

Council Agenda



Epping Forest District Council

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL to be held in the VIRTUAL MEETING ON ZOOM at 7.00 pm on Thursday, 17 December 2020 for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the agenda.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G Blakemore'.

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WEBCASTING NOTICE (VIRTUAL)

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.

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In the event that technical difficulties interrupt the virtual meeting, that cannot be overcome, the Chairman may need to adjourn the meeting.

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

BUSINESS**1. WEBCASTING INTRODUCTION**

This meeting is to be webcast. Members are reminded of the need to activate their microphones before speaking. The Democratic Services Manager will read the following announcement:

“The Chairman 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

That the minutes of the last meeting on 29 October 2020 to follow.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To declare interests in any item on the agenda.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (a) Apologies for Absence
- (b) Chairman’s Announcements

5. 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.

6. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS UNDER NOTICE

To answer questions asked after notice in accordance with the provisions contained within the Council’s 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's 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.

7. REPORTS FROM THE LEADER & MEMBERS OF THE CABINET (Pages 7 - 46)

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 (verbal);
- (b) Report of the Commercial and Regulatory Services Portfolio Holder (attached);
- (c) Report of the Customer and Corporate Support Services Portfolio Holder (attached);
- (d) Report of the Environmental and Technical Services Portfolio Holder (attached);
- (e) Report of the Finance and Economic Development Portfolio Holder (attached);
- (f) Report of the Housing and Community Services Portfolio Holder (attached); and
- (g) Report of the Planning and Sustainability Portfolio Holder (attached).

8. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS WITHOUT NOTICE

The Council's 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.

The Council's rules provide that answers to questions without notice may take the form of:

- (a) 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 Service Director.

In accordance with the Council's 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 ten minutes at their discretion.

9. MOTIONS

To consider any motions, notice of which has been given under the Council's rules of procedure.

(a) Epping Forest District Council

Proposed by: Councillor Stephen Murray

Seconded by: Councillor Steven Neville

"That the Council notes and:

- (i) recognises and celebrates the contribution and hard work of the voluntary sector and the many community groups working throughout Epping Forest;
- (ii) puts on record our thanks to the many volunteers for their many hours of service to our local community; and
- (iii) resolves to continue to support the voluntary sector and as many community groups as possible throughout 2021 and beyond."

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

Reports of the Cabinet

10. QUALIS BUSINESS PLAN (Pages 47 - 72)

To receive the attached report of the Commercial and Regulatory Portfolio Holder on the Qualis Group Business Plan.

11. LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2021/22 (Pages 73 - 74)

To consider the attached report of the Customer and Corporate Services Portfolio Holder.

12. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (Pages 75 - 76)

To receive the report of the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and to answer any questions without notice asked in accordance with Council Rules.

13. STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY (Pages 77 - 94)

To receive a report of the Chairman of the Licensing Committee to recommend that the Council adopts the Statement of Licensing Policy attached as an appendix to the report.

14. CALL-IN AND URGENCY - ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS GRANT POLICY (Pages 95 - 96)

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

15. JOINT ARRANGEMENTS & EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

(a) To receive from Council representatives the reports (attached - if any) on the business of joint arrangements and external organisations and to receive answers to any questions on those bodies which may be put without notice; and

(b) To request written reports from representatives on joint arrangements and external organisations for future meetings.

16. 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):

Agenda Item No	Subject	Exempt Paragraph Number	Info
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.