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# **COUNCIL**

# **BULLETIN**

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## PART A - FORWARD DIARY

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### Key to abbreviations:

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<b>CC</b>	Council Chamber	<b>Cab Off</b>	Cabinet Office
<b>CR1</b>	Committee Room 1	<b>CONF</b>	Conference Room (1st floor)
<b>CR2</b>	Committee Room 2	<b>CH OFF</b>	Chairman of Council's Office
<b>MR</b>	Members' Room	<b>TR RM</b>	Training Room
<b>TBD</b>	To be decided	<b>HEM</b>	Hemnall Street Offices.
<b>TBN</b>	To be noted		
<b>TBC</b>	To be confirmed		Meeting being filmed for subsequent viewing

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Other venues are shown in full.

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## Week One: 3 December 2018 – 9 December 2018

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Monday 3 December	7.00pm	Constitution Working Group		CR2
Tuesday 4 December	7.30pm	<del>Licensing Sub Committee</del> - 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				

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## Week Two: 10 December 2018 – 16 December 2018















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Monday 10 December	5.00pm 7.00pm	Cabinet Joint Meeting with Strategic Board 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 Three: 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				

## Week Four: 24 December 2018 – 30 December 2018

Monday 24 December		Civic Offices Closed		
Tuesday 25 December		Civic Offices Closed		
Wednesday 26 December		Civic Offices Closed		
Thursday 27 December		Civic Offices Closed		
Friday 28 December		Civic Offices Closed		
Saturday 29 December		Civic Offices Closed		
Sunday 30 December		Civic Offices Closed		

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## **PART B - GENERAL INFORMATION**

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### **1. FIRE AND RESCUE PLAN SURVEY (Pages 13 - 14)**

Please see attached.

### **2. PROSECUTIONS**

#### **i. Prosecution for unlicensed taxi plying for hire in Buckhurst Hill**

Mr Ashuque Ahmed of Dalkeith Road Ilford Essex was fined £346 with costs of £300 and a victim surcharge of £34 after he pleaded guilty at a hearing in Chelmsford Magistrates Court on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018, to plying for hire in an unlicensed taxi at Buckhurst Hill Underground Station. The Magistrates stated that Mr Ahmed was an experienced driver and the period when he was not insured to drive a hackney carriage because the vehicle was not licensed could have resulted in a catastrophe for those who hired his vehicle.

Environment & Neighbourhood Officers carried out late night spot checks on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at an unofficial Hackney Carriage Taxi rank outside Buckhurst Hill Underground station. Mr Ashuque Ahmed, a licensed Hackney Carriage driver was at the front of the rank waiting for a passenger. Checks revealed that the Hackney Carriage licence for the vehicle being driven by Mr Ahmed had expired on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and had not been renewed.

As a result of this action, the Hackney Carriage driver's licence held by Mr Ahmed was also suspended and he surrendered it back to the Council without appealing the Council's decision.

#### **ii. Prosecution for noise nuisance**

In Chelmsford Magistrates Court on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018 Victoria Lawn of Brickenden Court Waltham Abbey was prosecuted for 5 offences of breaching the requirements of a Noise Abatement Notice served on her on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 requiring her to not cause a statutory noise nuisance to her neighbours due to playing music and any other amplified sound. The offences occurred on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 20<sup>th</sup> February, 15<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Ms. Lawn failed to attend at the court for a second time and the offences were proved in her absence.

The Magistrates imposed a fine of £180 for the offence that occurred on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018 with no separate penalty for the other offences. She was also ordered to pay a contribution towards the Council's prosecution costs of £150 together with a Victim Surcharge £30. The Environment & Neighbourhoods team are happy to report that no further complaints about noise have been received.

For further information on the Council's noise service see:

<http://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/index.php/residents/your-environment/crime-safety/out-of-hours-noise-service>

**iii. “Crime not to Care” resulted in fly-tipping and £1780.82 in fines and costs**

Mr Christian Akinrinade of Willingale Close Loughton Essex was ordered to pay a fine of £1153.00. He was also ordered to pay the Council’s prosecution costs of £627.82 together with a Victim Surcharge £115.00 after he pleaded guilty to the offence of transferring household waste to an unauthorised person, which was then deposited in a trade refuse bin belonging to a shop in the Broadway Loughton without the consent of the owner.

