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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		
TBC	To be confirmed		Meeting being filmed for subsequent viewing

Other venues are shown in full.

Week One: 26 November 2018 – 2 December 2018

Monday 26 November	7.00pm	Audit and Governance Committee		CC
Tuesday 27 November	7.15pm	Governance Select Committee		CR1
Wednesday 28 November	7.30pm	District Development Management Committee		CC
Thursday 29 November				
Friday 30 November				
Saturday 1 December				
Sunday 2 December				

Week Two: 3 December 2018 – 9 December 2018

Monday 3 December	7.00pm	Constitution Working Group		CR2
Tuesday 4 December	7.30pm	Licensing Sub-Committee - Cancelled Resources Select Committee		CR1
Wednesday 5 December	6.30pm 7.30pm	Briefing – Area Plans Sub-Committee East Area Planning Sub-Committee East		CR1 CC
Thursday 6 December				
Friday 7 December				
Saturday 8 December				
Sunday 9 December				

Week Three: 10 December 2018 – 16 December 2018

Monday 10 December	5.00pm 7.00pm	Strategic Board Joint Meeting with Cabinet Cabinet		CR2 CC
Tuesday 11 December	7.00pm	Epping Forest Youth Council		CC
Wednesday 12 December	10.00am 6.30pm 7.30pm	Licensing Sub Committee Briefing – Area Plans Sub-Committee West Area Planning Sub-Committee West		CC CR1 CC
Thursday 13 December				
Friday 14 December				
Saturday 15 December				
Sunday 16 December				

Week Four: 17 December 2018 – 23 December 2018

Monday 17 December				
Tuesday 18 December	10.00am 7.30pm	Licensing Sub Committee Overview and Scrutiny Committee		CC CC
Wednesday 19 December	6.30pm 7.30pm	Briefing – Area Plans Sub-Committee South Area Planning Sub-Committee South		CR1 CC
Thursday 20 December	6.30pm 7.30pm	Chairman's Briefing – Council Council		CR1 CC
Friday 21 December				
Saturday 22 December				
Sunday 23 December				

PART B - GENERAL INFORMATION

1. MEMBERS EXPENSES

Please submit quarterly expenses forms to Kim Partridge by 3 December 2018 for payment on 31 December 2018.

(Further information: Kim Partridge ext 4443)

2. COMMUNITIES SELECT COMMITTEE, 13 NOVEMBER 2018 - PRESENTATION BY CHIEF INSPECTOR LEWIS BASFORD (Pages 13 - 20)

At the request of Member's the slides of the presentation are attached.

(Further information: Jackie Leither ext 4756)

3. DRAFT STRATEGY FOR FUTURE LIBRARY SERVICES IN ESSEX (Pages 21 - 22)

Please see attached.

4. PROSECUTION

On 29 May 2019 Epping Forest District Council was alerted by a member of the public to the fact that work was being carried out at 19 Hartland Road Epping adjacent to a cedar tree that was protected by a Tree Preservation Order made in 2001. The work being carried out was the construction of a new driveway at the property. An inspection revealed that a number of significant roots of the tree had been cut and that no consent had been sought or obtained from the Council as required in the Tree Preservation Order.

When interviewed the owner of the property Toby Kingsley stated that he knew the tree was protected and had informed his contractor, Mr Miles Delaney of Orchard Drives George Lane Woodford of this fact and that nothing should be done to disturb the tree roots. Mr Delaney failed to attend for interview under caution on three occasions stating he was either on holiday or too busy to attend.

Both Toby Kingsley and Miles Delaney were prosecuted by Epping Forest District Council and at the hearing in Chelmsford Magistrates Court on 15th November 2018 Mr Kingsley pleaded guilty to the offence of causing or permitting the cutting of the tree roots without consent. He was given an absolute discharge and ordered to pay a contribution towards the Council's costs of £200.

