

### **EPSOM & EWELL BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **TOWN HALL**

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26 July 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**, **30TH JULY**, **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: <a href="mailto:democraticservices@epsom-ewell.gov.uk">democraticservices@epsom-ewell.gov.uk</a>, telephone: 01372 732000.

Information about the terms of reference and membership of this Committee are available on the <u>Council's website</u>. 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 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 Act 1972 (as amended). 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 may wish to resolve to exclude the press and public 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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### COUNCIL

## Tuesday 30 July 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 any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or other registrable or non-registrable interests from Members in respect of any item to be considered at the meeting.

## **2**. **MINUTES** (Pages 5 - 12)

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14 May 2024.

### 3. MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS/BUSINESS

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

### **4. QUESTIONS** (Pages 13 - 22)

This report sets out the questions submitted which have been accepted under FCR 12, Appendix 4 of the Constitution.

### 5. **CHAIRS' STATEMENTS** (Pages 23 - 32)

To receive statements from the Chairs of the Council's Policy Committees, briefing Members on current events and issues relating to the relevant Committee's area of work.

## 6. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2023-2024 (Pages 33 - 42)

This report presents the Annual Report of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee 2023-2024 in accordance with the requirement of Paragraph 7.2 of Annex 4.6 of the Council's Operating Framework.

### 7. **MOTIONS** (Pages 43 - 60)

This report sets out notices of motions ruled in order.

### 8. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

# 9. EXTENDING TERM OF INTERIM DIRECTOR AND RECRUITMENT OF NEW S151 OFFICER (Pages 61 - 64)

In accordance with section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, by reason of special circumstances, the Mayor is of the opinion that the item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

Following the recent resignation of the current Section 151 Officer and the current interim nature of the Director of Corporate Resources this report is to ask Council to support the decision to have the current post holder continue in their role until such time as a new combined Director of Corporate Services/Section 151 Officer is explored and the permanent post/s taken up by the successful candidate(s).

The recruitment process for the new Section 151 Officer will take continue past the leaving date of the current postholder and, as the Council cannot legally operate without this statutory officer post, Council are also asked to approve the engagement of an Interim Section 151 Officer until the new role is filled and the successful candidate arrives.