



EPSOM AND EWELL

Minutes of the ANNUAL Meeting of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH of EPSOM AND EWELL held at the Town Hall, Epsom on 16 May 2017

PRESENT -

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

Absent: Councillors Omer Kokou-Tchri, Tina Mountain, Barry Nash and Jane Race

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

1 TO ELECT THE MAYOR

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Neil Dallen, **SECONDED** by Councillor Eber Kington and

RESOLVED

That Councillor Liz Frost be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017/18

2 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE EX-MAYOR

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Clive Smitheram and **SECONDED** by Councillor David Reeve that a vote of thanks be recorded to the Ex-mayor, Councillor Geroge Crawford. Accordingly, it was

RESOLVED

That the Council place on record its high appreciation of the excellent and devoted service rendered by Councillor George Crawford during his term of office as Mayor.

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

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

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

4 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Liz Frost made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Officer and spoke in acknowledgement of her election.

5 TO ELECT THE DEPUTY MAYOR

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Clive Smitheram, **SECONDED** by Councillor Clive Woodbridge and

RESOLVED

That Councillor Neil Dallen be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

6 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

The Mayor announced that she had appointed two Chaplains for the period of her occupancy of the office of Mayor: the Revd Nik Wooler until the end of July and the Revd Mark Wakelin from August both of Epsom and Ewell Methodist Church.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Omer KouKou-Tchri, Barry Nash, Tina Mountain and Jane Race

8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made by councillors regarding items on the Agenda.

9 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25 April 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

10 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS/BUSINESS

The Mayor announced that she intended to use her Mayoral Year to publicise and promote the horse training and racing industry in the Borough, and to raise awareness about mental health. In particular, during her year of office, she had elected to support three charities. These were:

- Citizen's Advice, Epsom & Ewell which undertook excellent work helping local residents, particularly those who were experiencing housing or debt problems;
- The Sunnybank Trust: as a former resident of Sunnybank, the Mayor had great admiration for the founder of this charity which worked tirelessly supporting and enabling those with learning disabilities;
- The Lower Mole Countryside Trust which supported the work of the Lower Mole Partnership to maintain and preserve valuable open spaces, thus providing the environment to enhance people's physical and mental health.

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 2017/18 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED:

- (1) To approve the recommended allocation of seats 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
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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 and appoint Chairmen and Vice Chairmen in light of the nominations received as set out in the Annex to the report (circulated following publication of the Agenda) as follows:

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

Community and Wellbeing Committee (10) Barry Nash (**Chairman**); Tony Axelrod (**Vice Chairman**); Rekha Bansil, Kate Chinn, Hannah Dalton, Jane Race, Humphrey Reynolds, Jean Steer, Clive Woodbridge and Tella Wormington

Environment Committee (10) John Beckett (**Chairman**); Peter O'Donovan (**Vice Chairman**); Richard Baker, Steve Bridger, Lucie Dallen, Rob Geleit, Keith Partridge, Jane Race, Mike Teasdale and Tella Wormington

Licensing and Planning Policy Committee (10) Graham Dudley (**Chairman**); David Wood (**Vice Chairman**); Michael Arthur, Steve Bridger, Chris Frost, Rob Geleit, Tina Mountain, Martin Olney, David Reeve and Alan Sursham

Strategy and Resources Committee (10) Eber Kington (**Chairman**); Clive Smitheram (**Vice Chairman**); Tony Axelrod, Kate Chinn, Neil Dallen, Hannah Dalton, Omer Kokou-Tchri, Humphrey Reynolds, Mike Teasdale and Clive Woodbridge

Audit, Crime & Disorder and Scrutiny Committee (10) David Reeve (**Chairman**); Steve Bridger (**Vice Chairman**); Alex Clarke, George Crawford, Rob Geleit, Jan Mason, Humphrey Reynolds, Jean Steer, Peter Webb and Clive Woodbridge

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

Financial Policy Panel (8) Eber Kington (**Chairman**); Richard Baker, John Beckett, Neil Dallen, Graham Dudley, Omer Kokou-Tchri, Barry Nash and Vince Romagnuolo

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

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

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

Note: Pool of Chairmen to Chair Panel meetings to be confirmed by the Licensing & Planning Policy Committee at its meeting in July. Until that time, existing Chairmen could be called upon if necessary.

