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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	Hemnal Street Offices.
TBN	To be noted	HH	Homefield House
TBC	To be confirmed	ESC	Epping Sports Centre

Other venues are shown in full.

Week One: 24 February 2020 – 1 March 2020

Monday 24 February	6.30pm	Cooperation for Sustainable Development Member Board	CR1
	7.00pm	Local High Streets Task and Finish Panel	CR2
Tuesday 25 February	6.00pm	Member Briefing - Essex Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner	CC
	7.30pm	Council	CC
Wednesday 26 February	6.30pm	Briefing - Area Planning Sub Committee South	CR1
	7.30pm	Area Planning Sub Committee South	CC
Thursday 27 February			
Friday 28 February			
Saturday 29 February			
Sunday 1 March			

Week Two: 2 March 2020 – 8 March 2020

Monday 2 March	7.00pm	Standards Committee	CR1
Tuesday 3 March	10.00am	Licensing Sub-Committee	CC
	7.00pm	Waste Management Task & Finish Panel	CR1
	7.00pm	Epping Forest Youth Council	CC
Wednesday 4 March	6.30pm	Briefing - Area Planning Sub Committee East	CR1
	7.30pm	Area Planning Sub Committee East	CC
Thursday 5 March			
Friday 6 March			
Saturday 7 March			
Sunday 8 March			

Week Three: 9 March 2020 – 15 March 2020

Monday 9 March	11.30am 2.30pm 7.30pm	Councillor Portal Demonstration Licensing Committee Joint Meeting of Overview & Scrutiny Chairmen & Vice-Chairmen	CC CC CR1
Tuesday 10 March	6.00pm	Executive Briefing	CR1
Wednesday 11 March	5.30pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Councillor Portal Demonstration Briefing - Area Planning Sub Committee West Area Planning Sub Committee West	CC CR1 CC
Thursday 12 March	7.00pm 7.00pm	Constitution Working Group Council Housebuilding Cabinet Committee	CR2 CC
Friday 13 March			
Saturday 14 March			
Sunday 15 March			

Week Four: 16 March 2020 – 21 March 2020

Monday 16 March	7.30pm	Local Councils' Liaison Committee	CC
Tuesday 17 March	7.30pm	Overview & Scrutiny Committee	CC
Wednesday 17 March	7.30pm	District Development Management Committee	CC
Thursday 18 March	2.00pm 7.00pm	Leisure Management Contract Partnership Board Local High Streets Task and Finish Panel	CR1 CR2
Friday 19 March			
Saturday 20 March			
Sunday 21 March			

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?CIId=638&Info=1>

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

PART C - GENERAL INFORMATION

1. JOINT MEETING OF DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT CHAIRMEN & VICE-CHAIRMEN

Would Members please be aware that, with the agreement of the Chairman, the Joint Meeting of Development Management Chairmen & Vice-Chairmen has been moved from Thursday 5 March 2020 to Tuesday 31 March 2020.

(Further Information: Gary Woodhall ext 4470)

2. ELECTION COUNT ARRANGEMENTS MAY 2020

Election Count Arrangements May 2020

Dear Members,

The decision to move the early May Bank Holiday from Monday 4 May to Friday 8 May, has prompted a review of our count arrangements by the Elections Planning Group. In summary there are three main sets of elections on 7 May.

Thursday 7 May 2020

1. District Council – approximately 21 wards
2. Town and Parish Council – potentially 14 Councils with multiple candidates elected (Grass Skirts)
3. Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner – Single Transferable Vote

We expect some of the Town and Parish Council elections to be contested. There is the possibility of additional by-elections for District and County. Our arrangements also have to dovetail with the overall plan for the PFCC coordinated by Colchester Borough Council.

The PFCC elections require the full district-wide complement of 80 Polling Stations, open from 7am to 10pm as usual (with the proviso that stations may remain open a little longer for anyone in the queue to vote at 10pm). Some polling stations will have multiple elections and large numbers of ballot papers with consequential impact on the complexity of the verification process.

Any attempt to hold verification and count straight after polls close at 10pm would therefore entail a very complex process long into the following morning of Bank Holiday Friday. In the interests of the staff, count accuracy and respect for the Bank Holiday marking the 75th Anniversary of VE Day, we have therefore decided to postpone the verification and main count processes until Saturday and Sunday. Ballot boxes will therefore be closed and transported to a secure location for storage.

