

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 7 December 2021

PRESENT -

The Mayor (Councillor Peter O'Donovan); Councillors Arthur Abdulin, John Beckett, Steve Bridger, Kate Chinn, Christine Cleveland, Monica Coleman, Nigel Collin, Neil Dallen, Hannah Dalton, Chris Frost, Liz Frost, Bernice Froud, Rob Geleit, Luke Giles, David Gulland, Graham Jones, Colin Keane, Eber Kington, Jan Mason, Steven McCormick, Lucie McIntyre, Debbie Monksfield, Julie Morris, Phil Neale, David Reeve, Humphrey Reynolds, Guy Robbins, Clive Smitheram, Alan Sursham and Chris Webb

<u>Absent:</u> The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Clive Woodbridge); Councillors Alex Coley, Christine Howells, Previn Jagutpal, Bernie Muir, Barry Nash and Peter Webb

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

27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

28 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 19 June 2021 and Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 30 September 2021 were agreed as a true record and the Mayor was authorised to sign them.

29 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS/BUSINESS

The Mayor made a number of announcements relating to noteworthy virtual and in-person events which he had attended over the past 2 months.

30 QUESTIONS

One question had been addressed to the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee, to which a written answer had been provided and published.

31 CHAIRS' STATEMENTS

Council received written statements from the Chairs of the Community and Wellbeing Committee, Licensing and Planning Policy Committee and Strategy and Resources Committee.

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

32 REVIEW OF CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS

Council received a report proposing amendments to the Contract Standing Orders, including changes to the level of threshold.

Councillor Colin Keane MOVED the recommendations in the report.

Upon being put the recommendations were **CARRIED** unanimously.

Accordingly it was resolved to:

- (1) Agree to the amendments of the Contract Standing Orders
- (2) Agree that the Constitution be updated accordingly.

33 COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO BOUNDARY COMMISSION CONSULTATION

Council received a report requesting it to approve the Council's response to the Local Government Boundary Commission's consultation on council size and warding arrangements.

Councillor Colin Keane MOVED the recommendation in the report.

Council was informed of the following corrections to the report and appendix to read as follows:

Report, paragraph 5.2 2) "The boundary between Court Ward and the proposed Horton ward follow the B284 Hook Road until Chantilly Way, retaining the former St Ebba Hospital site centred around Parkview Way within Court Ward."

Appendix 1, sidenote in relation to Nonsuch Ward "There are no changes to the proposed number of councillors in the Cuddington Nonsuch Ward."

Appendix 1, sidenote in relation to Woodcote Ward "There are no changes to the proposed number of councillors in the West Ewell Woodcote Ward."

Upon being put the recommendation was **CARRIED** with a majority vote in favour.

Accordingly it was resolved to:

(1) Approve, with any necessary amendments, the response at Appendix 1 to the report.

34 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2022-2023

Council received a report requesting it to approve the Municipal Calendar from May 2022 to July 2023.

Councillor Colin Keane MOVED the recommendation in the report.

Councillor Hannah Dalton SECONDED the recommendation in the report.

Upon being put, the recommendation was **CARRIED** unanimously.

Accordingly, it was resolved to:

(1) Approve the Municipal Calendar for 2022-2023.

35 MOTIONS

Council received one Motion submitted under FCR 14 of Part 4 of the Council's Constitution.

Motion 1: "Introduce regular Heritage Tours during summer"

The Council resolved by a majority vote to refer this Motion to the Community and Wellbeing Committee for consideration.

The meeting began at 7.30 pm and ended at 8.05 pm

COUNCILLOR PETER O'DONOVAN MAYOR