



EPSOM AND EWELL

Minutes of the Meeting of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH of EPSOM AND EWELL held at the Town Hall, The Parade, Epsom on 8 December 2015

PRESENT -

The Mayor (Councillor Chris Frost); The Deputy Mayor (Councillor George Crawford) ;
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, Liz Frost, Rob Geleit, Eber Kington, Jan Mason,
Tina Mountain, Barry Nash, Martin Olney, Jane Race, David Reeve,
Humphrey Reynolds, Guy Robbins, Vince Romagnuolo, Clive Smitheram, Jean Steer,
Alan Sursham, Mike Teasdale, Peter Webb, David Wood, Clive Woodbridge and
Tella Wormington

Absent: Councillors Omer KoKou-Tchri, Peter O'Donovan and Keith Partridge

The Meeting was preceded by prayers led, in the absence of the Mayor's
Chaplain, by the Chief Executive

25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made by Councillors in items on this agenda.

26 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council held on 15 October 2015 were agreed as a true
record and signed by the Mayor

27 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS/BUSINESS

The Mayor referenced the terrible events in Paris and informed the Council that
he had sent a message of condolence. The Mayor also reported with sadness
the recent death of much respected former County Councillor Richard Rothwell.

Finally the Mayor invited Members to join him for carol singing in the Ashley
Centre on 19 December 2015

28 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

- a) Meetings in relation to the provision of Christmas Lights: Councillor Alexander Clarke asked the following question and received the following written answer from the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee, Councillor Neil Dallen

Question:

Were there any meetings held as to the placement/design of Christmas Lights in the town? How much has been spent on Christmas Decorations each year for the last decade? And where did that money come from?

Reply:

- a) Yes there were meetings.
- b) Very little Council money has been spent over the last decade.
- c) Individual RA Councillors, Ward RA committees and local businesses have raised most of the required funding along with some contributions from County Councillor allowances.
- d) Thanks are due to Resident Association Councillors for taking the initiative with Christmas decorations and helping to support the local businesses.
- b) Government Announcement in relation to Right to Buy: Councillor Guy Robbins asked the following question and received the following written answer from the Chairman of the Health Liaison Panel, Councillor Liz Frost:

Question:

Can I ask the chairman of the Social committee how this Council is clarifying, and reacting to, the Government's decision that tenants of Housing Associations will now have to offer Right to Buy and how this might affect the provision of rented housing in Epsom and Ewell?

Reply:

I thank Councillor Robbins for his question. The extension of the Right To Buy to Housing Association properties will inevitably reduce the already scarce supply of social rented properties in the borough. The main provider of social housing in the Borough, Rosebery Housing Association, have assessed the potential impact and suggest that it may be less keenly felt in this Borough than elsewhere in the Country. However, over the last few years we have seen the number of housing association properties fall sharply as the pace of new developments has slowed. We also find that existing social homes become available for re-letting

significantly less often than would be expected when looking at local and National re-let rates, which further exacerbates the pressures we face.

In 2012/13 we had 174 properties available for social rent by people in housing need whilst so far this year only 27 such properties have been made available: however we are expecting a further 79 new build homes by the end of this financial year, 69 of which will be rented. The buoyant private rented sector is also out of the reach of many people in housing need who cannot afford the high market rents in the borough, commentators tell us that private rents have risen by 38% in the past five years and are expected to increase by a further 40% in the coming five years. Officers in Housing Services are developing new initiatives to try to secure access to the private rented sector to off-set the lack of affordable housing for rent.

In response to this imbalance between supply and demand, we are working with local Housing Associations and the private rented sector to stimulate the supply of truly affordable homes but I nevertheless intend to write to our M.P to point out the effect this ill-timed policy is having on our ability to help the increasing number of homeless families in our Borough.

- c) Horton Chapel: Councillor Alexander Clarke asked the following question and received the following written answer from the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee, Councillor Neil Dallen:

Question:

What are the current/proposed plans for Horton Chapel? And has any money been spent on it since the council took ownership?

Reply:

- a) Please see S&R report for the current and proposed plans
- b) A small amount of money has been spent for essential maintenance and to secure the building.
- d) Bin Collection: Councillor Alexander Clarke asked the following question and received the following written answer from the Chairman of the Environment Committee, Councillor John Beckett:

Question:

Has the policy of not returning for 'black' (plastic) bins saved any money? And has there been any upsurge in calls to the call centre over it?

