
COUNCIL

BULLETIN

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PART A - FORWARD DIARY

Key to abbreviations:

CC	Council Chamber	Cab Off	Cabinet Office
CR1	Committee Room 1	CONF	Conference Room (1st floor)
CR2	Committee Room 2	CH OFF	Chairman of Council's Office
MR	Members' Room	TR RM	Training Room
TBD	To be decided	HEM	Hemnall Street Offices.
TBN	To be noted	HH	Homefield House
TBC	To be confirmed	VM	Virtual Meeting
DPCC	Debden Park Community Centre	NWA	North Weald Airfield

Other venues are shown in full.

Currently meetings are subject to change, postponement or cancellation.

Many meetings will be held virtually but Democratic Services will advise arrangements for individual meetings.

Week One: 1 February 2021 – 7 February 2021

Monday 1 February			
Tuesday 2 February	10.00am 7.00pm	Licensing Sub-Committee Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
Wednesday 3 February	7.00pm	Area Planning Sub-Committee East	
Thursday 4 February			
Friday 5 February			
Saturday 6 February			
Sunday 7 February			

Week Two: 8 February 2021 – 14 February 2021

Monday 8 February	7.00pm	Extraordinary Council	
Tuesday 9 February	6.00pm	All Member Briefing – Qualis Investment Strategy	
Wednesday 10 February	7.00pm	Area Planning Sub-Committee West	
Thursday 11 February	7.00pm	Cabinet	
Friday 12 February			
Saturday 13 February			
Sunday 14 February			

Week Three: 15 February 2021 – 21 February 2021

Monday 15 February			
Tuesday 16 February			
Wednesday 17 February			
Thursday 18 February	6.00pm	All Member Briefing - Local Plan and Climate Change Action Plan	
Friday 19 February			
Saturday 20 February			
Sunday 21 February			

Week Four: 22 February 2021 – 28 February 2021

Monday 22 February			
Tuesday 23 February	6.00pm 7.00pm	Executive Briefing District Development Management Committee	
Wednesday 24 February	7.00pm	Area Plans Sub-Committee South	
Thursday 25 February	7.00pm	Council	
Friday 26 February			
Saturday 27 February			
Sunday 28 February			

PART B - ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Committee Management System

The members' extranet facility for the Modern.Gov system is available at:

<https://eppingforestextranet.moderngov.co.uk/extranet>

Members may wish to save this link on their computer or mobile devices. Queries concerning login and password details for the extranet should be addressed to the Democratic Services Manager.

Constitution

The Council's Constitution is available at:

<https://rds.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=638&Info=1>

Queries concerning the Constitution should be addressed to the Democratic Services Manager

ECC Highways Portal

Up to date details of all Highways work is available at:

<https://www.essexhighways.org/Transport-and-Roads.aspx>

Member Contact

Please be aware that all Member queries should be logged using https://eppingforestdc-self.achieveservice.com/service/Member_Contact as this will ensure that your query or question is properly logged and chased up if you have not received a response within 5 days.

PART C - GENERAL INFORMATION

1. INVITATION TO QUALIS BRIEFING

Members are invited to a meeting on Tuesday, 9th February 2021 at 6.00 – 7.30pm to discuss:

1. Qualis Purpose and Structure.
2. Economic Forecast (external speaker).
3. Development and Investment Strategy
4. Questions

The meeting will be held via Zoom. An outlook invitation has been emailed to you.

(Further information: Basit Mahmood basit.mahmood@qualisgroup.com tel: 01245 955 727)

2. STRONGER COMMUNITIES SELECT COMMITTEE -TUESDAY 30 MARCH 2021

Please note the District Commander for Brentwood and Epping Forest with Essex Police, Chief Inspector Ant Alcock will be attending the next meeting of the Stronger Communities Select Committee on Tuesday 30 March 2021.

