

LEADER AND CHAIRS' STATEMENTS

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Wards affected:	(All Wards);
Appendices (attached):	Appendix 1 –Statements from the Leader and Committee Chairs

Summary

To receive statements from the Leader and Chairs of the Council's Policy Committees, briefing Members on current events and issues.

Recommendation (s)

The Council is asked to:

- (1) consider the Statements from the Leader and Chairs of the Committees in accordance with Standing Orders.**

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 Appendix 4 of the Council's Constitution (FCR 11) sets out that the Leader and Chair of each of the Policy Committees is able to submit a statement to be included as a standard item on the agenda for each meeting of Full Council (excluding the Annual Meeting and Budget Meeting). The statement will brief members on the current events and issues, and where it is a Chair's statement, relate to the relevant committee's area of work.
- 1.2 At the meeting of the Full Council on 12 March 2026, the Council agreed to request the Chair of Standards and Constitution Committee to provide an update to this meeting, relating to actions taken as a result of the council's decision on a motion presented to that meeting. The update from the Chair of Standards and Constitution Committee is included at Appendix 1.

2 Background

- 2.1 The following statements have been submitted for inclusion on the agenda for this meeting, and are attached at Appendix 1:
 - 2.1.1 Chair of the Environment Committee, Councillor Liz Frost.

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2.1.2 Chair of the Standards & Constitution Committee, Councillor John Beckett.

2.2 A total period of 30 minutes will be set aside for councillors to ask questions on the statement of the Leader and any Chair. The Mayor will manage questions, in accordance with FCR11.2

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

3.1 Equality Impact Assessment

3.1.1 No comments are provided on Chairs' Statements.

3.2 Crime & Disorder

3.2.1 No comments are provided on Chairs' Statements.

3.3 Safeguarding

3.3.1 No comments are provided on Chairs' Statements.

3.4 Dependencies

3.4.1 No comments are provided on Chairs' Statements.

3.5 Other

3.5.1 No comments are provided on Chairs' Statements.

4 Financial Implications

4.1 No comments are provided on Chairs' Statements.

4.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** No comments are provided on Chairs' Statements.

5 Legal Implications

5.1 No comments are provided on Chairs' Statements.

5.2 **Section 24 considerations:** No comments are provided on Chairs' Statements.

5.3 **Legal Officer's comments:** No comments are provided on Chairs' Statements.

6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** No comments are provided on Chairs' Statements.

6.2 **Service Plans:** No comments are provided on Chairs' Statements.

6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations** No comments are provided on Chairs' Statements.

6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** No comments are provided on Chairs' Statements.

6.5 **Partnerships:** No comments are provided on Chairs' Statements.

7 Background papers

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

Previous reports:

- None.

Other papers:

- [Appendix 4 of the Constitution of Epsom and Ewell Borough Council](#)