

Minutes of the Meeting of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF EPSOM AND EWELL held at the Town Hall, Epsom on 25 April 2017

PRESENT -

The Mayor (Councillor George Crawford); The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Liz Frost); Councillors Michael Arthur, Tony Axelrod, Richard Baker, Rekha Bansil, Steve Bridger, Kate Chinn, Alex Clarke, Graham Dudley, Robert Foote, Chris Frost, Rob Geleit, Omer Kokou-Tchri, Jan Mason, Tina Mountain, Barry Nash, Peter O'Donovan, Martin Olney, Keith Partridge, Jane Race, David Reeve, Humphrey Reynolds, Guy Robbins, Vince Romagnuolo, Clive Smitheram, Jean Steer, Mike Teasdale, Peter Webb, David Wood, Clive Woodbridge and Tella Wormington

<u>Absent:</u> Councillors John Beckett, Lucie Dallen, Neil Dallen, Hannah Dalton, Eber Kington and Alan Sursham

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

51 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

52 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Ordinary and Extraordinary meetings of the Council held on 14 February 2017 and 7 March 2017 respectively were agreed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

53 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS/BUSINESS

The Mayor had no communications/business about which he wished to inform the Council.

54 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

Six questions had been addressed to Committee Chairmen to which written answers had been provided and published.

55 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2017/18 TO 2019/20

Council received a report from the Director of Finance and Resources regarding the updated Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20.

Councillor Clive Woodbridge **MOVED**, and Councillor Clive Smitheram **SECONDED** the recommendation in the report. Upon being put the recommendation was **CARRIED** (without a division) and it was

RESOLVED that:

The updated Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20 be adopted.

56 AUDIT, CRIME & DISORDER AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE; ANNUAL REPORT

In accordance with Article 6 of the Council's Constitution, the Annual Report of the Audit, Crime & Disorder and Scrutiny Committee was presented to the Council.

Councillor David Reeve **MOVED** its reception, highlighting in particular the Council's outstanding audit performance, **SECONDED** by Councillor Clive Smitheram. Upon being put, it was thereupon **CARRIED** (without a division) and

RESOLVED that

the annual report of the Audit, Crime & Disorder and Scrutiny Committee be received and noted.

57 MOTIONS TO COUNCIL

Pursuant to FCR 79, Councillor Omer Koukou-Tchri **MOVED** and Councillor Alex Clarke **SECONDED**, the following Motion:

- (1) The Audit, Crime & Disorder and Scrutiny Committee be requested to establish a review group comprising representatives from each political group, to undertake a review of the proposal to explore the opportunities to twin the Borough of Epsom & Ewell with Graübunden and to report to the Strategy & Resources Committee at the earliest opportunity.
- (2) Strategy & Resources Committee consider the report of the Audit, Crime & Disorder and Scrutiny Committee, and make such recommendations to Council as they think fit by December 2017.

(3) Officers be asked to consider whether it might be possible, within existing resources, to hold or support holding a Swiss themed event this year 2017, either on or around the Swiss national day of "1 August", or at such other time as may be considered appropriate.

In accordance with the advice given by the Chief Executive, the Council **RESOLVED** (without a division) to debate the motion.

Upon being put, the **MOTION** was **LOST** there being 4 members in favour and the majority against.

The meeting began at 7.30 pm and ended at 8.13 pm

GEORGE CRAWFORD MAYOR