Saturday 9 May 2020

Count staff will convene at Debden Park School Count Centre at 9am for:

1. Verification of
District Council Wards
Town and Parish Councils
PFCC
Any by-elections

Verification results of the PFCC ballot will be forwarded to Colchester Borough Council.

2. Subject to successful completion of the verification process, we anticipate counting to begin between 1 and 2pm for

District Council Wards
Town and Parish Councils
Any by-elections

Once all the election results for Saturday have been declared, staff will be released. The remaining uncounted votes for the PFCC will be sealed and transported back to secure overnight storage.

Sunday 10 May 2020

Staff reconvene for the completion of the PFCC count starting at 1pm on Sunday in accordance with the conditions set down by Colchester Borough Council.

In normal circumstances I would endeavour to deliver all the results (verification and count) straight after polls close on Thursday night. However, I hope that in the exceptional circumstances, you will agree that the arrangements outlined above are the most sensible and practical way of delivering the results on this occasion.

Further information including our normal arrangements for attendance by candidates and agents will be issued through the Elections Office nearer the time.

Thank you.

Georgina Blakemore
(Acting) Returning Officer – and Chief Executive

3. COUNCILLOR PORTAL DEMONSTRATION

Members are invited to a demonstration of the new Councillor Portal.

These demonstrations will take place on t is the 9 March 11.30-12.30 with a repeat session on 11 of March is 5.30 to 6.30pm. These sessions will take place in the Council Chamber.

Please confirm your attendance to Kim Partridge, kpartridge@eppingforestdc.gov.uk

4. MEMBERS ACCOMMODATION WORKSHOP

You are invited to an Accommodation Workshop on Thursday 27 February at 18.30 to receive an update on the progress made on this project. You will also have the opportunity to discuss the options for meeting venues during the accommodation refurbishment decant period. Officers will also be seeking members' views and input into the design of the member area/facilities of the newly refurbished Civic Offices.

Sacha Jevans - Interim Strategic Director, Rob Pavey - Service Director (Customer Services) and Alison Girdiefski - Accommodation Project Consultant will be at the workshop.

5. JOINT MEETING OF OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN - CHANGE OF DATE

Will members please note that the date of the next meeting will now be held on Monday 9 March at 19.30. This is because the meeting would have clashed with an Exec Briefing scheduled for the evening of Tuesday 10 March. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

(Further information: Vivienne Messenger ext 4265)

6. ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL: WORK TO BEGIN ON VITAL NEW HARLOW JUNCTION (Pages 13 - 14)

Please see attached.

7. ESSEX MURDER DETECTIVES ARE THE FOCUS OF MAJOR NEW BBC TWO DOCUMENTARY (Pages 15 - 16)

Please see attached.

8. CHAIRMAN'S DIARY

None this week

LICENSING ACT 2003

None this week

PLANNING

1. Appeals Lodged

None this week

2. Forthcoming Planning Inquiries/Hearings -

Hearing – 8th and 9th July 2020 – EPF/3174/18 – Old Epping Laundry Site Bower Hill Epping CM16 7AD - Demolition of existing buildings and the erection of 58 no. residential units split between four blocks, along with internal landscaping and associated car and cycle parking – Sukhi Dhadwar ext. 4597

3. Enforcement Appeals

None this week

4. Appeal Decisions

EPF/1263/19 – Hainault Hall 173 Lambourne Road Chigwell Essex IG7 6JU - Variation of Condition 3: (Approved Plan Numbers) on planning permission EPF/0348/18 (Retention of height of rear pool building with incorporation of roof light windows, excavation of pool building by 1.2m to create mezzanine floor above pool, alterations to and raising of roof of existing garage building, and formation of basement in existing garage building to be used as a gym with rooms above). Variations required are: to remove the 1.2 m basement excavation underneath the pool and garage buildings, to increase the ridge height of the pool building by 750mm and to introduce additional roof lights to side elevation 2 – **Allowed with conditions**