Reply:

I thank Councillor Clarke for his question. The policy of not returning for missed black recycling bins was introduced along with that service in 2009. While the exact amount saved has not been calculated, it is certain that this has saved the

Council money. Recycling vehicles typically average just 2-4 miles per gallon. Therefore, a trip of 2-3 miles off route to collect a missed bin may save up to a gallon of diesel, representing a saving of £4-5.

There has been very little concern with the policy amongst residents. The Council put great emphasis on communications when the service was launched in order to engage with residents and fully explain our policies.

Some individuals have called the Contact Centre to express their concern, but have generally understood and supported the policy when the financial benefit has been explained to them.

There has not been an upsurge in calls to the Councils call centre as a result of this policy as we get approximately an average of 100 calls a month relating to refuse issues. From these 100 or so calls we have around 7 residents a month who go on to make a formal complaint.

- e) Parking Enforcement: Councillor Alexander Clarke asked the following question and received the following written answer from the Chairman of the Environment Committee, Councillor John Beckett:

Question:

Can it please be confirmed that it is still the case that Epsom & Ewell Civil Enforcement Officers are not set quotas, and that their rate of appeals is low?

Reply:

I thank Councillor Clarke for his question. I can confirm that Epsom and Ewell Civil Enforcement Officers are not set quotas for issuing Penalty Charge Notices. In terms of appeals the City and Guilds Level 3 Notice Processing Guide says you can expect over 25% of all PCNs issued to result in correspondence. Since 1st April 2013 I can confirm that the amount of incoming correspondence logged on average is 27.2% of the number of Penalty Charge Notices issued, however this figure may include more than one appeal against the same penalty charge notice.

- f) Constitutional Changes: Councillor Alexander Clarke asked the following question and received the following written answer from the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee, Councillor Neil Dallen:

Question:

Since the decision of 21/04/2015 has the Monitoring officer seen fit to make any constitutional changes?

Reply:

No further constitutional changes have been made.

- g) *Urgent Question tabled in accordance with FCR70: proposed changes to protection of Green Belt:* Councillor Liz Frost asked the following question and received the following written answer from the Chairman of the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee, Councillor Graham Dudley:

Question:

I see that the Government is proposing changes to planning protection in the Green Belt. The consultation period is very short. Our residents have expressed great concern for the protection of our Green Belt land. Would the Chairman of the Licensing & Planning Policy Committee please respond to the consultation as a matter of urgency in support of the Borough Council maintaining control over planning applications in our Green Belt?

Reply:

I understand the government has published a consultation about changes to a wide range of planning policy issues. These are understood to include proposed changes to national planning policy that could allow for the allocation of sites located within the Green belt for starter homes. This consultation has not been widely publicized and (like you) Officers only became aware of it today (Tuesday 8 December 2015).

I also understand the consultation will run across the forthcoming public holiday period and is scheduled to conclude on 25 January 2016. In order to meet this deadline, I have asked Officers to prepare a verbal report to the Licensing & Planning Policy Committee this Thursday 10 December 2015. The report will provide an overview of the topics covered by the consultation and identify a suggested response from the Council based on our adopted planning policy strategy for the Borough. If necessary, I will also call a special meeting of the Licensing & Planning Policy Committee to consider our response further.

30 STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The recommendations arising from the Special meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee held immediately preceding the Council meeting and the recommendation arising from the meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee held on 17 November 2015 were received.

Upon being put, the **MOTION (adoption of Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2016/17)** was **CARRIED** without a division.

RESOLVED

that the Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2016/17 be approved and adopted

Upon being put, the **MOTION (Calendar of Meetings 2016/17)** was **CARRIED** without a division.

RESOLVED

that the Calendar of Meetings for 2016/17 be approved and adopted

31 SOCIAL CENTRES REVIEW

The Council considered a report by the Head of Venues and Facilities arising from the recommendations of the Social Committee following the recent service review undertaken by the Audit, Crime & Disorder and Scrutiny Committee.

