



EPSOM AND EWELL

Minutes of the Meeting of the FULL COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF EPSOM AND EWELL held at the Council Chamber, Epsom Town Hall on 22 July 2025

PRESENT -

The Mayor (Councillor Robert Leach); The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Lucie McIntyre); Councillors Chris Ames, John Beckett, Kate Chinn, Christine Cleveland, Alex Coley, Neil Dallen, Hannah Dalton, Liz Frost, Tony Froud, Rob Geleit, Shanice Goldman, Christine Howells, Rachel King, James Lawrence, Steven McCormick, Bernie Muir, Phil Neale, Peter O'Donovan, Humphrey Reynolds, Kim Spickett, Darren Talbot, Chris Watson, Alan Williamson and Clive Woodbridge

Absent: Councillor Arthur Abdulin, Councillor Steve Bridger, Councillor Julian Freeman, Councillor Bernice Froud, Councillor Graham Jones, Councillor Alison Kelly, Councillor Jan Mason, Councillor Julie Morris and Councillor Kieran Persand

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

13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

14 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 6 May 2025, Annual Meeting of the Council held on 13 May 2025 and Extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 26 June 2025 were agreed as a true record and the Mayor was authorised to sign them.

15 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS/BUSINESS

The Mayor welcomed the Council's new Director of Corporate Services and Section 151 Officer to the meeting.

16 LEADER AND CHAIRS' STATEMENTS

The Council received written statements from the Chair of the Strategy and Resources Committee, and Chair of the Community and Wellbeing Committee.

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

17 RECOMMENDATION FROM STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE , 15 JULY 2025

Council received a report seeking to increase the recommended minimum reserve balance of the general fund working balance reserve to £1,500,000.

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

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

Accordingly, it was resolved to:

- (1) Approve an amendment to the recommended minimum level of general fund working balance reserve as set out in section 2.8 of the report.**

18 MOTIONS

The Council received one Motion submitted under FCR 14 of Appendix 4 of the Constitution.

Motion 1 was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Alex Coley and **SECONDED** by Councillor James Lawrence.

The Council resolved by a majority vote (with 5 votes for dealing with the motion at the meeting, 18 votes to refer the motion to the relevant committee and the Mayor not voting) to refer the Motion to the Strategy & Resources Committee for consideration.

19 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2024-2025

The Mayor informed the Council that in accordance with section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, by reason of special circumstances, he had agreed to receive item 7 of the agenda (Annual Report of the Audit & Scrutiny Committee 2024-2025) as an urgent matter to correct an administrative error of its omission and avoid a delay to its consideration to the next meeting of the Council.

Council received a report presenting the Annual Report of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee 2024-2025 in accordance with the requirement of Paragraph 7.2 of Annex 4.6 of the Council's Operating Framework.

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

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

Accordingly, it was resolved to:

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- (1) Receive the Annual Report of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee 2024-2025 (Appendix 1 to the report).**

The meeting began at 7.30 pm and ended at 8.00 pm

COUNCILLOR ROBERT LEACH (CHAIR)
MAYOR