



## EPSOM AND EWELL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH of EPSOM and EWELL held at the Town Hall, The Parade, Epsom on 17 May 2016

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#### PRESENT -

The Mayor (Councillor Chris Frost); The Deputy Mayor (Councillor George Crawford); Councillors Michael Arthur, Tony Axelrod, Richard Baker, Rekha Bansil, John Beckett, Steve Bridger, Alex Clarke, Lucie Dallen, Neil Dallen, Hannah Dalton, Graham Dudley, Robert Foote, Liz Frost, Rob Geleit, Eber Kington, Omer Kokou-Tchri, Jan Mason, Tina Mountain, Barry Nash, Peter O'Donovan, Martin Olney, Keith Partridge, David Reeve, Humphrey Reynolds, Guy Robbins, Clive Smitheram, Jean Steer, Alan Sursham, Mike Teasdale, Peter Webb, David Wood, Clive Woodbridge and Tella Wormington

Absent: Councillors Kate Chinn, Jane Race and Vince Romagnuolo

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

#### 1 TO ELECT THE MAYOR

It was **PROPOSED** BY Councillor Clive Smitheram, **SECONDED** by Councillor David Reeve and

#### **RESOLVED**

**That Councillor George Crawford be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2016/17**

#### 2 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE EX-MAYOR

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Neil Dallen and **SECONDED** by Councillor John Beckett that a vote of thanks be recorded to the Ex-Mayor, Councillor Chris Frost. Accordingly, it was

**RESOLVED**

**That the Council place on record its high appreciation of the excellent and devoted service rendered by Councillor Christopher Frost during his term of office as Mayor**

**3 EX-MAYOR'S BADGE AND EX-MAYORESS'S BROOCH**

The Chief Executive, on behalf of the Members of the Council, presented to Councillor Christopher Frost an Ex-Mayor's badge and to Councillor Liz Frost an Ex-Mayoress's brooch in acknowledgement of their service to the Borough. The gifts were acknowledged by Councillor Christopher Frost who spoke of his pleasure and privilege to have been Mayor of the Borough, thanking all who had helped him during his term of office.

*(The retiring Mayor, Councillor Christopher Frost, thereupon vacated the Chair and the newly elected Mayor, Councillor George Crawford, took the chair)*

**4 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Councillor George Crawford made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and spoke in acknowledgement of his election.

**5 TO ELECT THE DEPUTY MAYOR**

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Clive Woodbridge, **SECONDED** by Councillor Rekha Bansil and

**RESOLVED**

**That Councillor Liz Frost be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2016/17.**

**6 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN**

The Mayor announced that he had appointed the Revd Russell Dewhurst of St. Mary's, Ewell, to be his chaplain for the year of his occupancy of the office of Mayor.

**7 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO REPORT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (IF ANY)**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kate Chinn, Jane Race and Vince Romagnuolo

**8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made by members regarding business on the Agenda.

**9 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 19 April were agreed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

**10 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS/BUSINESS**

The Mayor announced that he would be fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support during his year in office. He had chosen this charity as his great niece in Ireland had recently fought the disease and he also wanted to highlight the work done by his friends, the late Roy Richmond MBE (who was Chairman of Epsom Coaches) and his wife Nancy who worked tirelessly to better the lives of the people of Epsom and Ewell. It was with their valued support that the Macmillan Butterfly Centre in Epsom Hospital was built and they also funded some of the Macmillan Nurses at Epsom & St Helier University Hospitals, including a Colorectal Clinical Nurse Specialist and a Lung Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialist. A number of events would be held over the next twelve months to raise money for this cause.

**11 CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES AND ADVISORY PANELS; ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES AND ADVISORY PANELS; APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND ADVISORY PANELS; APPOINTMENTS OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE CHAIRMEN**

The Council considered a report which sought approval of the allocation of seats on Committees and Advisory Panels; the appointments to Committees and Advisory Panels and the appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman for the 2016//17 Municipal Year.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) To approve the final recommended allocation of seats as set out in the report as follows:**

	Total Seats	RA	Con	Lab
Planning	13	11	1	1
Planning and Licensing Policy	10	8	1	1
Strategy and Resources	10	8	1	1
Environment	10	8	1	1
Community and Wellbeing	10	8	1	1
Standards	9	7	1	1
		<b>50</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>

Other Committees & Panels				
	Total Seats	RA	Con	Lab
Audit Crime & Disorder and Scrutiny Committee	10	8	1	1
Financial Policy Panel	8	6	1	1
Health Liaison Panel	7	6	1	0
Human Resources Panel	6	5	1	0
Licensing Hearings Panel	13	11	1	1
Nonsuch Park Joint Management Committee	3	2	1	0
Surrey First	1	1	0	0
Surrey Police and Crime Panel	1	1	0	0

**(2) To allocate seats on the Committees and Advisory Panels in accordance with the wishes of the political groups set out in the Annexe to the report as follows:**

