



EPSOM AND EWELL

Minutes of the Meeting of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF EPSOM AND EWELL held at the Council Chamber, Epsom Town Hall on 6 December 2022

PRESENT -

The Mayor (Councillor Clive Woodbridge); The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Rob Geleit); Councillors John Beckett, Steve Bridger, Kate Chinn, Christine Cleveland, Alex Coley, Nigel Collin, Neil Dallen, Hannah Dalton, Chris Frost, Liz Frost, Bernice Froud, David Gulland, Christine Howells, Previn Jagutpal, Graham Jones, Eber Kington, Jan Mason, Steven McCormick, Debbie Monksfield, Julie Morris, Bernie Muir, Barry Nash, Phil Neale, David Reeve, Humphrey Reynolds, Guy Robbins, Alan Sursham, Chris Webb and Alan Williamson

Absent: Councillors Arthur Abdulin, Monica Coleman, Luke Giles, Colin Keane, Lucie McIntyre, Peter O'Donovan and Peter Webb

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

27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

28 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 4 July 2022 and Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 July 2022 were agreed as a true record and the Mayor was authorised to sign them.

29 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS/BUSINESS

It was with sadness that the Mayor informed the Council of the death of former Councillor John Sullivan. The Mayor extended the Council's thoughts and best wishes to former Councillor Sullivan's family and close friends.

With sadness the Mayor also informed the Council of the death of Phil Gall, the Council's Head of IT. The Mayor extended the Council's thoughts and best wishes to Phil's family and close friends.

The Mayor made a number of announcements relating to noteworthy events which he had attended over the past 5 months, and upcoming events over the Christmas period.

30 QUESTIONS

Three questions had been addressed to Committee Chairmen to which written answers had been provided and published.

Three supplementary questions were asked and answers were given by the relevant Committee Chair.

31 CHAIRS' STATEMENTS

Council received written statements from the Chair of Community and Wellbeing Committee, Environment and Safe Communities Committee and Licensing and Planning Policy Committee.

5 questions were asked relating to the statements and responded to by the relevant Committee Chair.

32 ADOPTION OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY

The Council received a report presenting the revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy for adoption.

Councillor Stephen McCormick **MOVED** the recommendation in the report.

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

Accordingly, it was resolved to:

- (1) **Adopt the revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy attached at Annexe 1 of the report, as amended in accordance with the decision of the of the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee on 27 October 2022.**

33 POLLING DISTRICT AND PLACES REVIEW 2022

Council received a report setting out the recommendations from Strategy and Resources Committee for proposed changes following the conclusion of the Polling Places and Districts Review 2022.

Councillor Neil Dallen **MOVED** the recommendations in the report.

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

Accordingly, it was resolved to:

- (2) **Agree the location of the polling places and districts as set out in Appendix 1 to the report for a five-year period from 1st January 2023, or until it is superseded by any subsequent review of any polling place or district; and**
- (3) **Delegate to the Chief Executive in their capacity as the Council's Returning Officer any ongoing review or change of polling places during this period, to ensure that polling arrangements in the Borough remain fit for purpose for each election called.**

34 COMMITTEE DECISION TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH URGENCY PROCEDURE

Council received a report notifying it of a decision taken in accordance with the urgency procedure contained in part 4 of the Constitution.

Councillor Neil Dallen **MOVED** and Councillor Hannah Dalton **SECONDED** the recommendation in the report.

During debate, a Councillor asked for information relating to the administration of the Monitoring Officer's duties. The Mayor informed the Councillor that such matters were not relevant to this item and that the Council was asked to note the decision of the Strategy and Resources Committee in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution.

Upon being put the recommendation was **CARRIED** with 29 votes for, 1 against and the Mayor not voting.

Accordingly, it was resolved to:

- (4) **Note that the decision of the Strategy and Resources Committee on 29 September 2022 in relation to the "Extension of Interim Monitoring Officer Appointment" item was taken in accordance with the urgency procedure set out in the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules of Part 4 of the Constitution.**

35 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2023-2024

Council received a report seeking approval of the extended Municipal Calendar from May 2023 to July 2024.

Councillor Neil Dallen **MOVED** and Councillor Hannah Dalton **SECONDED** the recommendation in the report.

Upon being put the recommendation was **CARRIED** with 29 votes in favour, 1 abstention and the Mayor not voting.

Accordingly, it was resolved to:

(5) Approve the Municipal Calendar for 2023-2024.

36 MOTIONS

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

Motion 1: "Providing Homes for the Residents of Epsom and Ewell"

The Council resolved by a majority vote to refer this Motion to the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee for consideration.

37 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council passed a resolution by majority decision to exclude the public from the meeting for Part Two of the Agenda on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act (as amended) and that pursuant to paragraph 10 of Part 2 of the said Schedule 12A the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

38 EXTENSION OF INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Council received a report seeking approval to the extension of the appointment of the Interim Chief Executive and asking it to consider the officer management capacity following the announcement of the departure of the Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration.

Councillor Neil Dallen **MOVED** and Councillor Hannah Dalton **SECONDED** the recommendations in the report.

Upon being put the recommendation 1 was **CARRIED** unanimously, and recommendation 2 was **CARRIED** with 29 votes in favour, 1 vote against and the Mayor not voting.

Accordingly, it was resolved to:

(6) Agree to extend the appointment of the Director of Corporate Services as Interim Chief Executive until such time as a new Chief Executive is appointed

(7) Agree to the appointment of up to two senior interim Directors to join the Senior Management Team, in each case for periods of up to 9 months in order to provide management cover, pending the appointment and commencement of permanent staff in these positions. In each case, this will be either through internal acting up

arrangements in the first instance or by external temporary appointments. A Member Appointments Panel will be established for an external appointment.

The meeting began at 7.30 pm and ended at 8.29 pm

COUNCILLOR CLIVE WOODBRIDGE
MAYOR