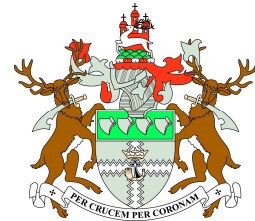


Council Agenda



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 COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, HIGH STREET, EPPING at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 5 November 2013 for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the agenda.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glen Chipp'.

Glen Chipp
Chief Executive

**Democratic Services
Officer:**

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WEBCASTING/FILMING NOTICE

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. The meeting may also be otherwise filmed by third parties with the Chairman's permission.

You should be aware that the Council is a Data Controller under the Data Protection Act. Data collected during this webcast will be retained in accordance with the Council's published policy.

Therefore by entering the Chamber and using the lower public seating area, you are consenting to being filmed and to the possible use of those images and sound recordings for web casting and/or training purposes. If members of the public do not wish to have their image captured they should sit in the upper council chamber public gallery area or otherwise indicate to the Chairman before the start of the meeting.

If you have any queries regarding this, please contact the Senior Democratic Services Officer on 01992 564249.

BUSINESS

1. WEBCASTING INTRODUCTION

1. This meeting is to be webcast. Members are reminded of the need to activate their microphones before speaking.

2. The Chief Executive will read the following announcement:

“I 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 (Pages 9 - 44)

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2013 (attached).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(Chief Executive) To declare interests in any item on the agenda.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Apologies for Absence

(b) Announcements

To consider any announcements by:

- (i) the Chairman of the Council;
- (ii) the Leader of the Council; and
- (iii) any other Cabinet Member.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (IF ANY) (Pages 45 - 46)

To answer questions asked after notice in accordance with the provisions contained in paragraph 11.3 of the Council Procedure 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 the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee; or
- (c) to any Portfolio Holder.

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 in paragraph 12.3 of the Council Procedure 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 Chairman of the Council;
- (b) to the Leader of the Council;
- (c) to the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or
- (d) to any Member of the Cabinet;.

Council Procedure rule 12.4 provides 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 AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET (Pages 47 - 66)

To receive reports from the Leader and members of the Cabinet on matters falling within their area of responsibility:

- (a) Report of the Leader;
- (b) Report of the Asset Management and Economic Development Portfolio Holder;
- (c) Report of the Environment Portfolio Holder;
- (d) Report of the Finance and Technology Portfolio Holder;
- (e) Report of the Housing Portfolio Holder;
- (f) Report of the Leisure and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder;
- (g) Report of the Planning Portfolio Holder;
- (h) Report of the Safer, Greener and Transport Portfolio Holder;
- (i) Report of the Support Services Portfolio Holder.

8. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS WITHOUT NOTICE

Council Procedure Rule 12.6 provides for questions by any member of the Council to the Leader or any Portfolio Holder, without notice on:

- (i) reports under item 7 above; 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.

Council Procedure Rule 12.7 provides that answers to questions without notice may take the form of:

- (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 Chief Officer.

In accordance with the Council Procedure Rule 12.8, a time limit of twenty 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 10 minutes to ensure that all political groups and independent members may have their questions answered.

9. MOTIONS

To consider any motions, notice of which has been given under Council Procedure Rule 13.

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

10. REPORT OF THE CABINET - 94/94A LAWTON LANE, LOUGHTON (Pages 67 - 68)

To consider the attached report.

11. REPORT OF THE CABINET - ESTATES AND VALUATION SECTION - ADDITIONAL POST (Pages 69 - 70)

To consider the attached report.

12. REPORT OF THE CABINET - SUPPLEMENTARY CAPITAL ESTIMATE - BRIDGEMAN HOUSE, WALTHAM ABBEY (Pages 71 - 72)

To consider the attached report.

13. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (Pages 73 - 74)

- (a) Report of the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee - attached;
- (b) Reports of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (if any); and
- (c) Reports of Overview and Scrutiny Panels (if any).

14. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE - SCHEME OF OFFICER DELEGATION FOR DEVELOPMENT CONTROL FUNCTIONS - PROPOSED CHANGES (Pages 75 - 88)

To consider the attached report.

15. APPOINTMENTS TO VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES/PANEL**Recommendation:****To appoint members to fill vacancies on:**

- (a) Audit and Governance Committee;**
- (b) District Development Control Committee; and**
- (c) Finance and Performance Management Scrutiny Panel.**

(Assistant to the Chief Executive) There are currently vacancies on the Audit and Governance Committee, District Development Control Committee and Finance and Performance Management Scrutiny Panel.

Audit and Governance Committee

In relation to the Audit and Governance Committee, the Council has previously agreed: (a) that the three councillors on the Committee should not all be drawn from one political group and places should be open to councillors who are not affiliated to any political group; and (b) that members be appointed on the basis of experience, aptitude and interest.

The two existing members on the Committee are Councillors Kane and Watts (Conservative Group).

The LRA Group wish to nominate Councillor L Leonard to fill the vacancy.

District Development Control Committee

The current pro-rata allocation for this 15 member Committee is as follows:

Conservative Group – 10 members
LRA Group – 3 members
Liberal Democrats Group – 1 member
Independent Member – 1 member

The LRA Group currently have only two members on the Committee.

The LRA Group wish to nominate Councillor Jennie Hart to fill the vacancy.

Finance and Performance Management Scrutiny Panel

The current pro-rata allocation for this 11 member Panel is as follows:

Conservative Group – 8 members
LRA Group – 2 members
Liberal Democrats Group – 1 member

The LRA Group currently have only one member on the Panel.

The LRA Group wish to nominate Councillor H Mann to fill the vacancy.

**16. AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE - REPORT OF RECRUITMENT PANEL
(Pages 89 - 90)**

To consider the attached report.

**17. CALL-IN AND URGENCY - ALL WEATHER PITCH, TOWN MEAD, WALTHAM
ABBEY (Pages 91 - 92)**

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

**18. LEADER DECISION - NORTH WEALD AIRFIELD AND ASSET MANAGEMENT
CABINET COMMITTEE (Pages 93 - 96)**

To note the attached decision taken by the Leader of Council to amend the terms of reference and title of this Cabinet Committee.

The alterations are:

- (a) new title;
- (b) additional responsibility for economic development; and
- (c) greater prominence to maximising income from North Weald Airfield users.

19. JOINT ARRANGEMENTS AND 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.

20. 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 Information Paragraph Number
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.

Confidential Items Commencement: Paragraph 9 of the Council Procedure Rules contained in the Constitution require:

- (1) All business of the Council requiring to be transacted in the presence of the press and public to be completed by 10.00 p.m. at the latest.
- (2) At the time appointed under (1) above, the Chairman shall permit the completion of debate on any item still under consideration, and at his or her discretion, any other remaining business whereupon the Council shall proceed to exclude the public and press.
- (3) Any public business remaining to be dealt with shall be deferred until after the completion of the private part of the meeting, including items submitted for report rather than decision.

Background Papers: Paragraph 8 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Constitution 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 (as defined in Rule 10) and in respect of executive reports, the advice of any political advisor.

Inspection of background papers may be arranged by contacting the officer responsible for the item.