**Planning Committee (13):** Humphrey Reynolds (**Chairman**); Mike Teasdale (**Vice Chairman**); Michael Arthur, John Beckett, Neil Dallen, Jan Mason, Tina Mountain, Peter O'Donovan, Martin Olney, David Reeve, Vince Romagnuolo, Clive Smitheram and David Wood

**Community and Wellbeing Committee (10):** Barry Nash (**Chairman**); Tony Axelrod (**Vice Chairman**); Rekha Bansil, Kate Chinn, Jane Race, Guy Robbins, Alan Sursham, Jean Steer, Peter Webb and Clive Woodbridge

**Environment Committee (10):** John Beckett (**Chairman**); Lucie Dallen (**Vice Chairman**); Richard Baker, Steve Bridger, Liz Frost, Rob Geleit Keith Partridge, Jane Race, Mike Teasdale, Tella Wormington

**Licensing and Planning Policy Committee (10):** Graham Dudley (**Chairman**); David Wood (**Vice Chairman**); Michael Arthur, Chris Frost, Rob Geleit, Tina Mountain, Martin Olney, David Reeve, Clive Smitheram and Jean Steer

**Strategy and Resources Committee (10):** Eber Kington (**Chairman**); Neil Dallen (**Vice Chairman**); Tony Axlerod, Richard Baker, Rekha Bansil, Kate Chinn, Omer KoKou-Tchri, Keith Partridge, Mike Teasdale and Clive Woodbridge

**Audit, Crime & Disorder and Scrutiny Committee (10):** David Reeve (**Chairman**); Clive Smitheram (**Vice Chairman**); Steve Bridger, Alex Clarke, Rob Geleit, Humphrey Reynolds, Peter O'Donovan, David Wood, Jan Mason and Tella Wormington

**Standards Committee (9):** Mike Teasdale (**Chairman**); Michael Arthur, John Beckett, Alex Clarke, Hannah Dalton, Guy Robbins, Eber Kington, David Reeve and Clive Smitheram

**Financial Policy Panel (8)**: Eber Kington (**Chairman**); Richard Baker, John Beckett, Graham Dudley, Omer KoKou-Tchri, Barry Nash, Keith Patridge and Vince Romagnuolo

**Health Liaison Panel (7)**: Liz Frost (**Chairman**); Richard Baker, Steve Bridger, Jane Race, Humphrey Reynolds, Jean Steer and Peter Webb

**Human Resources Panel (6)**: Hannah Dalton (**Chairman**); Alex Clarke, Robert Foote, Guy Robbins, Jean Steer and Peter Webb

**Licensing Hearings Panel (13)**: Tony Axelrod, John Beckett, Steve Bridger, Alex Clarke, Lucie Dallen, Neil Dallen, Peter O'Donovan, Rob Geleit, David Reeve, Humphrey Reynolds, Clive Smitheram, Jean Steer and Tella Wormington

**Nonsuch Park Joint Management Committee (3)**: Alex Clarke, Graham Dudley and Mike Teasdale

**Surrey First Joint Committee (1)**: Neil Dallen

**Surrey Police and Crime Panel (1)**: David Reeve

**12 REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL BODIES; NOMINATION TO EXTERNAL BODY AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SURREY LEADERS' GROUP**

The Council was asked to consider appointments to representation on external bodies and a nomination to an external body as a representative of the Surrey Leaders' Group.

The Council was reminded that no substitutes were permitted for District/Borough Council co-opted members of Local Committees unless a Local Committee agreed otherwise at its first meeting following the Annual Council meeting (and in relation to all Local Committee meetings to be held until May 2017) that substitutes could be appointed.

The Council was further reminded that the Borough Council was currently requested annually to make nominations to a variety of external bodies as Surrey Leaders' Group (SLG) representatives. Nominations, which were made by all constituent authorities, were subsequently determined by SLG at its annual meeting. It did not necessarily follow, therefore, that a nominee of this Council would be appointed to the body concerned.

Appointments were usually for three years. There was only one position to be filled this year which was one of the three joint positions on the Surrey County Council Wellbeing and Health Scrutiny Board.

The Surrey County Council Wellbeing and Health Scrutiny Board (formerly known as the Surrey County Council Health Scrutiny Select Committee) performed a statutory function, looking at the work of the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and National Health Service (NHS) provider trusts. It acted as a "critical" friend by suggesting ways in which health related services might be improved. It also looked at the way the health service interacted with social care

services, the voluntary sector, independent providers and other council services to jointly provide better health services to meet the diverse needs of Surrey residents and improve their wellbeing.

The deadline for receipt of the nomination was Friday 27 May 2016 and it was therefore proposed that, should more than one candidate be put forward, authority be delegated to the Democratic Services Manager, in consultation with the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee, to nominate a councillor to the vacancy to be advised by the Surrey Leaders' Group.

Should any nominations be forthcoming, the successful nominee would also need to complete the appropriate nomination form and return it to the Democratic Services Manager by Friday 20 May 2016 at the latest.