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

Surrey First Joint Committee (1) Clive Smitheram

Surrey Police and Crime Panel (1) David Reeve

12 REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL BODIES AND NOMINATION TO EXTERNAL BODIES AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SURREY LEADERS' GROUP

The Council received and considered a report which sought appointments as representatives on external bodies and nominations to external bodies as a representative of Surrey Leaders' Group.

The report highlighted that no substitutes were permitted for Borough/District Council co-opted members of Local Committees unless a Local Committee agreed otherwise at its first meeting following the Annual Meeting (and in relation to all Local Committee meetings to be held until May 2018) that substitutes could be appointed.

The report further highlighted that the Borough Council was 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 were two positions to be filled this year which were one of the three joint positions on the Surrey County

Council Wellbeing and Health and Scrutiny Board (either for a two or three year term of office) and a position on the Countryside Access Forum (a three year term of office).

The Surrey County Council Wellbeing and Health Scrutiny Board (formerly 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 that 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 well-being. It was a scrutiny committee of the County Council.

The Countryside Access Forum advised the Countryside Agency on arrangements for countryside access including rights of way and open access to land. It consisted of 22 members, including two County Councillors and the Borough/District representative appointed by the SLG.

The deadline for receipt of nominations by the SLG was Friday 26 May 2017 and it was therefore proposed that, should more than one candidate, if any, be put forward, authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee, to nominate a councillor to the vacancies 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 26 May 2017 at the very latest. Accordingly, it was

RESOLVED

- (1) **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 2018 unless otherwise stated:**

(-) 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 Humphrey Reynolds Councillor Jean Steer
2.	Carers of Epsom Support Services – Management Committee	CW	1	Funding ceased. Services being wound up.

No.	Body on which Represented	(-)	No of Reps	Representative (s) Appointed
3.	Committee of Management of Local Citizens Advice Bureau	CW	2	Councillor Rob Geleit Councillor Liz Frost
4.	Epsom & Ewell Local Committee 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)	S & R	5 + 5 subs	Councillor Michael Arthur Councillor Rekha Bansil Councillor Kate Chinn Councillor Neil Dallen Councillor Mike Teasdale Councillor Steve Bridger Councillor Hannah Dalton Councillor Humphrey Reynolds Councillor Vince Romagnuolo Councillor Tella Wormington
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>(4 year appointment to 2019)</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 Robert Foote</p>
11.	Equalities Forum	S & R	1	<p>No longer meets – objectives met via different means</p>
12.	Ewell Parochial Trusts	CW	3	<p>Councillor Michael Arthur</p> <p>Councillor Humphrey Reynolds</p> <p>Councillor Clive Woodbridge</p>
13.	Friends of Epsom and Ewell Parks	CW	1	<p>Chairman of Community & Wellbeing Committee</p>

No.	Body on which Represented	(-)	No of Reps	Representative (s) Appointed
14.	Local Government Association	S & R	1	Councillor Clive Smitheram
15.	Relate Mid- Surrey	CW	1	Councillor Rekha Bansil
16.	Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Greater London	-	1	Councillor Martin Olney
17.	South East Employers	S & R	1	Council membership ceased
18.	South East England Councils (SEEC)	S & R	1	Councillor Clive Woodbridge
19.	Surrey Climate Change Partnership (Appointment invited by Surrey Leaders' Group)	E	1	Chairman of Environment Committee
20.	Surrey Countryside Partnerships Board (formerly Surrey Countryside Management Board)	CW	1	Councillor Jan Mason and Chairman of Community & Wellbeing Committee (Deputy)
21.	Surrey Leaders' Group	S & R	1	Councillor Clive Smitheram
22.	Surrey Waste Partnership (Appointment invited by Surrey Leaders' Group)	E	1	Chairman of Environment Committee
23.	Voluntary Action Mid-Surrey	CW	1	Councillor Peter Webb

- (2) 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;
- (3) To delegate to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee, the nomination of a councillor to the vacancies advised by the Surrey Leaders' Group should more than one candidate be put forward in relation to a particular vacancy.

The meeting began at 7.00 pm and ended at 8.30 pm

LIZ FROST
MAYOR