

APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

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Wards affected:	(All Wards);
Appendices (attached):	None

Summary

To appoint the Leader of the Council.

Recommendation (s)

The Council is asked to:

- (1) Appoint the Leader of the Council to hold office until 31 March 2027.**

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 FCR 2.1 (iii) of Appendix 4 of the Constitution requires the Council to appoint a Leader at its Annual Meeting.

2 Background

- 2.1 This report invites the Council to appoint a Leader to hold office until the 31 March 2027. Epsom and Ewell Borough Council will cease on 1 April, which is the vesting day for the East Surrey Council created as a result of the Government's Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) programme.

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

3.1 Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1.1 No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.

3.2 Crime & Disorder

- 3.2.1 No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.

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3.3 Safeguarding

3.3.1 No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.

3.4 Dependencies

3.4.1 No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.

3.5 Other

3.5.1 No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.

4 Financial Implications

4.1 No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.

4.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.

5 Legal Implications

5.1 No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.

5.2 **Legal Officer's comments:** No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.

6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.

6.2 **Service Plans:** No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.

6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.

6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.

6.5 **Partnerships:** No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.

6.6 **Local Government Reorganisation Implications:** No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.

7 Background papers

7.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

Previous reports:

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- None.

Other papers:

- [FCR 2.1 \(iii\) of the Constitution](#)
- [Annexe 4-10 of the Operating Framework, approved by the Council, 6 May 2025.](#)