COUNCIL BULLETIN

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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	нн	Homefield House
TBC	To be confirmed	VM	Virtual Meeting
DPCC	Debden Park Community Centre	NWA	North Weald Airfield

Other venues are shown in full.

Currently meetings are subject to change, postponement or cancellation.

Many meetings will be held virtually but Democratic Services will advise arrangements for individual meetings.

Week One: 15 June 2020 - 21 June 2020

Monday 15 June			
Tuesday 16 June	6.30pm	Leisure Management Contract PB	
Wednesday 17 June	7.00pm	Area Planning Sub Committee West	
Thursday 18 June		Constitution Working Group – Postponed	
Friday 19 June			
Saturday 20 June			
Sunday 21 June			

Week Two: 22 June 2020 - 28 June 2020

Monday 22 June	7.00pm	Stronger Place Select Committee	
Tuesday 23 June	7.00pm	Council Housebuilding Cabinet Committee	
Wednesday 24 June			
Thursday 25 June			
Friday 26 June			
Saturday 27 June			
Sunday 28 June			

Week Three: 29 June 2020 - 5 July 2020

Monday 29 June			
Tuesday 30 June	7.00pm	Stronger Communities Select Committee	
Wednesday 1 July	7.00pm	Area Planning Sub Committee South	
Thursday 2 July	6.00pm	Executive Briefing	
Friday 3 July			
Saturday 4 July			
Sunday 5 July			

Week Four: 6 July 2020 – 12 July 2020

Monday 6 July			
Tuesday 7 July	10.00am 7.00pm	Licensing Sub-Committee Asset Management and Economic Development Cabinet Committee	
Wednesday 8 July	7.00pm	Area Plans Sub-Committee East	
Thursday 9 July			
Friday 10 July			
Saturday 11 July			
Sunday 12 July			

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?Cld=638&Info=1

Queries concerning the Constitution should be addressed to the <u>Democratic Services Manager</u>

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. ECC HIGHWAYS HIGHLIGHTS BULLETIN - MAY 2020 (Pages 11 - 16)

Please see attached.

2. PROTECTING PLACES OF WORSHIP – GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION (Pages 17 - 18)

Please see attached.

3. AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 25 JUNE 2020

Please be aware that the first meeting of the Audit & Governance Committee for 2020/21 will take place on Thursday 25 June 2020, and will be a virtual meeting via Zoom. Confirmation of the start time and the meeting invite will be sent out nearer the meeting.

If you have any further questions or queries then please do not hesitate to contact me.

(Further information: Gary Woodhall ext 4470)

4. DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 6 JULY 2020

Please be aware that the first meeting of the District Development Management Committee for 2020/21 will take place on Monday 6 July 2020, and will be a virtual meeting via Zoom. Confirmation of the start time and the meeting invite will be sent out nearer the meeting.

If you have any further questions or queries then please do not hesitate to contact me.

(Further information: Gary Woodhall ext 4470)

5. CONDER BUILDING

There is some confusion over the name of the Conder building.

It is appearing in a lot in documents and communications at the moment and it is important to get it right and maintain consistency.

It is in fact spelled CondEr and not CondOr, (after the bird). Apparently that was the name of the architect who worked on the development.

(Further information: Carol Leach 01992 562168)

6. MEMBERS' PIGEON HOLES

Would Member's please ensure that any items left in pigeon holes are cleared by Friday 12 June. We have been advised that after this time, uncollected items may be disposed of.

7. CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY

The Council is consulting on the Draft Green Infrastructure Strategy between 4 June 2020 and 16 July 2020 (see document on the Council's website https://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Draft%20green%20infrastructure%20strategy.pdf. This supports the Council's declaration of a climate change emergency.

The Strategy seeks to identify projects to improve the green spaces and water based places in the District for the benefit of local communities and the environment. The Strategy contains a mix of larger scale and smaller community based projects, with both short term and long term initiatives.

One of the key aims is to provide a wide range of open spaces for communities to use: places to walk and enjoy the outdoors including by the rivers and canals; children's play space including wilder places to play; space for wildlife, and more trees to capture carbon and provide shade.

It is also about providing alternative provision to the important ecological sites in the District to take the recreational pressure away from these sites. This includes Epping Forest and other important ecological sites – the idea is that new open spaces will relieve the visitor pressure on the Forest and other important natural places and help them to survive and regenerate the plant, insect and wildlife that relies on them. Some of these proposed new spaces are part of the proposals for new housing developments in the District.

The Council is keen to hear views about the new spaces that are being introduced, and other project ideas for Green Infrastructure in the District. Indeed, you might know of a space that could be improved or put to better use.

Look out also for an invitation to an online workshop being held for District and Town and Parish Councillors that is being held on 2 July 2020 at 7.30pm.

For more information see the Green Infrastructure Strategy web page https://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/green-infrastructure-strategy/ which provides links to the draft strategy, frequently asked questions and a short survey.

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 – Sukhi Dhadwar ext. 4597

3. Enforcement Appeals

None this week

4. Appeal Decisions

None this week

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.