



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 14 May 2024

PRESENT -

The Mayor (Councillor Steve Bridger); The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Robert Leach); Councillors Arthur Abdulin, Chris Ames, John Beckett, Kate Chinn, Christine Cleveland, Alex Coley, Neil Dallen, Hannah Dalton, Julian Freeman, Liz Frost, Bernice Froud, Tony Froud, Rob Geleit, Shanice Goldman, Christine Howells, Graham Jones, Alison Kelly, Rachel King, James Lawrence, Jan Mason, Steven McCormick, Julie Morris, Bernie Muir, Phil Neale, Kieran Persand, Humphrey Reynolds, Kim Spickett, Chris Watson and Clive Woodbridge

Absent: Councillors Peter O'Donovan, Darren Talbot and Alan Williamson

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

1 TO ELECT THE MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Phil Neale, seconded by Councillor Alex Coley and resolved by the Council:

That Councillor Steve Bridger be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2024/25.

2 TO ELECT THE DEPUTY MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Neil Dallen, seconded by Councillor Shanice Goldman and resolved by the Council:

That Councillor Robert Leach be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2024/25.

3 VOTE OF THANKS

It was proposed by Councillor Chris Ames that a vote of thanks be recorded to the Outgoing Mayor, Councillor Rob Geleit. Accordingly, it was resolved:

That the Council place on record its high appreciation of the excellent and devoted service rendered by Councillor Rob Geleit during his term of office as Mayor.

4 OUTGOING MAYOR'S BADGE AND OUTGOING MAYORESS' BADGE

The Chief Executive, on behalf of Members of the Council, presented a Badge of Office to Councillor Rob Geleit in recognition of his services to the Office of Mayor and the Council's Badge to Ms Thomasina Tanner in recognition of her services as Mayoress. The gifts were acknowledged by Councillor Geleit who spoke of his privilege and pleasure to have been Mayor of the Borough, thanking all who had helped him during his term of office.

(The retiring Mayor, Councillor Rob Geleit, thereupon vacated the Chair and the newly elected Mayor, Councillor Steve Bridger, took the Chair)

5 DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Steve Bridger and Councillor Robert Leach made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Mayor and Deputy Mayor respectively.

The Mayor spoke in acknowledgement of his election, announcing that he had selected the following organisations to help as his chosen charities:

- Epsom and Ewell Phab
- Puffins
- Ruxley Foundation

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

7 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 16 April 2024 were agreed as a true record and the Mayor was authorised to sign them.

8 EPSOM AND EWELL BOROUGH COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

The Council received a report seeking approval of the Constitution.

Following consideration, it was resolved unanimously to:

(1) Approve the Constitution of Epsom and Ewell Borough Council.**9 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES 2024-25**

The Council considered a report seeking approval of the allocation of seats on Committees and Advisory Panels; the appointments to Committees and Advisory Panels and the appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.

Following consideration, it was resolved unanimously that the Council:

- (1) Noted the allocation of seats based on political balance and proportionality;**
- (2) Allocated seats on the Committees and Advisory Panels in accordance with the wishes of the political groups set out in Appendix 1 to the report and detailed below;**
- (3) Appointed Chairs and Vice Chairs in light of the nominations received as set out in Appendix 1 to the report and detailed below.**
- (4) Appointed all members of Council as substitutes for their group members on committees, where the group member is unable to attend a meeting.**

Audit and Scrutiny Committee (8): Steven McCormick (**Chair**), Phil Neale (**Vice Chair**), Chris Ames, Alex Coley, Graham Jones, James Lawrence, Jan Mason, Alan Williamson.

Community and Wellbeing Committee (8): Clive Woodbridge (**Chair**), Bernice Froud (**Vice Chair**), Rob Geleit, Graham Jones, Alison Kelly, Rachel King, Humphrey Reynolds, Kim Spickett.

Environment (8): Liz Frost (**Chair**), Alan Williamson (**Vice Chair**), Arthur Abdulin, Christine Cleveland, Tony Froud, Jan Mason, Julie Morris, Kieran Persand.

Crime and Disorder Committee (5): Shanice Goldman (**Chair**), Tony Froud, Christine Howells, James Lawrence, Alan Williamson.

Licensing and Planning Policy Committee (10): Peter O'Donovan (**Chair**), Neil Dallen (**Vice Chair**), Robert Leach, Rob Geleit, Shanice Goldman, Julie Morris, Phil Neale, Kieran Persand, Humphrey Reynolds, Clive Woodbridge.

Planning Committee (10): Steven McCormick (**Chair**), Clive Woodbridge (**Vice Chair**), Kate Chinn, Neil Dallen, Julian Freeman, Jan Mason, Bernie Muir, Phil Neale, Humphrey Reynolds, Chris Watson.

Strategy and Resources Committee (8): Neil Dallen (**Chair**), Hannah Dalton (**Vice Chair**), Kate Chinn, Alex Coley, Alison Kelly, Robert Leach, Lucie McIntyre, Phil Neale.

Shareholder Sub-Committee (5): To be appointed by the Strategy and Resources Committee.

Standards and Constitution Committee (6): Hannah Dalton (**Chair**), Rachel King (**Vice Chair**), Chris Ames, John Beckett, James Lawrence, Robert Leach.

Financial Strategy Advisory Group (6): Neil Dallen (**Chair**), Hannah Dalton, Liz Frost, Alison Kelly, Peter O'Donovan, Clive Woodbridge.

Health Liaison Panel (6): Christine Cleveland (**Chair**), Liz Frost, Bernice Froud, Bernie Muir, Kim Spickett, Darren Talbot.

