



### NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL to be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, HIGH STREET, EPPING at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 26 July 2016 for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the agenda.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glen Chipp'.

**Glen Chipp**  
Chief Executive

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#### WEBCASTING/FILMING NOTICE

Please note: this meeting may be filmed for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's internet site - at the start of the meeting the Chairman will confirm if all or part of the meeting is being filmed. The meeting may also be otherwise filmed by third parties with the Chairman's permission.

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Therefore by entering the Chamber and using the lower public seating area, you are consenting to being filmed and to the possible use of those images and sound recordings for web casting and/or training purposes. If members of the public do not wish to have their image captured they should sit in the upper council chamber public gallery area or otherwise indicate to the Chairman before the start of the meeting.

If you have any queries regarding this, please contact the Public Relations Manager on 01992 564039.

**BUSINESS****1. WEBCASTING INTRODUCTION**

1. This meeting is to be webcast. Members are reminded of the need to activate their microphones before speaking.

2. The Assistant Director of Governance and Performance Management will read the following announcement:

“I would like to remind everyone present that this meeting will be broadcast live to the internet (or filmed) and will be capable of repeated viewing (or another use by such third parties).

If you are seated in the lower public seating area it is likely that the recording cameras will capture your image and this will result in the possibility that your image will become part of the broadcast.

This may infringe your human and data protection rights and if you wish to avoid this you should move to the upper public gallery.”

**2. MINUTES (Pages 7 - 40)**

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 26 May 2016 and 6 June 2016. (attached)

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

(Chief Executive) To declare interests in any item on the agenda.

**4. FORMER DISTRICT COUNCILLOR ANDREW O'BRIEN**

The Council is invited to stand for a minute's silence in tribute to the memory of Former District Councillor Andrew O'Brien who passed away on Sunday 26 June 2016.

Andrew O'Brien served as a Conservative District Councillor representing the Epping (Epping Lindsey) Ward from 1976 to 1999. He served on various Committees including, Environment Health & Control Committee, Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee, Recreation and Amenities Committee, Libraries and Museums Sub-Committee, Leisure Services Committee, Plans Sub- B, public Health, North Weald Airfield Sub-Committee, Public Health Committee, Joint Staff Committee. He also served as the Leader of the Epping and Area Residents' Association Group from 1991 until 1999.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(a) **Apologies for Absence**

(b) **Chairman's Announcements**

**6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (IF ANY)**

To answer questions asked after notice in accordance with the provisions contained within Part 4 of the Council Rules of the Constitution on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the District:

- (a) to the Leader of the Council;
- (b) to any Portfolio Holder; or
- (c) to the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Questions, if any, will follow if not received in time to be incorporated into the agenda.

## **7. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS UNDER NOTICE**

To answer questions asked after notice in accordance with the provisions contained within the Council Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the District:

- (a) to the Chairman of the Council;
- (b) to the Leader of the Council;
- (c) to any Member of the Cabinet; or
- (d) the Chairman of any Committee or Sub-Committee.

The Council Rules provide that answers to questions under notice may take the form of:

- (a) direct oral answer;
- (b) where the desired information is in a publication of the Council or other published work, a reference to that publication; or
- (c) where the reply cannot conveniently be given orally, a written answer circulated later to the questioner.

Answers to questions falling within (a) and (b) above will be made available to the member asking the question one hour before the meeting. Answers to questions falling within (c) above will be circulated to all councillors.

Questions, if any, will follow if not received in time to be incorporated into the agenda.

## **8. REPORTS FROM THE LEADER AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET (Pages 41 - 76)**

To receive reports and any announcements from the Leader and members of the Cabinet on matters falling within their area of responsibility:

- (a) Report of the Leader;
- (b) Report of the Assets and Economic Development Portfolio Holder; (attached)
- (c) Report of the Environment Portfolio Holder; (attached)
- (d) Report of the Finance Portfolio Holder; (attached)
- (e) Report of the Governance and Development Management Portfolio Holder; (attached)

- (f) Report of the Housing Portfolio Holder; (attached)
- (g) Report of the Leisure and Community Services Portfolio Holder; (attached)
- (h) Report of the Planning Policy Portfolio Holder; (attached)
- (i) Report of the Safer, Greener and Transport Portfolio Holder; (attached) and
- (j) Report of the Technology and Support Services Portfolio Holder (attached).

