



EPSOM AND EWELL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF EPSOM AND EWELL held at the The Town Hall, The Parade, Epsom on 20 January 2020

PRESENT -

The Mayor (Councillor John Beckett); The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Humphrey Reynolds); Councillors Arthur Abdulin, Steve Bridger, Kate Chinn, Christine Cleveland, Monica Coleman, Alex Coley, Nigel Collin, Neil Dallen, Hannah Dalton, Robert Foote, Chris Frost, Liz Frost, Bernice Froud, David Gulland, Christine Howells, Previn Jagutpal, Colin Keane, Eber Kington, Jan Mason, Steven McCormick, Lucie McIntyre, Debbie Monksfield, Julie Morris, Bernie Muir, Phil Neale, Peter O'Donovan, David Reeve, Guy Robbins, Clive Smitheram, Alan Sursham, Chris Webb and Clive Woodbridge

Absent: Councillors Rob Geleit, Luke Giles, Barry Nash and Peter Webb

32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

33 CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN

Council received a report presenting the recommendations of the Environment and Safe Communities Committee with regard to the adoption of a commitment and action plan to tackle climate change.

Councillor Neil Dallen MOVED the recommendations in the report.

Upon being put, the recommendations were CARRIED unanimously.

Accordingly, it was resolved that Council agreed:

- (1) **The adoption of the climate change target of the year 2035 for the Council's operations to be net carbon neutral;**
- (2) **The adoption of the Climate Change Action Plan set out in Annex 1 to the report;**

- (3) **To delegate to the Chairman of the Environment and Safe Communities Committee, action to make representations to Government to provide local authorities with the powers and resources necessary to address climate change in their local area.**

34 LONG-TERM VISION FOR EPSOM AND EWELL

Council received a report presenting the recommendations of the Strategy and Resources Committee with regard to the approval of the 'Our Vision Epsom and Ewell' document.

Councillor Eber Kington MOVED the recommendations in the report.

Upon being put, the recommendations were CARRIED unanimously.

Accordingly, it was resolved that Council:

- (1) **Agreed the 'Our Vision Epsom and Ewell' document, attached at Annex 1 to the report;**
- (2) **Delegated to the Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer in consultation with the Chairman of Strategy and Resources any final design or minor drafting changes to the Vision document before its publication;**
- (3) **Endorsed officers seeking opportunities to engage with partner organisations, from the public, private and voluntary sectors, oversee delivery of the Council's Vision.**

35 FOUR YEAR PLAN 2020 - 2024

Council received a report presenting the recommendations of the Strategy and Resources Committee with regard to the adoption of the 'Our Vision Epsom and Ewell' document.

Councillor Eber Kington MOVED the recommendation in the report.

Upon being put, the recommendations were CARRIED with 31 being in favour, 2 abstaining and the Mayor not voting.

Accordingly, it was resolved that Council:

- (1) **Agreed to adopt the Four Year Plan 2020-2024, attached at Annex 1 to the report, as the Council's corporate plan.**

36 CONSTITUTION REVIEW: PLANNING CODE OF PRACTICE

Council received a report presenting the recommendations of the Standards Committee with regard to the revision of Part 5, Section of 8 of the Constitution and the adoption of a new Planning Code of Practice.

Councillor Liz Frost MOVED the recommendation in the report.

An amendment to the Motion was MOVED by Councillor Eber Kington and SECONDED by Councillor Guy Robbins:

- To amend the Planning Code of Practice to remove the guidance note under paragraph 3.7 of Annex 1 to the report, namely that the following wording would be deleted: "Note to Members: Members should take great care to ensure that they have declared if they have been approached by any party during the 'declaration of interests' item."

Upon being put, this amendment was CARRIED with 22 being in favour, 6 against, 5 abstaining and the Mayor not voting.

Following resolution of the amendment, the substantive motion was debated. The following matter was considered during debate:

- a) **Arrangements for public speaking.** Council debated the proposed changes to public speaking arrangements for meetings of the Planning Committee. A number of views were expressed, including concerns that the proposed registration period might not be accessible for some interested parties, and that greater flexibility might be required for large applications. The Chairman of the Standards Committee responded to these concerns by highlighting to Council that the proposed arrangements provided a broader registration period than the 1 hour currently available, and increased the number of speakers wishing to speak in objection to an application from 1 to 2.

Following this debate, the substantive motion was put to a vote.

Upon being put, the Motion was LOST with 6 being in favour, 24 against, 3 abstaining and the Mayor not voting.

The meeting began at 8.00 pm and ended at 9.25 pm

COUNCILLOR JOHN BECKETT
MAYOR