

EPSOM AND EWELL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF EPSOM AND EWELL held at the Council Chamber, Epsom Town Hall on 26 June 2025

PRESENT -

The Mayor (Councillor Robert Leach); The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Lucie McIntyre); Councillors Arthur Abdulin, Chris Ames, John Beckett, Steve Bridger, Kate Chinn, Christine Cleveland, Neil Dallen, Hannah Dalton, Julian Freeman, Liz Frost, Bernice Froud, Tony Froud, Rob Geleit, Shanice Goldman, Christine Howells, Alison Kelly, Rachel King, Steven McCormick, Julie Morris, Bernie Muir, Phil Neale, Kieran Persand, Humphrey Reynolds, Kim Spickett, Chris Watson, Alan Williamson and Clive Woodbridge

<u>Absent:</u> Councillors Alex Coley, Graham Jones, James Lawrence, Jan Mason, Peter O'Donovan and Darren Talbot

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

11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

12 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - CREATION OF COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS IN EPSOM & EWELL

Council received a report setting out the necessary steps and timescale required to create one or more new parishes and Communities and Community Councils through a Community Governance Review (CGR), as mandated by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

Councillor John Beckett **MOVED** and Councillor Rachel King **SECONDED** the recommendations in the report.

Upon being put, the recommendations were **CARRIED** as follows:

The Council resolved with 19 votes for, none against, 7 abstentions and the Mayor not voting to:

(1) Agree that a Community Governance Review be undertaken for the Borough of Epsom & Ewell.

The Council resolved with 16 votes for, 6 against, 4 abstentions and the Mayor not voting to:

(2) Authorise the Chief Executive and Head of Legal, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Chair of Standards and Constitution Committee, to approve the Consultation Questions & Terms of Reference once final typographical changes have been completed and to take all and any necessary action to progress the Community Governance Review.

The meeting began at 7.30 pm and ended at 8.21 pm

COUNCILLOR ROBERT LEACH MAYOR