EPF/1388/19 - Hainault Hall 173 Lambourne Road Chigwell Essex IG7 6JU - Variation of Condition 5: (Approved Plan Numbers) on planning permission EPF/0349/18 (Grade II listed building application for retention of height of rear pool building with incorporation of roof light windows, excavation of pool building by 1.2m to create mezzanine floor above pool, alterations to and raising of roof of existing garage building, and formation of basement in existing garage building to be used as a gym with rooms above). Variations required are: to remove the 1.2 m basement excavation underneath the pool and garage buildings, to increase the ridge height of the pool building by 750mm and to introduce additional roof lights to side elevation 2 – **No further action**

EPF/1403/19 – 33 Amberley Road Buckhurst Hill Essex IG9 5QW - Proposed enlargement of front gable to no. 33 and enlargement of gable to the new approved dwelling (ref: EPF1426/17) adjacent to no. 33 Amberley Road – **Dismissed**

EPF/1574/19 – 38 Woolhampton Way Chigwell Essex IG7 4QH - Proposed single and part double storey rear extension with part demolition of the existing garage – **Allowed with conditions**

EPF/2215/18 – Honeysuckle Cottage Curtis Mill Lane Stapleford Abbots RM4 1HS - The erection of a one and a half storey dwelling attached to the listed building by a glazed link - **Dismissed**

EPF/2221/18 – Honeysuckle Cottage Curtis Mill Lane Stapleford Abbots RM4 1HS - Grade II Listed Building application for erection of one and a half storey dwelling attached by glazed link - **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.

NewsRelease



13 February 2020

PR 6905

Work to begin on vital new Harlow junction

Works to deliver the new M11 Junction 7A at Harlow will start in the coming months following the appointment of a main contractor.

Delivering the strategically important new access from the M11, the works will see a new junction and link road created, connecting the motorway with Gilden Way, east of Harlow, and creating a new east-west link through the town, helping boost the local economy.

Cllr Kevin Bentley, Deputy Leader of Essex County Council and Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, said: "This is a critically important piece of new infrastructure which we have been working with partners for a number of years to help make a reality.

"This new junction will not only be a boost to the thousands of people who are travelling into and out of Harlow on a daily basis through alleviating some of the congestion issues in the town, but offers new public transport opportunities and will help further unlock the economic potential of Harlow through supporting business growth in the area."

Harlow MP Robert Halfon added: "I would like to thank Essex County Council and Cllr Bentley for all the hard work they have put in to deliver Junction 7A. This is a major project that will greatly reduce the traffic burden on Harlow residents.

"I worked hard for many years in Parliament in order to persuade the Government to invest in the junction and I am extremely grateful to the former Transport Secretary for authorising it.

"This is yet more proof that the Government are investing in Harlow. With our new hospital, new road junction, the £600m move of Public Health England to Harlow, our Enterprise zone and the up to £25m to regenerate our town - we are building an even better Harlow."

Funded through Highways England, the Department for Transport, Essex County Council and the South East Local Enterprise Partnership, the scheme is located between Junctions 7 and 8 of the M11. It will see the existing B183 widened, creating an additional lane heading westbound and providing two lanes to the existing London Road Roundabout which links to the A414. This will be supported by

the conversion of the existing Churchgate Roundabout on the B183 into a 'hamburger' style arrangement with traffic lights installed and the existing local road network connected via the creation of a new Campions Roundabout.

The project follows last year's works in Gilden Way which saw existing utilities diverted, enabling the main works to be undertaken.

Newly appointed contractor GRAHAM will now begin the detailed design work with its design partner AECOM, ahead of beginning full construction.

On the award of the contract, Stephen Hand, Pre-Construction Director of the GRAHAM Civil Engineering division, said: "We're pleased to have been awarded this hugely beneficial highways scheme by Essex County Council which is the latest in our growing portfolio of highway improvement schemes.

"The project will reduce congestion and improve access to Harlow's road network, creating economic growth and improving connectivity for residents, businesses, and visitors to Harlow."

Julie Crawford, Regional Delivery Director (East) for Highways England, added: "Highways England is pleased to be supporting these plans to build an additional junction on the M11 at Harlow. We are confident that, once delivered, this new junction will contribute towards improving safety and reducing congestion, two of Highways England's top priorities."

Construction is expected to commence on Gilden Way/Sheering Road in late spring 2020, with works on the motorway junction and link road likely to start in summer/autumn 2020.

The new junction is planned to open in 2022.

For more information, visit www.essex.gov.uk/junction7a

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Dear all,

I hope this email finds you all well.