## 9. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS WITHOUT NOTICE

The Council Rules provide for questions by any member of the Council to the Leader or any Portfolio Holder, without notice on:

- (i) reports under the previous item; or
- (ii) any other matter of a non operational character in relation to the powers and duties of the Council or which affects all or part of the District or some or all of its inhabitants.

Council Rules provide that answers to questions without notice may take the form of:

- (a) direct oral answer from the Leader or, at the request of the Leader, from another member of the Cabinet;
- (b) where the desired information is in a publication of the Council or other published work, a reference to that publication;
- (c) where the reply cannot conveniently be given orally, a written answer circulated later to the questioner; or
- (d) where the question relates to an operational matter, the Leader or a member of the Cabinet will request that a response be given direct to the questioner by the relevant Chief Officer.

In accordance with the Council Rules, a time limit of thirty minutes is set for questions. Any question not dealt with within the time available will receive a written reply. The Chairman may extend this period by up to a further 10 minutes at their discretion.

## 10. MOTIONS

To consider any motions, notice of which has been given under Council Rules.

### (a) **The condemning of racism, xenophobia and hate crimes**

Proposed by: Councillor S Neville

Seconder: Councillor S Heap

“As a Council we are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our country. Our council condemns racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. We will not allow hate against others to become acceptable.

We will continue to work to ensure that local bodies and programmes have the support and resources they need to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia.

We reassure all people living in this area that they are valued members of our community.”

To consider any further motions, notice of which has been given under Council Procedure Rule 13.

**11. REPORTS OF CABINET**

To consider any reports that may arise from the Cabinet meeting on Thursday 21 July 2016.

**12. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (Pages 77 - 80)**

1. (Leader) To note the attached Leader appointment to the Essex Flood Partnership; and
2. (Leader) To consider the attached report.

**13. AUDIT & GOVERNANCE ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16 (Pages 81 - 88)**

(Chairman of Audit & Governance) To note the attached Audit & Governance Annual Report 2015/16.

**14. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (Pages 89 - 152)**

- (a) To consider the Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report to Council (attached);
- (b) To note the progress report from the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee; and
- (c) To answer any questions without notice asked in accordance with Council Rules.

**15. CALL-IN AND URGENCY - PURCHASE OF STREET PROPERTIES (Pages 153 - 154)**

To note the attached decision taken by the Chairman of the Council to waive the call-in provisions of the Overview and Scrutiny Rules.

**16. JOINT ARRANGEMENTS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (Pages 155 - 156)**

- (a) To receive the attached report from Councillor H Kane, as the Council's representatives for the Royal Gunpowder Mills;
- (b) To receive from Council representatives any other reports on business of joint arrangements and external organisations and to receive answers to any questions on those bodies which may be put without notice; and
- (c) To request written reports from representatives on joint arrangements and external organisations for future meetings.

**17. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**Exclusion:** To consider whether, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press should be excluded from the meeting for the items of business set out below on grounds that they will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the following paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended) or are confidential under Section 100(A)(2):

<b>Agenda Item No</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Exempt Information Paragraph Number</b>
Nil	Nil	Nil

The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, which came into effect on 1 March 2006, requires the Council to consider whether maintaining the exemption listed above outweighs the potential public interest in disclosing the information. Any member who considers that this test should be applied to any currently exempted matter on this agenda should contact the proper officer at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

**Background Papers:** Article 17 of the Constitution (Access to Information) define background papers as being documents relating to the subject matter of the report which in the Proper Officer's opinion:

- (a) disclose any facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the report is based; and
- (b) have been relied on to a material extent in preparing the report and does not include published works or those which disclose exempt or confidential information and in respect of executive reports, the advice of any political advisor.

The Council will make available for public inspection for four years after the date of the meeting one copy of each of the documents on the list of background papers.