Human Resources Panel (6): Phil Neale (Chair), Chris Ames, Bernice Froud, Kieran Persand, Kim Spickett, Chris Watson.

Nonsuch Park Joint Management Committee (3): Julian Freeman, Christine Howells, Tony Froud.

Surrey Police and Crime Panel (1): Shanice Goldman

10 REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL BODIES

The Council received a report seeking appointments to representation on external bodies. The following matter was considered:

- a) **Ballots.** The Council undertook a ballot for a vacancy for which the number of nominations exceeded the number of available places, as set out in the agenda. At the invitation of the Mayor, the Chief Executive informed the Council that the results of the ballot was as follows:
- **Epsom and Ewell Community Safety Partnership (1 vacancy):**
 - **Councillor Shanice Goldman 26 votes (APPOINTED)**
 - **Councillor Bernie Muir 3 votes**

Following consideration, it was resolved unanimously that the Council:

- (1) **Appointed representatives to the external bodies and inter authority partnerships set out in Appendix 1 to the report and detailed below;**
- (2) **Appointed the Member Champions set out in Appendix 1 to the report and detailed below;**
- (3) **Delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Strategy and Resources Committee, the authority to determine and submit the nomination of a councillor to the vacancies advised by the Surrey Leaders' Group should more than one candidate be put forward in relation to the particular vacancy;**

(4) Noted the Officer/Member Working Groups appointed by Committees set out in Appendix 1 to the report and detailed below.

Outside bodies			
Body on which Represented	Responsible Policy Committee	No of Reps	Proposed Representative (s)
Age Concern (Epsom and Ewell) – General Committee	C & W	2	Councillor Graham Jones Councillor Steven McCormick
Central Surrey Community Action	C & W	1	Councillor Steven McCormick
Committee of Management of Local Citizens Advice Bureau	C & W	2	Councillor John Beckett Councillor Steven McCormick
Epsom and Ewell Town Twinning Association Management Committee	S & R	2	Councillor John Beckett Councillor Rachel King
Epsom Common Association	C & W	1	Councillor Kim Spickett
Ewell Parochial Trusts	C & W	3	Councillor John Beckett Councillor Christine Cleveland Councillor Clive Woodbridge
Friends of Epsom and Ewell Parks	C & W	1	Councillor Steven McCormick
Local Government Association	S & R	1	Councillor Hannah Dalton

Joint Committees / Arrangements			
Body on which Represented	Responsible Policy Committee	No of Reps	Proposed Representative (s)
Coast to Capital Joint Committee	S & R	1	Chair of RA Group
Epsom and Ewell	C&D	1	Chair of Crime and

Joint Committees / Arrangements			
Body on which Represented	Responsible Policy Committee	No of Reps	Proposed Representative (s)
Community Safety Partnership			Disorder Committee
Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators Already appointed to a Term of Office (4 years, 2023 – 2027)	C & W	6	Councillor Christine Cleveland Councillor Liz Frost Councillor Bernice Froud Councillor Steven McCormick Councillor Kim Spickett Councillor Clive Woodbridge
Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee	C & W	1 (+ Chairman of the Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators)	Councillor Bernice Froud
Epsom and Walton Downs Training Grounds Management Board	C & W	1 (+ Chairman of the Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators)	Councillor Neil Dallen
Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London Adjudication Joint Committee (PATROL)	E	1 + Sub	Chair of Environment Committee Vice Chair of Environment Committee
South East England Councils (SEEC)	S & R	1	Relevant LGA political group office make nominations for SEEC Executive Board, based on SEEC

Joint Committees / Arrangements			
Body on which Represented	Responsible Policy Committee	No of Reps	Proposed Representative (s)
			proportionality. Appointment subject to SEEC AGM.
Surrey Environment Partnership	E	1	Chair of Environment Committee
Surrey Climate Change Partnership	E	1	Appointment invited by Surrey Leaders Group
Surrey Leaders Group	S&R	1	Councillor Hannah Dalton

Member Champions	
	Champion
Armed Forces	Councillor Graham Jones
Alternative Transport	Councillor Tony Froud
Heritage	Councillor Kim Spickett
Mental Health	Councillor Darren Talbot

Officer/Member Working Groups appointed by Committees		
Body on which Represented	Responsible Committee	Proposed Representative (s)
Allotment Working Group	E	Appointed by Environment Committee
CIL Working Group	LPP	Appointed by Strategy & Resources Committee
Car Park Working Group	E	Appointed by the Environment Committee
Environment and Sustainability Working Group	E	Appointed by the Environment Committee
Local Plan Member Working Group	L & PP	Appointed by the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee
Standards and Constitution Working Group	S&C	Appointed by Standards and Constitution Committee

11 AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Council received a report presenting Grant Thornton's 2022/23 Annual Report.

Councillor Steven McCormick **MOVED** and Councillor Hannah Dalton **SECONDED** the recommendation in the report.

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

Accordingly, it was resolved to:

- (1) Receive the Auditor's Annual Report;**
- (2) Note the management responses to the auditor's recommendations at Appendix 1 to the report.**

12 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2024-25

The Council received a report requesting it to approve a programme of ordinary meetings of the Council for the year.

Following consideration, it was resolved unanimously:

- (1) That the Council approved the programme of ordinary meetings for the year.**

The meeting began at 7.00 pm, ended at 7.51 pm and was adjourned from 7.36 – 7.45 pm.

COUNCILLOR STEVE BRIDGER
MAYOR