



EPSOM & EWELL

TOWN HALL

EPSOM

6 February 2017

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 Town Hall, The Parade, Epsom on **TUESDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY, 2017 at 7.30 pm**. The business to be transacted at the Meeting is set out on the Agenda overleaf.

Prayers will be said by the Mayor's Chaplain prior to the start of the meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Young', is written over the printed name.

Head of Legal and Democratic Services

COUNCIL

Tuesday 14 February 2017

7.30 pm

Council Chamber - Epsom Town Hall

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FIRE PRECAUTIONS

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AGENDA

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests from Members in respect of any item to be considered at the meeting.

2. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 10)

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13 December 2016.

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 FROM COUNCILLORS

To answer any written questions from Councillors

Note: The deadline for questions is 5pm on Wednesday 8 February 2017 (17.00 hours on the third clear working day before the meeting).

5. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS (Pages 11 - 16)

This report requests that the Council appointments an interim Chief Executive, the Electoral Registration Officer, Returning Officer (and other associated roles).

6. BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2017/18 (Pages 17 - 98)

This report fulfils the statutory requirement to agree a budget for 2017/18, comprising both revenue and capital expenditure plans, and to set a Council Tax for the year. The council tax recommendation is for an increase of £4.95 per annum (Band D property) an equivalent of 2.7% increase. Financial Policy Panel made no recommendation to Council but requested that the report include three options for Council Tax (a freeze, an increase of 1.98% and an increase of £4.95)

7. INCREASING THE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION FUND (Pages 99 - 118)

This report outlines and recommends an increase to the Commercial Property Acquisition Fund ("the Fund") of a further £60m to be funded from Prudential Borrowing.

At its 21 November 2016 meeting, Council agreed the creation of a Commercial Property Acquisition Fund with a fund limit of £20m financed from Prudential Borrowing. Following the successful completion of two recent commercial property acquisitions, the Fund is almost exhausted and leaves no capacity to assess, consider and negotiate future opportunities from 2017/18.

An increase to the Fund will enable the Council to acquire additional commercial property investments located within the Borough with a view to generating revenue income streams. These will assist in supporting the delivery of future Council services and strengthen its long term financial stability.

The acquisitions will form part of a balanced property portfolio which also takes into consideration the social and economic wellbeing within the Borough.

8. STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN PLANNING POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT (Pages 119 - 144)

The Council is invited to approve and adopt a revised Statement of Community Involvement as part of maintaining an update to date suite of planning documents in relation to the operation of the planning function, in accordance with the recommendations of the Licensing & Policy Committee

9. MOTIONS TO COUNCIL

In pursuance of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to consider any Motions submitted by the due deadline

Note: The deadline for Notice of Motions was 5.00pm on 1 February 2017 (17.00 hours on the eighth clear working day before the meeting)