



## EPSOM AND EWELL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH of EPSOM AND EWELL held at the Town Hall, Epsom on 20 February 2018

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#### PRESENT -

The Mayor (Councillor Liz Frost); The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Neil Dallen); Councillors Michael Arthur, Tony Axelrod, Richard Baker, Rekha Bansil, John Beckett, Steve Bridger, Kate Chinn, Alex Clarke, Alex Coley, George Crawford, Hannah Dalton, Graham Dudley, Robert Foote, Chris Frost, Rob Geleit, Eber Kington, Omer Kokou-Tchri, Jan Mason, Barry Nash, Peter O'Donovan, Martin Olney, Jane Race, David Reeve, Humphrey Reynolds, Guy Robbins, Vince Romagnuolo, Clive Smitheram, Jean Steer, Alan Sursham, Mike Teasdale, Peter Webb, David Wood, Clive Woodbridge and Tella Wormington

Absent: Councillors Lucie Dallen and Tina Mountain

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

#### 32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made by councillors regarding items on the Agenda.

#### 33 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12 December 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 34 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS/BUSINESS

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Alex Coley elected to the vacancy in Ruxley Ward at the by-election on 15 February 2018. She also announced that an award dedicated to the memory of John Harrison, Active Citizen and active supporter of the Sunnybank Trust, was to be made by the Trust in his name. Mr. Harrison had passed away at the beginning of the year. Finally, she reminded members about a number of forthcoming charity events.

### 35 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

Four questions had been addressed to the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee to which written answers had been provided and published.

### 36 BUDGET REPORT 2018/19

The Council gave consideration to its 2018/19 budget, comprising both revenue and capital expenditure plans and Council Tax amounts for each band of dwelling. The report took account of the recommendations of the Community & Wellbeing, Environment and Strategy and Resources Committees (appertaining to fees and charges, the revenue budget and capital programme).

In moving the recommendations of the Chief Finance Officer, the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee, Councillor Eber Kington, made a statement to the Council on the budget for 2018/19 to which Councillors Alexander Clarke and Kate Chinn responded.

Upon being put, the **MOTION** was **CARRIED**, there being 29 members in favour and 6 against and 1 abstention as follows:

#### **For the Motion (29)**

Michael Arthur  
 Tony Axelrod  
 Richard Baker  
 Rekha Bansil  
 John Beckett  
 Steve Bridger  
 Alex Coley  
 George Crawford  
 The Deputy Mayor  
 Hannah Dalton  
 Graham Dudley  
 Robert Foote  
 Chris Frost  
 Eber Kington  
 Jan Mason  
 Barry Nash  
 Peter O'Donovan  
 Martin Olney  
 David Reeve  
 Humphrey Reynolds  
 Guy Robbins  
 Clive Smitheram  
 Jean Steer  
 Alan Sursham  
 Mike Teasdale  
 Peter Webb

#### **Against the Motion (6)**

Kate Chinn  
 Alex Clarke  
 Rob Geleit  
 Jane Race  
 Omer Kokou-Tchri  
 Vince Romagnuolo

#### **Not voting (1)**

The Mayor

**For the Motion (cont.)**

David Wood  
Clive Woodbridge  
Tella Wormington

Accordingly, it was

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That it be noted that, under delegated powers, the Chief Finance Officer calculated the Council Tax Base as 32,658.06 (Band 'D' equivalent properties) for the year 2018/19 calculated in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act").**
- (2) That the following estimates recommended by the policy committees be approved:-**
  - a) The revised revenue estimates for the year 2017/18 and the revenue estimates for 2018/19**
  - b) The capital programme for 2018/19 and the provisional programme for 2019 to 2021, as summarised in the capital strategy statement.**
- (3) That the fees and charges recommended by the policy committees be approved for 2018/19.**
- (4) That the Council Tax Requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2018/19 is £6,289,942.**
- (5) That the Council receives the budget risk assessment at Annexe 6 and notes the conclusion of the Chief Finance Officer that these budget proposals are robust and sustainable as concluded in this report.**
- (6) That the Council receives the Chief Finance Officer Statement on the Reserves as attached at Annexe 8.**
- (7) That the Council agrees the Treasury Management Strategy, Prudential Indicators and Authorised Limits for 2018/19 as set out in Annexe 11 including:-**
  - a) Affordability Prudential Indicators**
  - c) The actual and estimated Capital Financing Requirement**
  - d) The estimated levels of borrowing and investment**
  - e) The authorised and operational limits for external debt**
  - f) The treasury management prudential indicators**

- (8) That the following amounts be now calculated for the year 2018/19 in accordance with sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
- a) £56,138,698 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in section 31A(2) of the Act
  - b) £49,848,756 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in section 31(A)3 of the Act
  - c) £6,289,942 being the amount by which the aggregate at 8(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 8(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 31A(4) of the Act, as its council tax requirement for the year.
  - d) £192.60 being the amount at 8(c) above divided by the amount at 1. above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 31(B) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year
- (9) To note that Surrey County Council and Surrey Police Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below:-

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

| Band:  | A      | B        | C        | D        | E        | F        | G        | H        |
|--------|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|        | £      | £        | £        | £        | £        | £        | £        | £        |
| Amount | 940.86 | 1,097.67 | 1,254.48 | 1,411.29 | 1,724.91 | 2,038.53 | 2,352.15 | 2,822.58 |

**SURREY POLICE AUTHORITY**

| Band:  | A      | B      | C      | D      | E      | F      | G      | H      |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|        | £      | £      | £      | £      | £      | £      | £      | £      |
| Amount | 157.71 | 184.00 | 210.28 | 236.57 | 289.14 | 341.71 | 394.28 | 473.14 |

- (10) That the Council, in accordance with Section 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2018/19 for each of the categories of dwellings.

**EPSOM AND EWELL BOROUGH COUNCIL**

| Band:  | A      | B      | C      | D      | E      | F      | G      | H      |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|        | £      | £      | £      | £      | £      | £      | £      | £      |
| Amount | 128.40 | 149.80 | 171.20 | 192.60 | 235.40 | 278.20 | 321.00 | 385.20 |

**AGGREGATE OF COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENTS**

| <b>Band:</b>  | <b>A</b>        | <b>B</b>        | <b>C</b>        | <b>D</b>        | <b>E</b>        | <b>F</b>        | <b>G</b>        | <b>H</b>        |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|               | <b>£</b>        | <b>£</b>        | <b>£</b>        | <b>£</b>        | <b>£</b>        | <b>£</b>        | <b>£</b>        | <b>£</b>        |
| <b>Amount</b> | <b>1,226.97</b> | <b>1,431.47</b> | <b>1,635.96</b> | <b>1,840.46</b> | <b>2,249.45</b> | <b>2,658.44</b> | <b>3,067.43</b> | <b>3,680.92</b> |

**37 REVISION TO CONSTITUTION - PLANNING MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

Council received a report from the Chief Legal Officer.

Councillor Humphrey Reynolds **MOVED**, and Councillor David Reeve **SECONDED**, the recommendations in the report subject to stating that it was the intention to review the Code after six months operation.

Accordingly, it was

**RESOLVED that:**

**The revised Model Code of Practice for Members in respect of Planning Matters attached at Annexe 1 be included in the Constitution, to supercede the (ACSeS) Model Code of Good Practice currently contained therein. The revised Code to be reviewed after six months operation.**

**38 MOTIONS TO COUNCIL**

No motions to Council had been received by the deadline of 5pm on Wednesday 7 February 2018 (eight clear working days before the meeting).

The meeting began at 7.30 pm and ended at 8.57 pm

COUNCILLOR LIZ FROST  
MAYOR