



## EPSOM AND EWELL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF EPSOM AND EWELL held at the Town Hall, Epsom on 19 April 2022

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#### PRESENT -

The Mayor (Councillor Peter O'Donovan); Councillors Arthur Abdulin, John Beckett, Steve Bridger, Kate Chinn, Christine Cleveland, Alex Coley, Neil Dallen, Chris Frost, Liz Frost, Bernice Froud, Rob Geleit, David Gulland, Christine Howells, Previn Jagutpal, Colin Keane, Eber Kington, Steven McCormick, Debbie Monksfield, Julie Morris, Bernie Muir, Barry Nash, Phil Neale, David Reeve, Humphrey Reynolds, Guy Robbins, Alan Sursham and Peter Webb

Absent: The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Clive Woodbridge), Councillors Monica Coleman, Nigel Collin, Hannah Dalton, Luke Giles, Graham Jones, Jan Mason, Lucie McIntyre, Clive Smitheram and Chris Webb

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

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#### 46 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

#### 47 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 15 February 2022 were agreed as a true record and the Mayor was authorised to sign them.

#### 48 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS/BUSINESS

The Mayor made a number of announcements relating to noteworthy events which he had attended over the past 2 months.

**49 CHAIRS' STATEMENTS**

Council received a written statement from the Chair of the Strategy and Resources Committee.

2 questions were asked relating to the statement and responded to by the Committee Chair.

**50 CONSTITUTION WORKING GROUP PAPER**

Council received a report proposing amendments to the Constitution.

Councillor Colin Keane **MOVED** the recommendations in the report.

Upon being put the recommendations were **CARRIED** unanimously.

Accordingly, it was resolved to:

- (1) Agree to the Terms of Reference for the Health Liaison Panel and Human Resources Panel as set out in Appendix 1, for inclusion in Part 3 of the Constitution.**
- (2) Agree that the Crime and disorder Sub-Committee will be politically proportionate, with 5 members as set out in paragraph 1.4.1 of this report.**
- (3) Agree that the Member Champion profile (Appendix 2) be included in Part 2 of the Constitution as a revision to Article 17.**

**51 MOTIONS**

Council received one Motion submitted under FCR 14 of Part 4 of the Council's Constitution.

**Motion 1: "Stand together with Ukraine"**

The Council resolved by a majority vote to consider this Motion at the meeting. In pursuance of the Council's Rules of Procedure, Councillor Alex Coley **MOVED** and Councillor Christine Cleveland **SECONDED** the following Motion:

**"This Council notes:**

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We stand in solidarity with Ukraine and the Ukrainian people.

**This Council resolves to:**

1. Note the commitments already made by the Government to house displaced Ukraine families.
2. Utilise the support funding provided by the Government to meet the welfare and care needs of Ukrainian families arriving in the borough via the Homes for Ukraine scheme.
3. Signpost those residents who house people displaced by this act of aggression to the information and support they are seeking”

An amendment to the motion was **MOVED** by Councillor Kate Chinn and **SECONDED** by Councillor Debbie Monksfield:

The proposed amendment was as follows:

For inclusion after the second paragraph:

“We believe that, as the invasion of the Donbas region continues, this government must do more to help people fleeing the war by providing more support at the borders of Ukraine to enable the smooth passage of people. Also, to immediately relax the current draconian rules before granting visas to enable Ukrainian citizens to arrive safely in the UK.”

Upon being put the amendment was **LOST** with a majority vote against it.

Following the resolution of the amendment, the substantive motion was debated and put to a vote.

Upon being put the motion was **CARRIED** unanimously.

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The meeting began at 7.30pm and ended at 8.22pm

COUNCILLOR PETER O'DONOVAN  
MAYOR