Mr Delaney failed to attend and was convicted in his absence of cutting the roots. He was fined £660 and ordered to pay the balance of the Council's costs of £945.32 and a Victim Surcharge of £66

(Further information: Graeme Oakley ext 4012)

5. PROSECUTION FOR UNAUTHORISED WORK TO 309 HIGH STREET EPPING

At Chelmsford Magistrates Court on 15th November 2018 a prosecution was brought by Epping Forest District Council against Mr Halil Kanteper of Stoke Newington Road London N1 for carrying out unauthorised work to the listed building at 309 High Street Epping known as Poppy's Café and the first floor of that building.

Mr Kanteper pleaded guilty to the offence and was fined £1,200 and ordered to pay costs of £500 and a Victim Surcharge of £120.

Consents had been granted in 2016 and 2017 for an extension and conversion of the first floor into 2 flats and for a replacement shop front at the property but on 15th August 2017 the Council was alerted to the possibility of work being carried out to the listed building which was more extensive than contained in the permissions granted. Council officers visited the property the same day and it was immediately clear that substantial unauthorised work had been carried out, including walls being stripped of their historic lath and plaster, ceilings floors and joists removed in their entirety and stud walls being removed.

The builder Mr Halil Kanteper admitted carrying out the work without the knowledge of the owners. He told the Council he believed the work was required due to there being a leak in the roof causing substantial damage to the building. No evidence of this was supplied to the Council and the Council's Senior Conservation officer had not seen any evidence of this when she visited the property on several occasions prior to the work being carried out. In her opinion any leak would not have resulted in so much harm being caused to justify the amount of unauthorised work being needed which has now harmed the building's special historic interest.

The barrister representing Mr Kanteper told the Magistrates that Mr Kanteper had not been paid for the building work carried out at the property and it was not his intention to claim it. He is now working on the reinstatement of the building for free.

Work is being carried out now in conjunction with new planning approvals and hopefully the café will be open before Christmas.

(Further information: Graeme Oakley ext 4012)

6. LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

The Licensing Sub-Committee on the 4 December has been cancelled and two new meetings have been arranged they are:

Wednesday 12 December; and
Tuesday 18 December.

7. CHESS SLEEP OUT (Pages 23 - 26)

Please see attached.

8. CHAIRMAN'S DIARY (Pages 27 - 28)

Please see attached.

LICENSING ACT 2003

None this week

PLANNING

1. Appeals Lodged

EPF/1543/18 – 12 Farm Way Buckhurst Hill Essex IG9 5AH - Retrospective application for rear dormer – Written reps Householder appeal – Sukhdeep Jhooti ext. 4298

2. Forthcoming Planning Inquiries/Hearings -

25th – 28th February 2019 - EPF/2499/17 – 13 -15A Alderton Hill Loughton Essex IG10 3JD - Demolition of houses at 13, 15 and 15a, Alderton Hill, and the erection of linked blocks of elderly persons apartments, with integrated care facilities (Use Class C2) with supporting amenity facilities, landscaping, 64 car spaces in undercroft parking at the rear and south side of the block, and associated ground works -

3. Enforcement Appeals

None this week

4. Appeal Decisions

EPF/0926/18 – 12 Garden Fields Stanford Rivers Ongar Essex CM5 9PL - Building carport with flat-sedum roof – Dismissed

5. Tree Preservation Orders

TPO/EPF/05/18 – Lords Bushes Court, 700 High Road, Buckhurst Hill – effective 16th November 2018.

6. S106 Agreements

None this week

7. Changes to Planning Systems

None this week

PROPOSED PLANNING ENFORCEMENT ACTION

None this week

It is important to note, that when enforcement action has been authorised, this includes any subsequent action under Part VII of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, including a prosecution or an injunction.

Principal Planning Enforcement Officer	Jerry Godden	01992 564498
Senior Enforcement Officer	Clare Munday	01992 564114
Planning Enforcement Officers	Sharon Hart	01992 564113
	Jim Gordon	01992 564530
	Zara Seelig	01992 564379
	Mick Mooney	01992 564713
Compliance Officer	Shannon Murphy	01992 564217

PART C - 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.