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07 February 2022

SIR OR MADAM

I hereby summon you to attend a meeting of the Council of the Borough of Epsom and Ewell which will be held at the Council Chamber, Epsom Town Hall, Epsom on **TUESDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY, 2022** at **7.30 pm**. The business to be transacted at the Meeting is set out on the Agenda overleaf. A link to the meeting is provided above.

Prayers will be said by the Mayor's Chaplain prior to the start of the meeting.

Chief Executive

Public information

Please note that this meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Epsom and will be available to observe live on the internet

This meeting will be open to the press and public to attend as an observer using free GoToWebinar software, or by telephone.

A link to the online address for this meeting is provided on the first page of this agenda and on the Council's website. A telephone connection number is also provided on the front page of this agenda as a way to observe the meeting, and will relay the full audio from the meeting as an alternative to online connection. A limited number of seats will also be available in the public gallery at the Town Hall. For further information please contact Democratic Services, email: democraticservices@epsom-ewell.gov.uk, telephone: 01372 732000.

Information about the membership of the Council is available on the [Council's website](#). The website also provides copies of agendas, reports and minutes.

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Exclusion of the Press and the Public

There are no matters scheduled to be discussed at this meeting that would appear to disclose confidential or exempt information under the provisions Schedule 12A of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985. Should any such matters arise during the course of discussion of the below items or should the Mayor agree to discuss any other such matters on the grounds of urgency, the Council will wish to resolve to exclude the press and public by virtue of the private nature of the business to be transacted.

Questions from the Public

Questions from the public are not permitted at meetings of the Council. [Part 4 of the Council's Constitution](#) sets out which Committees are able to receive public questions, and the procedure for doing so.

COUNCIL

Tuesday 15 February 2022

7.30 pm

Council Chamber - Epsom Town Hall

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AGENDA

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests from Members in respect of any item to be considered at the meeting.

2. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 8)

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 7 December 2021.

3. MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS/BUSINESS

To receive such communications or deal with such business as the Mayor may decide to lay before the Council.

4. BUDGET REPORT 2022 - 2023 (Pages 9 - 128)

This report fulfils the statutory requirement to agree a budget for 2022/23, comprising both revenue and capital expenditure plans, and to set a Council Tax for the year.

The Council Tax recommendation as supported by the Financial Policy Panel is for an increase of £4.95 per annum (Band D property), an equivalent increase of 2.38%.

5. EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE (Pages 129 - 154)

This report presents Grant Thornton's 2020/21 Annual Report to members.

6. APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR FROM 2023/24 (Pages 155 - 164)

This report sets out proposals for appointing the external auditor to the Council for the accounts for the five-year period from 2023/24.

7. EEBC PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2022-23 (Pages 165 - 182)

This report seeks approval of the draft Epsom & Ewell Borough Council Pay Policy Statement 2022/23.

8. ANNUAL PLAN 2022-2023 (Pages 183 - 192)

This report sets out the Annual Plan 2022-2023 outlining the key objectives to support the delivery of the Council's Four Year Plan 2020-2024. The plan was approved by Strategy & Resources Committee on 27 January 2022.

9. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS REVIEW (Pages 193 - 260)

Following the Local Government Association (LGA) Finance Peer Review, this report presents a review of the Council's financial decision-making procedures and recommends changes to the Financial Regulations for the Committee's consideration. The report also provides an update on the LGA Peer Review Action Plan.

10. COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE (Pages 261 - 292)

This report presents the amended Terms of Reference for Committees for approval by Council.