If Members have any questions they would like to submit for this meeting, could they please send them for the attention of Rebecca Perrin, to democraticservices@eppingforestdc.gov.uk . The deadline for submission of questions will be Thursday 4 March 2020, although this will not precluded questions from being asked on the evening but to allow information to be collated for the response.

(Further information: R Perrin Ext 4532)

3. NORTH ESSEX PARKING PARTNERSHIP - EXTERNAL SCRUTINY

The Parking Partnership Group Manager, Mr Richard Walker, has accepted an invitation to attend the next meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 2 February 2021. This external scrutiny is part of the Committee's work programme for 2020/21 and the meeting is open to all Members to attend.

To ensure that this external scrutiny exercise is a constructive one with both parties gaining the maximum benefit from it, could I ask Members to let me know if there are any topics or questions that you wish to raise at the meeting so that I can brief Mr Walker beforehand.

(Further Info: Gary Woodhall ext 4470)

4. COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAMME UPDATE - 24 JANUARY 2021 (Pages 11 - 12)

Please see attached.

5. UPDATE ON BUSINESS SUPPORT GRANTS AND TEST & TRACE SUPPORT PAYMENTS

Business Support Grants:

Having already paid out over £31million in grants to small businesses within the district and those in the retail, hospitality and leisure industries, the Government introduced further grants for these sectors at the end of October last year as the district entered Tier 2 of the Covid-19 restrictions. This was almost immediately followed by further restrictions leading to the current Tier 5 national lockdown, which resulted, at one point, in the council having 10 open and closed grant schemes that local businesses could apply for. Since the beginning of November 2020 the council has issued approximately £1.5million in Government grants to support businesses across the district; this work and support is ongoing.

Test & Trace Support Payments:

From 28 September 2020, the Government launched the Test & Trace Support Payment Scheme designed to help stop the spread of Covid-19 by encouraging those required by law to self-isolate if testing positive for the virus and those identified as a contact of someone who has tested positive by the NHS Test & Trace scheme. To support our residents whose earnings were/are affected by staying at home and isolating for 14 days, we were asked by the Government to set up a local Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme, where eligible residents can apply to the council for a one-off Test and Trace Support Payment of £500. To date we have processed over 400 claims and made over 200 payments to those deemed eligible; this work and support is ongoing.

(Further information: Peter Freeman ext 4191)

6. INVITATION TO UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX BRIEFING (Pages 13 - 14)

Please see attached.

7. CHAIRMAN'S DIARY

None this week

LICENSING ACT 2003

None this week

PLANNING

1. Appeals Lodged

EPF/1596/20 – 6 Canterbury Close Chigwell Essex IG7 6HG - TPO/EPF/11/20 (Ref: T10) 1 x Box Elder - Fell and replace, as specified – Written reps – Robin Hellier ext. 4546

2. Forthcoming Planning Inquiries/Hearings -

EPF/1649/17 – White Rose Curtis Mill Lane Stapleford Abbots RM3 1HS – Re determination appeal by new Inspector- date to be arranged.

EPF/2905/19 and EPF/0379/20 Epping Forest College Sites Redevelopment of the site to provide x 139 no. residential units in 3 buildings ranging from 3-5 storeys, car parking spaces, communal landscaped amenity areas, secure cycling parking & other associated development and

Redevelopment of the site to provide 285 residential dwellings (Use Class C3) in a series of blocks ranging from 2 to 5 storeys in height, a new Wellness Centre (Use Class D1), creation of a new public park, car parking, communal landscaped amenity areas, secure cycle parking and other associated

3. Enforcement Appeals

None this week

4. Appeal Decisions

EPF/0890/19 – Meadgate Works Meadgate Road Nazeing EN9 2PD - Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for existing hours of use of the site from 05.00am-12.00am Monday to Saturday – Dismissed

5. Tree Preservation Orders

None this week

6. S106 Agreements

None this week

7. Changes to Planning Systems

None this week

PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISIONS

The notification of decisions taken by individual Portfolio Holders is no longer included in the Council Bulletin.