Evidence gathered by the Council’s Environment & Neighbourhood team led to a prosecution in Chelmsford Magistrates Court on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018.

Further guidance on the action residents should take to protect themselves from rogue traders who fly-tip for profit is available on the Council’s website. Click here for more information [Crime Not to Care](#). A series of short films produced by the Cleaner Essex Group (a campaign group made up from representatives from local authorities across Essex), are also available to view on this web page.

The message is simple:

Before handing your waste to somebody else, always check, consider and record to protect yourself and reduce fly-tipping by rogue traders. It is a crime not to care.

(Further information: Richard Gardiner ext 4089)

**iv. Second Prosecution For Failing To Comply With A Notice Requiring The Tidying Up Of Former Royal Observer Corps Bunker Site Roding Valley Nature Reserve Chigwell**

At Chelmsford Magistrates Court on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 a prosecution was brought by Epping Forest District Council against Mr Raymond Sturgess of Stanford Court Waltham Abbey for failing to comply with a Notice served on him under Section 215 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 requiring him to remove building materials, waste, household items plastic items, plastic and card from the former Royal Observer Corps site which were adversely affecting the visual amenity of the area. The site is in the Roding Valley Nature Reserve adjacent to the M11 motorway and which had been bought by him in 2015

Mr Sturgess pleaded guilty to the offence of failing to comply with the Notice served on him on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 which required compliance by 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Mr Sturgess was previously prosecuted for the same offence on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 when he was fined £200 and ordered to pay costs of £200. The latest prosecution was for the period from 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018 until 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018

The Magistrates fined Mr Sturgess £530 and ordered him to pay £150 towards the Council’s prosecution costs together with the statutory victim surcharge of £52.

Mr Sturgess told the Magistrates that he could have cleared the site but intended using the items for fencing the site.

Future failure to comply with the Notice renders Mr Sturgess liable to further prosecutions with a possible fines of up to £100 for every day that he does not comply. On this occasion the Magistrates fined him £10 per day.

(Further information Graeme Oakley ext 4012)

**3. SIEMENS (Pages 15 - 16)**

Please see attached.

**4. DISTRICT LINES ISSUES 95 & 96 (Pages 17 - 66)**

Please see attached.

**5. MEMBER TRAINING - SAFEGUARDING**

An additional Member Training session on Safeguarding has been arrange for Monday 4 March 2019 from 6pm ~ 8pm.

Please be reminded that you should attend this session every 2 years.

Please advise attendance to Kim Partridge, [kpartridge@eppingforestdc.gov.uk](mailto:kpartridge@eppingforestdc.gov.uk)

**6. CHAIRMAN'S DIARY (Pages 67 - 68)**

Please see attached.

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## LICENSING ACT 2003

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None this week.



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## PLANNING

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### 1. Appeals Lodged

None this week

### 2. Forthcoming Planning Inquiries/Hearings -

25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> 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/0616/18 – 60 Tycehurst Hill Loughton Essex IG10 1DA - Single storey rear conservatory – **Allowed with conditions**

EPF/1214/18 Tymba 10 Fernside Buckhurst Hill Essex IG9 5TY - Two storey front and rear extensions, loft conversion with 3 front dormers and raised patio area to rear – **Dismissed**

EPF/1382/18 – 17 Lindsey Street Epping Essex CM16 6RB - Single storey rear extension – **Dismissed**

EPF/1393/17 – 153a London Road Stanford Rivers CM5 9QF - Residential scheme comprising 5 no. residential dwellings with associated off-street parking, garden space and external landscaping – **Dismissed**

### 5. Tree Preservation Orders

None this week

### 6. S106 Agreements

None this week

### 7. Changes to Planning Systems

None this week

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## PROPOSED PLANNING ENFORCEMENT ACTION

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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
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	Shannon Murphy	01992 564217
Compliance Officer		

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## **PART C - PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISIONS**

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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.