In moving the recommendations set out in the report, the Chairman of the Social Committee stated that she was committed to social activities for all ages – not just for the elderly or retired. She considered that it was important that the Council provided Social Centres which also complemented services provided by the Leisure Developments Team and the voluntary sector even though it did not have a statutory obligation to do so. In fact, the Longmead Centre had recently won an award for its services. The Chairman went on to state that she was supportive of the amalgamation of the two Social Centres. The Longmead Centre was capable of accommodating an increase in members but would need refurbishment and rebranding. It was accessible by public transport and serviced by Routecall.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Tina Mountain and **SECONDED** by Councillor Alexander Clarke that:

“the decision regarding the future of the Wells social community Centre be deferred until a full consultation be carried out with the residents of the Wells Estate”

Upon the **MOTION** being put, it was **LOST**, there being 6 Members in favour, ** against

It was thereupon **MOVED** by Councillor Neil Dallen and **SECONDED** by Councillor Clive Woodbridge that:

“This Council

- (1) Recognises that, faced with a funding shortfall of around £2.5 million by 2019/2020, due to central government cuts, the most efficient use of council funds is to amalgamate all Social Centre provision into one Centre in Sefton Road, which is to be known as the Epsom Centre;*
- (2) Further recognises that the current subsidy of £362 per member at the Wells Centre is not sustainable and agrees to review the cost of this provision as part of the move to one centre, with a view to increasing value for money while enhancing the range of services provided;*

- (3) *As part of the move to one centre, commits to provide up to £70,000 from any capital sum derived from any disposal of the Wells Centre to support development of the Epsom Centre, in order to deliver improved service provision;*
- (4) *Noting that the Wells Centre currently has community use, based on current hiring levels, agrees that on-going provision for a community facility should form part of any disposal of the Wells Centre;*

And that should Members decide in favour of 1 to 4 above, this Council agrees to:

- (5) *Investigate disposal of the Wells Centre, which is to be carried out either by:*
 - a) *Raising the required finance to develop the site into housing to be managed by a company set up there to do; or*
 - b) *Selling to a developer and thereby realising a capital receipt;*

and in both cases with a view towards making ongoing provision for a community facility, subject to officer evaluation and advice on these options, and any other such options as they consider appropriate.

- (6) *And approves the following:*
 - a) *Social Centre provision at the Wells Centre will cease from close of business on Friday April 1st 2016;*
 - b) *Current hirers of the Wells Centre, including the Wells Preschool, be allowed to continue to use the venue until such time as a decision is taken as to the future of the building, providing they provide caretaking services themselves and have appropriate insurance, enabling EEBC expenditure at the venue to be limited, to avoid breaking the 5% VAT partial exemption calculation.*
 - c) *Members agree to the creation of a task group of three members nominated by full council and supported by the Chief Executive, Director of Finance and Resources and the Head of Venues to oversee the rationalisation to one site, any disposal of the Wells and any subsequent improvement works to the Sefton Road site, and to report back progress to the relevant committees.*
 - d) *Members agree to include options a) to f) in section 5.6 of this report as options to be considered as part of the report to Strategy and Resources committee regarding disposal of the Wells Centre site”.*

It was thereupon **MOVED** by Councillor Vince Romagnuolo and **SECONDED** by Councillor Rob Geleit that:

“the number of members on the task group be increased to five and that two of the five members be Councillors from the relevant Wards of Stamford and Court”

Upon being put, the **MOTION** was **LOST**, there being 7 Members in favour and 25 against

It was thereupon **MOVED** by Councillor Tina Mountain and **SECONDED** by Councillor Alexander Clarke that:

“one of three members on the task group be Conservative”

Upon being put, the **MOTION** was **LOST**, there being 3 Members in favour, 2 Members abstaining and the majority against.

RESOLVED

This Council

- (1) **Recognises that, faced with a funding shortfall of around £2.5 million by 2019/2020, due to central government cuts, the most efficient use of council funds is to amalgamate all Social Centre provision into one Centre in Sefton Road, which is to be known as the Epsom Centre;**
- (2) **Further recognises that the current subsidy of £362 per member at the Wells Centre is not sustainable and agrees to review the cost of this provision as part of the move to one centre, with a view to increasing value for money while enhancing the range of services provided;**
- (3) **As part of the move to one centre, commits to provide up to £70,000 from any capital sum derived from any disposal of the Wells Centre to support development of the Epsom Centre, in order to deliver improved service provision;**
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- c) Members agree to the creation of a task group of three members nominated by full council and supported by the Chief Executive, Director of Finance and Resources and the Head of Venues to oversee the rationalisation to one site, any disposal of the Wells and any subsequent improvement works to the Sefton Road site, and to report back progress to the relevant committees.
- d) Members agree to include options a) to f) in section 5.6 of this report as options to be considered as part of the report to Strategy and Resources committee regarding disposal of the Wells Centre site”.

