee
Environment and Sustainability Working Group	E & SC	Appointed by the Environment & Safe Communities Committee
Local Plan Member Working Group	L & PP	Appointed by the Chair of the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee in accordance with the Terms of Reference agreed by Licensing and Planning Policy Committee on 15 July 2021.

11 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS

The Council received a report seeking the formal appointment of the council's statutory independent persons for a four year term expiring in May 2027.

Following consideration, it was unanimously agreed to:

(1) **Appoint the following as Independent Persons for a four-year term of office expiring in May 2027:**

- Andrea Armstrong
- Vivienne Cameron

- Jane Clarke
- Bill Donnelly
- John Smith

12 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2023-2024

The Council received a report requesting it to approve a programme of ordinary meetings of the Council for the year.

Following consideration, it was resolved unanimously:

- (1) That the Council approved the programme of ordinary meetings for the year**

The meeting began at 7.00 pm and ended at 7.50 pm

COUNCILLOR ROB GELEIT
MAYOR