Around 18-months ago many of you received some correspondence from our then Assistant Chief Constable Nick Downing to inform you that our force was looking to take part in a fly-on-the-wall documentary series following our Major Crime Teams as they investigated murders, from the point of the offence occurring through to conclusion at court.

After 18-months of hard work, the results have now come to fruition and our resulting programme, Murder 24/7, will air from next Monday 24 February at 9pm on BBC Two. The title reflects how the series has captured each investigation as it unfolds from the first minutes through the following months of hard work as our teams piece together the clues to catch the suspects and bring them to justice. Our full media release is below and we will be tweeting on each day of broadcast so feel free to share our posts etc if you are able.

All it remains for me to say is thanks to all those who have supported us – whether that's been practical help when a homicide has happened or filming has taken place in your area, or through briefing your internal colleagues or just generally for the many messages of support when the project got underway – it has been very much appreciated.

Hope you all get time to watch it and thanks again.

ESSEX MURDER DETECTIVES ARE THE FOCUS OF MAJOR NEW BBC TWO DOCUMENTARY

The painstaking dedication that goes into investigating a murder will be the focus of a new BBC Two documentary series filmed with Essex Police.

Murder 24/7 follows three murder investigations which happened in the county from the moment the crime happens right through to arrest and conclusion at court.

The programme, which begins on Monday 24 February at 9pm on BBC Two, follows Essex Police's Major Crime team detectives as they piece together the clues in each case to lead them to the suspects.

The documentary series shows how officers from across Essex Police come together to support each other when a murder happens - from Senior Investigating officers, who lead a murder investigation to manhunt specialists, blood spatter and forensic specialists, phone and intelligence analysts and uniformed officers who are often the first to arrive at the scene of a crime.

Murder 24/7 is the first time that Essex Police has opened its doors to the public, allowing unprecedented access to a team of filmmakers from production company Expectation Factual, to show the work of our Major Crime team detectives who investigate the most serious of crimes.

Chief Constable BJ Harrington said: "We know our detectives here in Essex are amongst the finest in the world and that's why we took the opportunity to showcase just some of their work through this BBC documentary.

"When a murder happens, which is thankfully not very often, our detectives work around the clock, often at great personal sacrifice, to follow up every lead, support devastated families and hunt those responsible.

"But what this programme really captures is, that while our detectives will lead the investigation and the hunt for suspects, it really is a force-wide effort to support victims, solve crime, hunt offenders and bring them to justice.

"Murder 24/7 really shows that when these terrible crimes happen our whole force comes together to catch a killer."

Det Supt Morgan Cronin, Essex Police's Head of Major, Economic and Cyber Crime, said: "At the heart of every murder or manslaughter is a victim who has lost their life and a devastated family left

behind.

“We hope that this programme shows the residents of our county that when the very worst happens we work determinedly to piece together what happened, catch those responsible and ensure they face justice.

“Murder 24/7 captures in real time, the dedication and commitment of all of our officers as well as the complexity of an investigation and the painstaking work that goes into gathering evidence - from trawling CCTV to intricate forensic work and mobile phone analysis – which is often frustrated by those seeking to avoid capture and justice.

“We hope this programme gives the public and the residents of Essex a greater understanding of the challenges of these investigations but also reassures them of the professionalism, determination and commitment of our officers.”

Ruth Kelly, Executive Producer at Expectation Factual said: “We wanted to produce a police documentary series with a unique approach, rooted in what really happens when someone is murdered.

“The result is Murder 24/7, made possible by the privileged access Essex Police gave us to their Major Crime Teams.

“We hope that the series shines a light on the extraordinary team of detectives, forensic investigators and specialists who come together, working round the clock, to solve murder cases.”

Across five episodes the programme will follow detectives as they investigate: the fatal stabbing of 49-year-old Carl Hopkins and the attempted murder of his friend in Colchester on 10 February 2019; the murder of 36-year-old Courtney Valentine-Brown who was stabbed to death in Southend on 21 February 2019; and the manslaughter of June Knight who was thrown from her care home in balcony in Southend on December 10 2018.

Murder 24/7: Essex will air at 9pm on BBC Two on Monday February 24, Tuesday February 25, Wednesday February 26, Monday 2 March and Tuesday 3 March.

Gina Marden

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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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