32 AUDIT, CRIME & DISORDER AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Audit, Crime & Disorder and Scrutiny Committee held on 26 November 2015 were received and noted.

33 STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 1 December 2015 were received and noted.

34 MOTION: SUPPORT FOR ARMED FORCES

Pursuant to FCR 79, Councillor Tina Mountain **MOVED** and Councillor Neil Dallen **SECONDED**:

“That this Council offers its thanks to, and support for, all the members of the armed forces who will not be home with their families this Christmas be they near or far; and acknowledges that whilst it is hard at any time of year, at Christmas it will be especially so.”

In accordance with the advice given by the Chief Executive, the Council **RESOLVED** (unanimously) to debate the motion.

Upon being put, it was **RESOLVED** (unanimously)

That this Council offers its thanks to, and support for, all the members of the armed forces who will not be home with their families this Christmas be they near or far; and acknowledges that whilst it is hard at any time of year, at Christmas it will be especially so

The meeting began at 19.56 hours and ended at 21.17 hours

CHRISTOPHER FROST
MAYOR



EPSOM AND EWELL

Minutes of the Meeting of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH of EPSOM AND EWELL held at the Town Hall, The Parade, Epsom on 11 February 2016

PRESENT -

The Mayor (Councillor Chris Frost BSc); The Deputy Mayor (Councillor George Crawford QPM); Councillors Michael Arthur, Tony Axelrod, Richard Baker, John Beckett, Steve Bridger, Kate Chinn, Alex Clarke, Lucie Dallen, Neil Dallen, Hannah Dalton, Graham Dudley, Robert Foote, Liz Frost, Rob Geleit, Eber Kington, Omer Kokou-Tchri, Jan Mason, Barry Nash, Martin Olney, Keith Partridge, David Reeve, Humphrey Reynolds, Guy Robbins, Vince Romagnuolo, Clive Smitheram, Alan Sursham, Mike Teasdale, Peter Webb, David Wood and Clive Woodbridge

Absent: Councillors Rekha Bansil, Tina Mountain, Barry Nash, Peter O'Donovan, Jane Race, Jean Steer and Tella Wormington

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

35 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

36 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS/BUSINESS

The Mayor reminded Councillors of two forthcoming charity events – a quiz night and the Charity Ball. He also announced that two Community Fund Grant Awards had been made and would be presented shortly.

37 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

- a) I.T. Security: Councillor Alexander Clarke asked the following written question and received the following written answer from the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee, Councillor Neil Dallen:

Question:

How strong is Epsom & Ewell's cyber security?

Reply:

Very Strong. However, all users need to be vigilant at all times and must not open any emails with attachments that they are not expecting or look unusual.

- b) Appointments to Outside Bodies: Councillor Liz Frost submitted the following written question and received the following written answer from the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee, Councillor Neil Dallen:

Question:

We currently have Councillors appointed to outside bodies. These are official positions and Council Officers review them every so often to ensure that it is still appropriate for our Councillors to be representatives. Some of these have a more defined role than others.

In recent times there have been an increasing number of requests by organisations for us to have a 'Champion' to represent their interests. In some cases this appears to be the same as an appointment to an outside body – in others it is different. Currently we have no formal process for deciding whether a Champion is appropriate, and if so, for appointing them or monitoring them.

Can I ask the Chairman of Strategy & Resources Committee if he would work with Officers to come up with a method for addressing this? (Chairman of S&R)

Reply:

We are currently reviewing outside body appointments and we will include "Champions" on the list as if they were an outside body appointment.

Part of the review is to ensure that there is a justifiable reason to appoint a Councillor to an outside body rather than just a "nice to have" position. These positions not only involve Councillor time but also officer time.

- c) Nuisance posed by stray golf balls: Councillor Omer Koukou-Tchri submitted the following written question and received the following written answer from the Chairman of the Environment Committee, Councillor John Beckett:

Question:

What are we planning to do about “Yellow Golf Range Balls” as I understand the matter from communications, Yellow Balls going from a private but initially unauthorised development; over public highway onto resident’s properties across the road [Longdown Lane] with danger to residents, their properties and general public and a tragedy waiting to happen?

