

LICENSING AND PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

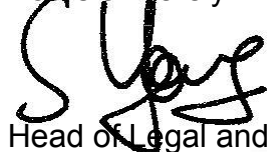
Thursday 7 December 2017 at 7.30 pm

Council Chamber - Epsom Town Hall

The members listed below are summoned to attend the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee meeting, on the day and at the time and place stated, to consider the business set out in this agenda.

Councillor Graham Dudley (Chairman)	Councillor Rob Geleit
Councillor David Wood (Vice-Chairman)	Councillor Tina Mountain
Councillor Michael Arthur	Councillor Martin Olney
Councillor Steve Bridger	Councillor David Reeve
Councillor Chris Frost	Councillor Alan Sursham

Yours sincerely



Head of Legal and Democratic Services

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AGENDA

1. QUESTION TIME

To take any questions from members of the the Public

Please note: Members of the Public are requested to inform the Democratic Services Officer before the meeting begins if they wish to ask a verbal question to the Committee.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in respect of any item of business to be considered at the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 3 - 6)

The Committee is asked to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 26 October 2017 (attached) and to authorise the Chairman to sign them.

4. EPSOM & EWELL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY REGULATION 62 STATEMENT (Pages 7 - 26)

This report serves as an information item to the Committee, enclosing the CIL annual report, prior to it being published on the Borough Council's website.

5. INTRODUCING THE BROWNFIELD LAND REGISTER (Pages 27 - 34)

The government has recently introduced the requirement that local planning authorities prepare a Brownfield Land Register. This document identifies available, deliverable and developable sites for new housing that exist on previously developed land. The Council is required to publish this document by 31 December 2017.

6. LOCAL PLAN AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY - STATEMENT ON THE EXEMPTION OF SMALL SITES FROM DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS (Pages 35 - 58)

The government has introduced changes to National Planning Practice Guidance in the wake of a Written Ministerial Statement (WMS) on whether local planning authorities can continue to seek developer contributions (for affordable housing) from development proposals of ten or fewer dwellings. The introduction of this approach will restrict our ability to meet the local demand for affordable housing. It will further exacerbate need and over time has the potential to significantly impact on our role as the local housing authority.

In response, the Council prepared a position statement that set out the justification and evidence for its continued application of its own adopted policy, which allows the Council to access contributions from proposals of five or more dwellings. Following recent appeal decisions we have revised our position statement so that our justification and evidence is clearer and concise.

7. PLANNING IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN 2017 (Pages 59 - 96)

The Planning Advisory Service (under the aegis of the Local Government Association) facilitated a Planning Improvement Peer Challenge in September 2017. The Peer Review report is attached at **Annexe 1**. This report sets out the management response to the findings of this review, set out in Annexe 2. The action plan at **Annexe 2** was adopted by the Planning Committee on 13 November 2017 with the exception of those items under section 4 of the plan that fall for consideration and adoption by this committee.