
COUNCIL

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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	VM	Virtual Meeting

Other venues are shown in full.

Week One: 27 April 2020 – 3 May 2020

Monday 27 April		Joint Consultative Committee – Postponed	
Tuesday 28 April		Off Street Car Parking Contract Monitoring – Postponed Finance and Performance Management Cabinet Committee – Cancelled	
Wednesday 29 April		Area Planning Sub Committee East – Postponed	
Thursday 31 April			
Friday 1 May			
Saturday 2 May			
Sunday 3 May			

Week Two: 4 May 2020 – 10 May 2020

Monday 4 May			
Tuesday 5 May	7.00pm	Epping Forest Youth Council	CC
Wednesday 6 May			
Thursday 7 May			
Friday 8 May			
Saturday 9 May			
Sunday 10 May			

Week Four: 11 May 2020 – 17 May 2020

Monday 11 May			
Tuesday 12 May	6.00pm	Executive Briefing	CR1
Wednesday 13 May	6.30pm 7.30pm	Briefing - Area Planning Sub Committee West Area Planning Sub Committee West	CR1 CC
Thursday 14 May	7.00pm 7.00pm	Appointments Panel Local High Street Task and Finish Panel	CR1 CR2
Friday 15 May			
Saturday 16 May			
Sunday 17 May			

Week Four: 18 May 2020 – 24 May 2020

Monday 18 May			
Tuesday 19 May			
Wednesday 20 May			
Thursday 21 May	6.00pm 7.30pm	Executive Briefing Council	CR1 CC
Friday 22 May			
Saturday 23 May			
Sunday 24 May			

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

ECC Highways Portal

Up to date details of all Highways work is available at:

<https://www.essexhighways.org/Transport-and-Roads.aspx>

PART C - GENERAL INFORMATION

1. AREA PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETINGS POSTPONED

The next meeting of Area Plans Sub-Committee East due to be held on 29 April 2020 has been postponed, which we were intending to run as a virtual meeting given the current restrictive circumstances that prevents us holding a physical meeting with people present. However, there are a number of issues and decisions that need to be worked through as to how these planning meetings are to take place, including participation by committee members and those people registered to speak. We will look to re-arrange this and subsequent other Area Plans Sub-committee meetings as soon as possible and notify appropriately in advance.

2. LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

- Latest EFDC Staffing Position
 - 29 people in isolation
 - 65 people returned to work.
 - 433 remotely connected users.
 - 31.5% load on ICT connectivity – highest so far but still well within capacity.
- Critical services continue to perform well. Approximately £27million distributed through local business grants. EFDC continues to be one of 6 Essex Councils rated Green. Southend and Thurrock rated red largely due to PPE shortages.
- Local Authority staff Covid-19 testing facilities available at Stansted Airport. Dawn French coordinating.
- Measures being brought in with military and Operation Shield staff to bring testing kits to people's homes where travel to Stansted not possible.
- 2nd delivery of PPE to ERF distributed – mainly to local GPs.
- Confusion over status of Forest over the weekend attributed to comments by Govt Minister made in London Parks context. EFDC social media continued to emphasise Forest carparks are closed. Don't come unless you can walk or cycle there.
- First Virtual Plans meeting (29 April) postponed while detailed constitutional and practical arrangements are agreed.
- Refuse and Recycling services with Biffa continuing to perform well. Good feedback received on cleanliness of housing estates. P&D parking income down from £121,000 to £8,000 comparing with same period last year.

- Area Planning Meetings – scoping meeting held this morning to look at principles and possibilities. To be followed up with members. Potential to test with a mock dry-run meeting next Wednesday. Possibility of improving our delivery of planning both within the Covid-19 restrictions and longer-term wider context.
- Travellers have left a site in Willingale – no information on next destination.

3. ECONOMIC BRIEF APRIL 2020 (Pages 11 - 18)

Please see attached.

4. 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 – Sukhi Dhadwar ext. 4597

3. Enforcement Appeals

None this week

4. Appeal Decisions

EPF/1029/19 43B Charles Street Epping Essex CM16 7AU - Retrospective application for change of use of garden to commercial vehicle parking – Dismissed

5. Tree Preservation Orders

TPO/EPF/04/20 – 47 & 51 Sheering Lower Road, Sheering – Effective 21st April 2020.

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.