Reply:

I am afraid that there is little this Council can do in relation to this matter. I am informed that no planning enforcement action can be taken, nor, as reported, is this an actionable public nuisance of the sort which our Environmental Health team can tackle. Any highway safety implications are matters for Surrey County Council to consider, and I would suggest that this be raised with the residents’ County Councillor. I am also informed that golf balls being hit into private gardens is a private law matter for the householders to pursue with the golf club—they would be well advised to seek their own independent legal advice about this.

- d) Community Facilities on the Wells Estate: Councillor Kate Chinn submitted the following written question and received the following written answer from the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee:

Question:

Can I ask the chairman of Strategy and Resources what positive steps are being taken to ensure that The Wells community keeps a centre that can be used and enjoyed by the whole community?

Reply:

I would refer Cllr. Chinn to the last Council meeting and the recommendation that was agreed.

- e) Emergency Contingency Planning: Councillor Alexander Clarke submitted the following written question and received the following written answer from the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee, Councillor Neil Dallen:

Question:

Have any tests of our emergency contingency plans been carried out, e.g. The holding of council meetings in places other than the Council offices? And if not, then why not?

Reply:

With iPads we can hold Council meetings at any location. There is no need to test this.

- f) New Refuse Service: Councillor Alexander Clarke submitted the following written question and received the following written answer from the Chairman of the Environment Committee, Councillor John Beckett:

Question:

With the proposed bin swapping plan (black to green/green to black) what will happen in the case of residents who have bins of equal volume?

Reply:

The new refuse and recycling services will launch during the early summer of 2017. Throughout 2016 and into 2017, we will carry out an extensive programme to communicate the new service, including the bin-swap. We will engage with as many residents as possible, through a variety of media. Officers will be presenting an overview of the communications programme to the Environment Committee at its next meeting on 12 April. We will be calling the bin-swap “The Big Switch”, which we hope will resonate with people.

This will give residents plenty of early notice about “The Big Switch”, particularly over the summer and autumn of this year. We’ll help them to understand what bins they’ll need going forward, and encourage them to call us if they need any new containers. For example, a household without a black bin now will need one for refuse collections in the future. Or a household with a smaller green refuse bin now will want a bigger one to use for recycling in the future. We’ll encourage people to call us and make these changes well before launch.

An exception will be those households currently using a larger, 240-litre black bin to help them recycle more. There are around a thousand such bins being used across the Borough. While we don’t want big, black rubbish bins in the future, neither do we want to interrupt these residents’ excellent recycling habits in the meantime. So for these households it makes sense to wait until after launch to swap their big, black bin for a smaller one (and we are sure that those keen recyclers will welcome the change).

People are generally very interested in recycling, so it seems likely that most people will think about what they need, and contact us well before “The Big Switch”. But it’s reasonable to assume that a few households may still need some kind of bin change at launch, so this is part of our operational planning. One of our tasks, for example, is to ensure that no household has more than one 180-litre black refuse bin after launch (unless entitled to upgrade their refuse bin under our new policy for larger households).

- g) Design Quality 'Supplementary Planning Document': Councillor Alexander Clarke submitted the following written question and received the following written answer from the Chairman of the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee, Councillor Graham Dudley:

Question:

Could I please have a best estimate of when the Design Quality 'Supplementary Planning Document' will be finished, and whether (and if so when/how) it will be open to public consultation?

Reply:

The Draft Design Quality Supplementary Planning Document will provide detailed advice on the design, townscape and space standards contained within the Development Management Policy Document, which is part of the Local Plan.

My current expectation is that the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee will consider the draft document in June 2016, and that this will be followed by a period of public consultation. Once the consultation responses have been considered and any appropriate amendments made, adoption of the document by the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee will follow, probably in September or October of this year.

- h) *Kiln Lane Link*: Councillor Alexander Clarke submitted the following written question and received the following written answer from the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee, Councillor Neil Dallen:

Question:

What efforts by the council are being expended upon the Kiln Lane Link?

Reply:

Surrey County Council are the lead authority for the Kiln Lane Link improvement scheme – and must take primary responsibility for promoting and securing funding for its delivery from the Government and others, but Epsom & Ewell are expending an enormous amount of effort to ensure that this major scheme remains high on all interested parties agendas.

We have been heavily involved with both Gatwick Diamond and the Coast to Capital (C2C) Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) to ensure that this remains at the top of their priorities.

