

EPSOM & EWELL BOROUGH COUNCIL

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01 December 2025

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**, **9TH DECEMBER**, **2025** 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.

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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.

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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 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 will 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 9 December 2025

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 - 8)

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 22 July 2025.

3. MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS/BUSINESS

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

4. **LEADER AND CHAIRS' STATEMENTS** (Pages 9 - 16)

To receive statements from Chairs of the Council's Policy Committees, briefing Members on current events and issues.

5. **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2026-2027** (Pages 17 - 22)

This report presents the Municipal Calendar of ordinary meetings from May 2026 to April 2027.

6. **APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT COUNCILLOR CHAMPION** (Pages 23 - 26)

This report requests the Council's approval for the appointment of Councillor Alan Williamson as the Alternative Transport Champion for the remainder of the 2025-26 Municipal Year, in accordance with Annex 2.1 of the Operating Framework.

7. COMMITTEE DECISIONS TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH URGENCY PROCEDURE (Pages 27 - 30)

This report provides the Council with notification of committee decisions taken in accordance with the urgency procedure contained in Annex 4.6 of the Operating Framework.

8. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2024-2025 (Pages 31 - 56)

The Annual Governance Statement ("Statement") is an important document which provides assurance concerning the council's governance arrangements, both financial and non-financial. It is prepared on an annual basis for inclusion in the Statement of Accounts.

The Statement was taken to Audit and Scrutiny Committee for approval in July 2025, as per its terms of reference. The Statement has been brought to Full Council to ensure all Members are conversant with its contents. Please note the information within the Statement is accurate as of 1 July 2025 (as per its production timeline).

9. DEVOLUTION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION IN SURREY - UPDATE (Pages 57 - 80)

This report outlines the latest developments and updates on Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) following the decision from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) on 28 October 2025 to implement the 2 unitary proposal for Surrey.

10. **UPDATE TO THE CONSTITUTION** (Pages 81 - 90)

The following report proposes an update to the Council's Scheme of Delegation relevant to its Revenues and Benefits and Public Protection departments.

11. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - CREATION OF CIVIL PARISHES AND ASSOCIATED PARISH COUNCILS IN EPSOM & EWELL (To Follow)

12. STAFF PAY AWARD (To Follow)