



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 19 February 2019

PRESENT -

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

Absent: Councillors Lucie Dallen and Jane Race

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

31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

32 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11 December 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

33 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS/BUSINESS

It was with sadness that the Mayor announced the passing of former Councillor Nigel Petrie.

As a mark of respect, the Council stood in a minute's silence.

Councillors Chris Frost, Vince Romagnuolo, Alex Clarke and Humphrey Reynolds paid tribute to former Councillor Petrie as a colleague, Ward Councillor and friend.

The Mayor also made a number of announcements relating to noteworthy events over the past two months and to forthcoming charity events.

34 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

No written questions had been received for the meeting.

35 BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2019/20

The Council gave consideration to its 2019/20 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 & Safe Communities and Strategy & 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 2019/20 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 (The Deputy Mayor)
 Steve Bridger
 Alex Coley
 George Crawford
 Hannah Dalton
 Graham Dudley
 Robert Foote
 Chris Frost
 Liz Frost
 Colin Keane
 Eber Kington
 Jan Mason
 Barry Nash
 Peter O'Donovan
 Martin Olney
 David Reeve
 Humphrey Reynolds

Against the Motion (6)

Kate Chinn
 Alex Clarke
 Rob Geleit
 Omer Kokou-Tchri
 Tina Mountain
 Vince Romagnuolo

Not voting (1)

Neil Dallen (The Mayor)

Guy Robbins
Clive Smitheram
Jean Steer
Alan Sursham
Mike Teasdale
Peter Webb
Clive Woodbridge
Tella Wormington

Accordingly, it was resolved that:

- (1) That it be noted that, under delegated powers, the Chief Finance Officer calculated the Council Tax Base as 32,895.63 (Band 'D' equivalent properties) for the year 2019/20 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 2018/19 and the revenue estimates for 2019/20.**
 - b) The capital programme for 2019/20 and the provisional programme for 2020 to 2022, as summarised in the capital strategy statement.**
- (3) That the fees and charges recommended by the policy committees be approved for 2019/20.**
- (4) That the Council Tax Requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2019/20 is £6,525,177.**
- (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 2019/20 as set out in Annexe 11 including:-**
 - a) Affordability Prudential Indicators**
 - b) The actual and estimated Capital Financing Requirement**
 - c) The estimated levels of borrowing and investment**

- d) The authorised and operational limits for external debt
- e) The treasury management prudential indicators
- (8) That the following amounts be now calculated for the year 2019/20 in accordance with sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
- a) £55,822,364 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in section 31A(2) of the Act
- b) £49,297,187 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in section 31(A)3 of the Act
- c) £6,525,177 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) £198.36 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	969.00	1,130.50	1,292.00	1,453.50	1,776.50	2,099.50	2,422.50	2,907.00

SURREY POLICE AUTHORITY

Band:	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Amount:	173.71	202.67	231.62	260.57	318.47	376.38	434.28	521.14

- (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 2019/20 for each of the categories of dwellings.

EPSOM AND EWELL BOROUGH COUNCIL

Band:	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Amount:	132.24	154.28	176.32	198.36	242.44	286.52	330.60	396.72

AGGREGATE OF COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENTS

Band:	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Amount:	1,274.95	1,487.45	1,699.94	1,912.43	2,337.41	2,762.40	3,187.38	3,824.86

36 EPSOM & EWELL BOROUGH COUNCIL PAY POLICY STATEMENT

Council received a report from the Head of HR and Organisational Development regarding the approval of the draft Epsom & Ewell Borough Council Pay Policy statement for 2018/19.

Councillor Eber Kington MOVED the recommendation in the report.

Upon being put, the recommendation was CARRIED (without a division).

Accordingly, it was resolved that:

- (1) The Council approved the Pay Policy Statement for 2018/19.**

37 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS REVIEW

Council received a report from the Chief Finance Officer regarding the approval of proposed changes to the Financial Regulations in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution.

Councillor Eber Kington MOVED the recommendation in the report.

Upon being put, the recommendation was CARRIED (without a division).

Accordingly, it was resolved that:

That the Council:

- (1) Noted the comments of Financial Policy Panel and Strategy and Resources Committee on the proposed amendments to the Financial Regulations at paragraphs 3.4 to 3.6 of the report;**

- (2) **Approved the revised Financial Regulations, as set out in Annex 1, for inclusion in Part 4, Section 5 of the Constitution.**

38 MOTIONS TO COUNCIL

No motions had been received for the meeting.

The meeting began at 7.30 pm and ended at 9.20 pm

COUNCILLOR NEIL DALLEN
MAYOR