

## LICENSING AND PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Thursday 20 April 2017 at 7.30 pm

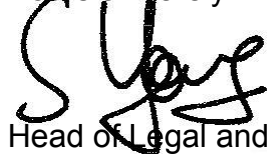
Council Chamber - Epsom Town Hall

The members listed below are summoned to attend the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee meeting, on the day and at the time and place stated, to consider the business set out in this agenda.

Councillor Graham Dudley (Chairman)  
Councillor David Wood (Vice-Chairman)  
Councillor Michael Arthur  
Councillor Chris Frost  
Councillor Rob Geleit

Councillor Tina Mountain  
Councillor Martin Olney  
Councillor David Reeve  
Councillor Clive Smitheram  
Councillor Jean Steer

Yours sincerely



Head of Legal and Democratic Services

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### AGENDA

#### 1. QUESTION TIME

To take any questions from members of the Public

**Please note: Members of the Public are requested to inform the Democratic Services Officer before the meeting begins if they wish to ask a verbal question to the Committee.**

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in respect of any item of business to be considered at the meeting.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 5 - 8)**

The Committee is asked to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 23 February 2017 (attached) and to authorise the Chairman to sign them.

**4. HACKNEY CARRIAGES - ACCEPTANCE OF CARD PAYMENTS (Pages 9 - 12)**

Following the decision taken by the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee in April 2016 not to mandate all Epsom & Ewell licenced Hackney Carriages to be fitted with credit/debit card payments, it was also agreed to review the decision one year on. The Committee is therefore asked to review if it should be mandatory for all Epsom & Ewell Borough Council licensed Hackney Carriages to have the facility to accept card or other cashless payments for fares

**5. EPSOM & EWELL GREEN BELT STUDY 2017 (Pages 13 - 48)**

The Council instructed external consultants to prepare a Green Belt Study, which assesses the performance of our Green Belt against the five purposes set out in national planning policy. The Study will form part of our Local Plan's technical evidence base and will inform the preparation of new policy.

The Committee is asked to consider the Green Belt Study and agree to its publication and acknowledge that the study's outputs inform the partial review of the Core Strategy.

**6. HOUSING ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2015/16 (Pages 49 - 96)**

The Committee are asked to approve the contents of the Housing Annual Monitoring Report for publication on the Council's website.

The Local Plan Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) assesses the performance of adopted planning policies and tracks the Council's progress against the Local Plan Programme. An AMR, which concentrates on the performance of our local plan housing policies has been produced for 2015/16 and the 2016/17 AMR will provide a composite catch-up on all indicators. The 2015/16 document meets the requirements set out in national planning policy for producing a housing delivery trajectory and five year housing land supply statement. It also has an important role in informing the partial review of the Core Strategy. The AMR also includes the Local Plan Programme agreed by this Committee in July 2016.

## **7. THE HOUSING WHITE PAPER 2017 - DRAFT RESPONSE (Pages 97 - 124)**

The government has recently published a White Paper on housing. The government believes that the nation's housing market is 'broken' and it believes that the measures set out in the White Paper can 'fix-it'. In the government's view the problem is that not enough houses have been built.

This report provides a brief overview of the White Paper and encloses annexes that set out draft responses to the consultation questions and key facts about the specific measures being proposed to fix the nation's housing market.

The Committee are asked to consider the proposals set out in the White Paper and the draft responses to the consultation questions and agree that subject to any changes these replies constitute the Council's official response to the proposals.