We have also been instrumental in ensuring that Surrey County Council, the Highways Authority, continue to give it the priority and funding that it deserves.

This scheme will have an enormous positive impact on the whole Borough, particularly by reducing the traffic over Ewell West station Road Bridge and Hook Road/East Street.

The joining of the two business parks, Nonsuch and Longmead, will also give a very positive message to businesses and enhance the economic vitality of the area.

39 BUDGET REPORT 2016-17 - AMENDED 10 FEBRUARY 2016

The Council gave consideration to its 2016/17 budget, comprising both revenue and capital expenditure plans and Council Tax amounts for each band of dwelling which took account of recommendations of the Environment, Leisure, Environment, Social and Strategy and Resources Committees (appertaining to fees and charges, the revenue budget and capital programme).

An amended report had been issued on 10 February 2016, following the receipt of the Government's final financial settlement on 8 February 2016. The amended report was based on a recommended increase of £4.95 per annum (for Band D properties) in Council Tax reflecting the final settlement which had allowed District Councils to increase council tax by up to £5 or 2% whichever provided the higher increase in income.

In moving the recommendations of the Director of Finance and Resources, the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee, Councillor Neil Dallen, made a statement and presentation to the Council on the budget for 2016/17 to which Councillors Alexander Clarke and Vince Romanguolo responded.

Upon being put, the **MOTION** was **CARRIED**, there being 25 members in favour, 5 against and 2 not voting

RESOLVED:

- (1) That it be noted that, under delegated powers, the Director of Finance and Resources calculated the amount of the Council Tax Base as 32,013.5 (Band 'D' equivalent properties) for the year 2016/17 calculated in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act").
- (2) That the following estimates recommended by the policy committees be approved:-
 - a) The revised revenue estimates for the year 2015/16 and the revenue estimates for 2016/17
 - b) The capital programme for 2016/17 and the provisional programme for 2017 to 2019, as summarised in the capital strategy statement.
- (3) That the fees and charges recommended by the policy committees be approved for 2016/17.
- (4) That the Council Tax Requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2016/17 is £5,828,698.
- (5) That the Council receives the budget risk assessment at Appendix 6 to the report and notes the conclusion of the Director of Finance and

Resources that these budget proposals are robust and sustainable as concluded in this report.

- (6) That the Council receives the Director of Finance & Resources' Statement on the Reserves as attached at Appendix 8.**
- (7) That the Council agrees the Prudential Indicators and Authorised Limits for 2016/17 as set out in Appendix 11 including:-**
 - a) Affordability Prudential Indicators**
 - b) The actual and estimated Capital Financing Requirement**
 - c) The estimated levels of borrowing and investment**
 - d) The authorised and operational limits for external debt**
 - e) The treasury management prudential indicators**
- (8) That the following amounts be now calculated for the year 2016/17 in accordance with sections 31 to 36 of the Act:**
 - a) £56,512,986 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in section 31A(2) of the Act**
 - b) £50,684,288 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in section 31(A)3 of the Act**
 - c) £5,828,698 being the amount by which the aggregate at 8(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 8(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 31A(4) of the Act, as its council tax requirement for the year.**
 - d) £182.07 being the amount at 8(c) above divided by the amount at 1. above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 31(B) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year**
- (9) To note that Surrey County Council and Surrey Police Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below:-**

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

| Band: | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Amount | 845.52 | 986.44 | 1,127.36 | 1,268.28 | 1,550.12 | 1,831.96 | 2,113.80 | 2,536.56 |

SURREY POLICE AUTHORITY

| Band: | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Amount | 146.79 | 171.26 | 195.72 | 220.19 | 269.12 | 318.05 | 366.98 | 440.38 |

- (10) That the Council, in accordance with Section 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2016/17 for each of the categories of dwellings.

EPSOM AND EWELL BOROUGH COUNCIL

| Band: | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Amount | 121.38 | 141.61 | 161.84 | 182.07 | 222.53 | 262.99 | 303.45 | 364.14 |

AGGREGATE OF COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENTS

| Band: | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Amount | 1,113.69 | 1,299.31 | 1,484.92 | 1,670.54 | 2,041.77 | 2,413.00 | 2,784.23 | 3,341.08 |

The meeting began at 7.30 pm and ended at 8.00 pm

CHRISTOPER FROST
MAYOR