



EPSOM AND EWELL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the FULL COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF EPSOM AND EWELL held at the Council Chamber, Epsom Town Hall on 21 July 2026

PRESENT:

The Mayor (Councillor Lucie McIntyre (Chair)); The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Julie Morris (Vice-Chair)); Councillors Chris Ames, Steve Bridger, Kate Chinn, Christine Cleveland, Alex Coley (Item 14 only), Neil Dallen, Hannah Dalton, Julian Freeman, Liz Frost, Bernice Froud (Item 14 only), Tony Froud, Rob Geleit, Shanice Goldman, Christine Howells, Graham Jones, Alison Kelly, Rachel King, James Lawrence, Robert Leach (Item 14 only), Jan Mason, Steven McCormick, Bernie Muir, Phil Neale, Peter O'Donovan, Kieran Persand, Kim Spickett, Chris Watson, Alan Williamson and Clive Woodbridge

Absent:

Councillor Arthur Abdulin, Councillor John Beckett, Councillor Humphrey Reynolds and Councillor Darren Talbot

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

13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

14 MOTION

The Council received a motion submitted under FCR 14 of Appendix 4 of the Constitution.

The motion was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Kieran Persand and **SECONDED** by Councillor Julian Freeman.

The Council unanimously resolved to consider this motion at the meeting.

It was noted that Councillors Robert Leach, Bernice Froud and Alex Coley entered the meeting at this item but before debate on the motion had commenced. Accordingly, the Mayor informed the Council that all three councillors were able to speak and vote on the item.

Prior to the debate on the motion, the Mayor informed the Council that an amendment to the motion had been received from Councillor Kieran Persand in advance of the meeting. The Mayor informed the Council that following consideration, she had taken the view that the amendment could not be

accepted as it was contrary to FCR 17.5 (i) in that “The Mayor shall not accept an amendment(s) if: i. It is outside the scope of the original motion.” The Mayor informed the meeting that her decision on this matter had been sent to Councillor Persand in advance of the meeting.

The Mayor granted an adjournment of the meeting to enable the submission of a further amendment to the motion.

Following the adjournment an amendment was proposed by Councillor Kieran Persand. Upon receipt of the amendment in writing, the Mayor announced a further adjournment to consider whether the amendment could be accepted.

The Mayor retired from the Council Chamber to consider the proposed amendment and speak to the Deputy Mayor, Chief Executive and Head of Legal and Monitoring Officer. Upon the meeting reconvening, the Mayor informed the Council that she was of the view that the amendment could not be accepted as it was contrary to FCR 17.5 (i) in that “The Mayor shall not accept an amendment(s) if: i. It is outside the scope of the original motion.” The Mayor informed the meeting that it was her view that the amendment bore no relation to the scope of the original motion.

Accordingly, the Council returned to the debate on the original motion which was as follows:

“This Council notes that:

- a) This council is responsible for the Local Plan currently undergoing examination by the Secretary of State appointed Planning Inspector.*
- b) Between January and April 2026 seven local plan and supplementary planning documents were submitted to the Inspector without prior consideration by Full Council, or any committee: COUD_020: further assessment of urban sites*
 - COUD_021: revised topic paper on Green Belt sites, reaching different conclusions to the previous topic paper*
 - COUD_029: lists additional urban and Green Belt sites proposed for allocation in the Local Plan*
 - COUD_030: impact assessment of changing the conclusions on Green Belt and allocating further sites to the Sustainability Appraisal Report*
 - COUD_031: assessment of the impact of allocating further sites on the Habitats Regulations Assessment*
 - COUD_032: assessment of the impact of allocating further sites on the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, showing creation and exacerbation of issues across multiple infrastructure components*

- *COUD_033a: assessment of the detrimental impacts of allocating further sites on the Transport Assessment*
- c) *The Sustainability Appraisal was brought as an appendix to both the November 2024 Licensing and Planning Policy Committee (LPPC) and the December 2024 Full Council meeting.*
- d) *The Terms of Reference of the LPPC require the committee to review all Local Plan documents, including Supplementary Planning Documents, and consider and approve these documents prior to public consultation commencing.*
- e) *As of this motion's submission, the seven documents submitted to the Inspector in January and April 2026 remain unreviewed and unapproved by councillors.*

This Council therefore resolves to:

- (1) *Instruct the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee to consider and review all Local Plan documents submitted to the inspector post the 2025 examination hearing, and to consider approval for public consultation.*
- (2) *Make no submission of the consultation results, to the Inspector, unless approval for the consultation is given by the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee."*

Upon being put the motion was **LOST** with 12 votes for the motion, 15 votes against the motion, 3 abstentions and the Mayor not voting.

The meeting began at 7.00 pm and ended at 8.22 pm

COUNCILLOR LUCIE MCINTYRE (CHAIR)
MAYOR