All members of the Council receive automatic email notification of the publication of each individual Portfolio Holder decision and the call-in period for each decision commences immediately. Members wishing to call-in a decision should complete the attached call-in form and return it to Democratic Services before the expiry of five working days following the publication date of the decision. Members should refer to the Constitution (Article 6 - Overview and Scrutiny) for the rules of call-in.

COVID-19 vaccination programme update – 24 January 2021

New large vaccination centre coming to Harlow

In a new offer from Tuesday 26 January 2021, west Essex's first large vaccination centre will open to patients at Harlow Leisurezone.

This will become available to book via the national vaccination booking website, by people who are eligible and have received letters from the NHS Covid-19 Vaccination Booking Service. The NHS is rolling out additional services quickly, but it is important to remember that vaccinations are by appointment only. We know that people are making contact with their local elected representatives or GP surgeries if they haven't been invited to be vaccinated yet. Please remind your networks that everyone registered with a GP who is eligible to be vaccinated will be contacted in priority order, including those who are housebound or clinically extremely vulnerable. There is no need for anyone to proactively contact their surgery.

All West Essex residents who are currently eligible to have a COVID-19 vaccination can now access a local vaccination site.

COVID-19 vaccinations are only available by appointment, either following an invitation from a person's own GP practice or a letter from the NHS COVID-19 Vaccination Booking Service enabling someone to use the national booking system. Opening hours are coordinated to ensure that appointments are available when supplies of the vaccine allow.

That there are five GP-led vaccination sites working offering widespread coverage across the area.

According to the latest figures published on 21 January, 115,304 people have been vaccinated across Hertfordshire and west Essex. This includes:

- 50,815 people aged 80 or over with their first vaccination
- 47,623 people under the age of 80 with their first vaccination (this total includes care home and front line healthcare staff)

West Essex is continuing to vaccinate the over 80s, older people who live in care homes and those who care for them.

More information

We will keep the following web page up to date with new vaccination sites and information. Please visit www.healthierfuture.org.uk/covid

For Essex-wide COVID-19 vaccination information please visit <https://eput.nhs.uk/news-events/coronavirus/coronavirus-vaccine/>

For further information please email the [West Essex CCG Communications Team](#).

Spring term update: How the University of Essex is meeting the challenge of COVID-19

We are really keen to keep our community informed about how we are tackling the challenges posed by COVID-19.

We would like to invite you to a webinar on **Friday 29 January from 2.30pm-3.30pm** to update you on the latest situation. Please register [online](#).

We are arranging this webinar especially for representatives from our local Councils and you will have the chance to hear directly from our Registrar and Secretary Bryn Morris and Director of Communications and External Relations Vanessa Potter.

We look forward to welcoming you and if you would like to submit a question in advance please email events@essex.ac.uk. The webinar will be recorded and a link can be shared with you if you are unable to attend.

Our local Councils are incredibly important partners for the University of Essex and we are proud to contribute well over half a billion pounds to the regional economy. Working effectively with our Councils is very important to our success and we want to make sure our local Councillors are fully briefed on how we are aiming to keep our students, staff and surrounding communities safe at this challenging time for all of us. We also want to take the opportunity to outline how we are aiming to 'bounce back' in the coming academic year.

Ben Hall bhall@essex.ac.uk

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EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Notification of Call-In of Portfolio Holder Decision under Paragraphs 45-52 of Article 6 (Overview & Scrutiny) of the Constitution

This form must be signed and completed and the original returned to the Proper Officer in person no later than the fifth working day following the publication of the decision to be called-in

Decision to be called-in:
Decision reference:
Portfolio:
Description of decision:
Reason for call-in

Members requesting call-in
(3 members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or 5 other members)

Members Name:	Signed:
Lead member:	
Office Use Only: Date Received:	

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