

EPSOM & EWELL BOROUGH COUNCIL

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05 February 2024

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, 13TH FEBRUARY, 2024 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

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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.

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 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 terms of reference and membership of this Committee are available on the Council's website. The website also provides copies of agendas, reports and minutes.

Agendas, reports and minutes for this Committee are also available on the free Modern.Gov app for iPad, Android and Windows devices. For further information on how to access information regarding this Committee, please email us at democraticservices@epsom-ewell.gov.uk.

Exclusion of the Press and the Public

There are matters scheduled to be discussed at this meeting that would appear to disclose confidential or exempt information under the provisions of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended). The Committee is likely to resolve to exclude the press and public during discussion of these matters by virtue of the private nature of the business to be transacted.

Questions and statements from the Public

Questions and statements from the public are not permitted at meetings of the Council. <u>Annex 4.2</u> of the Epsom & Ewell Borough Council Operating Framework sets out which Committees are able to receive public questions and statements, and the procedure for doing so.

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Filming or recording must be overt and persons filming should not move around the room whilst filming nor should they obstruct proceedings or the public from viewing the meeting. The use of flash photography, additional lighting or any non-handheld devices, including tripods, will not be allowed.

Tuesday 13 February 2024

7.30 pm

Council Chamber - Epsom Town Hall, https://www.youtube.com/@epsomandewellBC/playlists

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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 - 14)

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting and Special Meeting of the Council held on 12 December 2023.

3. MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS/BUSINESS

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

4. **REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL** (Pages 15 - 34)

Further to the appointment of an Independent Remuneration Panel ('IRP') by full Council at its July 2023 meeting, a report outlining their review of the Council's Member Allowance Scheme and recommended changes is presented to the Council alongside the recommendations of the Strategy and Resources Committee.

5. **2024/25 BUDGET AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2024-2028** (Pages 35 - 192)

This report fulfils the statutory requirement to agree a budget for 2024/25, comprising both revenue and capital expenditure plans, and to set a council tax for the year.

The Council Tax recommendation as supported by Financial Strategy Advisory Group is for an increase of £6.57 per annum (Band D property), an equivalent increase of 2.99%.

6. PAY POLICY STATEMENT (Pages 193 - 212)

This report introduces the draft Epsom & Ewell Borough Council Pay Policy Statement for 2024/25 and seeks approval of the Statement prior to its presentation to Full Council and subsequent publication on the Council's website.

7. **POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACES REVIEW** (Pages 213 - 276)

This report sets out the recommendations from the Strategy and Resources Committee for proposed changes following the conclusion of the Polling Places and Districts review.

8. MOTIONS (Pages 277 - 284)

This report sets out notices of motions ruled in order.

9. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC** (Pages 285 - 286)

The Council is asked to consider whether it wishes to pass a resolution to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that the business involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act (as amended) and that pursuant to paragraph 10 of Part 2 of the said Schedule 12A the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

10. APPOINTMENT OF SECTION 151 OFFICER (Pages 287 - 290)

This report has not been published because the meeting is likely to be closed to the press and public in view of the nature of the business to be transacted/nature of the proceedings. The report deals with information relating to an individual and the public interest in maintaining the exemption currently outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.