

MOTIONS TO COUNCIL

In pursuance of the Council's Rules of Procedure, Councillor Tony Axelrod will move and Councillor Richard Baker will second, the following Motion:

"This Council has previously confirmed its support for the option proposed by Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust (ESHUH NHS Trust) to have a new acute unit constructed on the current Epsom Hospital site, to maintain all other remaining services on this site and to expand speciality facilities. These would include a 24-hour Accident and Emergency service. However, this Council views with concern the proposal, made public recently, to dispose of land forming part of the current Epsom Hospital site. This Council requests ESHUH NHS Trust to halt any site disposal, enabling the site to remain available for the provision of future health and social care services for the residents of Epsom and Ewell and East Surrey and to await decisions in regard to:

- (a) The location of any acute hospital unit to serve the needs of residents in Epsom and Ewell and East Surrey,
- (b) The relocation of any services that are currently located at West Park hospital, which has been the subject of a recent public consultation,
- (c) The location of an acute mental hospital for the residents of Epsom and Ewell and East Surrey, which was due to be the subject of a public consultation in early 2017, but has yet to take place.

Given the housing pressures imposed on this Borough by central Government's requirement of 579 housing units constructed per year for at least the next 20 years, the number of residents in our Borough could increase significantly, by an estimated 25,000 to 30,000. Residents of Epsom and Ewell require certainty with regard to their local hospital services and without the loss of service availability, and the disposal of land forming part of the Epsom Hospital site by ESHUH NHS Trust can only serve to reduce options for the future and threaten those locally delivered services. In view of these pressures, this Council agrees that:

- (d) The cost of repairs and renovations to the existing Epsom Hospital buildings must be funded via other means than the sale of land and buildings, and calls upon NHS England to support ESHUH NHS Trust in bringing the hospital buildings up to the required standard of a 21st century hospital without having to sell any part of the existing estate, which is an unsustainable approach.

In pursuance of the Council's Rules of Procedure, Councillor Liz Frost will move and Councillor Tella Wormington will second, the following Motion:

- "1. This council acknowledges the need to tackle the national housing shortage and agrees that local authorities must play their part in planning for the right homes in the right places.
2. However, this council also notes that the current Government target of at least 8685 additional new homes for Epsom and Ewell is arbitrary and takes no account of:
 - (a) The acute shortage of available & deliverable sources of housing land supply within the Borough;
 - (b) The requirement for substantial additional infrastructure, including schools and healthcare facilities, needed to support such a large increase in prospective additional residents; and
 - (c) The significant threat posed to the Borough's green belt, parks and other open spaces.
3. This council therefore agrees that in addressing the Government's housing target it will seek to develop innovative solutions aimed at:
 - (a) Retaining as far as possible the existing character of the borough and the quality of design and build that our residents prefer.
 - (b) Directing new development towards existing urban areas and brownfield sites and, where appropriate, permitting higher and denser development than at present.
 - (c) Discussing with neighbouring councils how we might work together to accommodate new housing.
 - (d) Affording maximum protection for our much-prized Green Belt, parks and other important open spaces."

Note: The deadline for Notice of Motions was 5.00pm on Wednesday 4 July 2018 (17.00 hours on the eighth clear working day before the meeting)