There being more nominations than the number of positions to be filled on the Epsom and Ewell Local Committee, a ballot took place and the appointments made by an absolute majority of those present. Accordingly, it was

### RESOLVED

**(3) That the persons referred to below be appointed as representatives of the Council upon the respective bodies against which their names appear, such persons to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2017 unless stated otherwise:**

(-) indicates Responsible Policy Committee to which the External Body is linked, e.g. E - Environment, CW - Community & Wellbeing, SR -Strategy and Resources

No.	Body on which Represented	(-)	No of Reps	Representative(s) Appointed
1.	Age Concern (Epsom and Ewell) – General Committee	CW	2	Councillor Guy Robbins Councillor Jean Steer
2.	Allotments Forum		2	<b>This Group no longer exists</b>
3.	Carers of Epsom Support Services – Management Committee	CW	1	Councillor Guy Robbins

No.	Body on which Represented	(-)	No of Reps	Representative(s) Appointed
4.	Committee of Management of Local Citizens Advice Bureau	CW	2	Councillor Rob Geleit Councillor Liz Frost
5.	Epsom & Ewell Local Committee  <b>NOTE: Appointment of Borough members who are nominated as substitutes on Surrey County Council's Local Committee will be subject to a decision by the Local Committee in June as to whether it wishes to have substitute members.</b>  <b>NOTE: Returning co-opted Members will have 28 days to confirm that their register of pecuniary interests previously submitted to County Council remains current. Newly appointed members will have 28 days to complete a registration form (to be provided later in May)</b>	S & R	5  + 5 subs	Councillor Kate Chinn Councillor Liz Frost Councillor Clive Smitheram Councillor Mike Teasdale Councillor Tella Wormington  Subs: Councillor Michael Arthur Councillor Tony Axelrod Councillor Rekha Bansil Councillor Steve Bridger Councillor Vince Romagnuolo
6.	Epsom and Ewell Town Twinning Association – Management Committee	S & R	2	Councillor Keith Partridge Councillor Clive Woodbridge
7.	Epsom Common Association	CW	1	Councillor Steve Bridger

No.	Body on which Represented	(-)	No of Reps	Representative(s) Appointed
8.	Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators	CW	6	<p><b>(4 year appointment to 2019)</b></p> <p>Councillor Rekha Bansil</p> <p>Councillor Lucie Dallen</p> <p>Councillor Liz Frost</p> <p>Councillor Robert Foote</p> <p>Councillor Jan Mason</p> <p>Councillor Clive Woodbridge</p>
9.	Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee	CW	2	<p>Chairman of Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators</p> <p>Councillor Jean Steer</p>
10.	Epsom and Walton Downs Training Grounds Management Board	CW	3	<p>Chairman of Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators</p> <p>and</p> <p>Councillor Jean Steer</p> <p>Councillor Rob Foote</p>
11.	Equalities Forum	S & R	1	Chairman of Human Resources Panel
12.	Ewell Court House Strategic Management Forum	CW	3	<p><b>This Group has been disbanded following completion of the reinstatement works</b></p>



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13.	Ewell Parochial Trusts	CW	3	Councillor Michael Arthur Councillor Humphrey Reynolds Councillor Clive Woodbridge
14.	Friends of Epsom and Ewell Parks	CW	1	Chairman of Community & Wellbeing Committee
15.	Hospital Cluster Group  (Group has previously included representatives from Ruxley, West Ewell, Court and Stamford Wards)	S & R	5	<b>This Group has completed its remit and been disbanded</b>
16.	Local Government Association	S & R	1	Councillor Neil Dallen
17.	Relate Mid- Surrey	CW	1	Councillor Rekha Bansil
18.	Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Greater London	-	1	<b>RA vacancy TBC</b>
19.	South East Employers	S & R	1	Chairman of Human Resources Panel
20.	South East England Councils (SEEC)	S & R	1	Councillor Clive Woodbridge

No.	Body on which Represented	(-)	No of Reps	Representative(s) Appointed
21.	Surrey Climate Change Partnership  (Appointment invited by Surrey Leaders' Group)	E	1	Chairman of Environment Committee
22.	Surrey Countryside Management Board	CW	1	Councillor Jan Mason
23.	Surrey Leaders' Group	S & R	1	Councillor Neil Dallen
24.	Surrey Waste Partnership  (Appointment invited by Surrey Leaders' Group)	E	1	Chairman of Environment Committee
25.	Voluntary Action Mid-Surrey	CW	1	Councillor Peter Webb

- (4) to note that the appointment of Borough members who are nominated as substitutes on Surrey County Council's Local Committee will be subject to a decision by the Local Committee in June as to whether it wished to have substitute members;
- (5) to delegate to the Democratic Services Manager, in consultation with the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee, the nomination of a councillor to the vacancy advised by the Surrey Leaders' Group should more than one candidate be put forward in relation to the particular vacancy.

The meeting began at 7.00 pm and ended at 8.35 pm

Councillor George Crawford  
MAYOR