

EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCIL MINUTES

Committee: Council **Date:** 15 December 2015

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping **Time:** 7.30 - 9.15 pm

Members Present: Councillors E Webster (Chairman), J Lea (Vice-Chairman), K Angold-Stephens, N Avey, R Bassett, A Boyce, H Brady, W Breare-Hall, G Chambers, K Chana, D Dorrell, R Gadsby, L Girling, A Grigg, L Hughes, R Jennings, S Jones, H Kane, S Kane, H Kauffman, P Keska, J Knapman, M McEwen, L Mead, A Mitchell, R Morgan, S Neville, J Philip, C P Pond, C C Pond, B Rolfe, B Sandler, M Sartin, G Shiell, D Stallan, S Stavrou, B Surtees, T Thomas, L Wagland, G Waller, S Watson, C Whitbread, J H Whitehouse, J M Whitehouse, D Wixley and N Wright

Apologies: Councillors N Bedford, R Butler, T Church, J Hart, Y Knight, A Lion, H Mann, G Mohindra, S Murray, A Patel, C Roberts and S Weston

Officers Present: G Chipp (Chief Executive), D Macnab (Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Neighbourhoods), C O'Boyle (Director of Governance), R Palmer (Director of Resources), A Hall (Director of Communities), S G Hill (Assistant Director (Governance & Performance Management)), T Carne (Public Relations and Marketing Officer), A Hendry (Senior Democratic Services Officer), P Seager (Chairman's Secretary) and R Perrin (Democratic Services Officer)

73. WEBCASTING INTRODUCTION

The Assistant Director of Governance and Performance Management reminded everyone present that the meeting would be broadcast live to the Internet, and that the Council had adopted a protocol for the webcasting of its meetings.

74. FORMER DISTRICT COUNCILLOR DAPHNE BORTON

It was with much sadness that the Chairman informed the Council of the death of former Councillor Daphne Borton.

Members were informed that Daphne Borton had been an Independent District Councillor representing the Lower Nazeing Ward, from 2002 until 2007 and had been a historically figure of the Nazeing community, Councillor and Chairman of Nazeing Parish Council.

Members paid tribute to the memory of Daphne Borton.

The Council stood for a minute's silence in tribute to the memory of former District Councillor Daphne Borton.

75. MINUTES**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meetings held on 3 November 2015 and 23 November 2015 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

76. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(a) Pursuant to the Council's Code of Member Conduct, Councillors A Grigg and D Stallan declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 14, Repairs & Maintenance Hub – Blenheim Way, North Weald, by virtue of being Members of North Weald Parish Council that had been asked by EFDC to consider financially supporting a children's play area and open space at the proposed housing hub. The Councillors had determined that their interests were not prejudicial and would remain in the meeting for the consideration of the issue.

77. ANNOUNCEMENTS**(a) Announcements by the Chairman of the Council****(i) Civic Carol Concert**

The Chairman thanked Members for attending her Christmas carol concert at Waltham Abbey Church on 8 December 2015.

(ii) Councillor S Murray

The Chairman advised that Councillor S Murray had recently been in an accident and that she had sent her regards and best wishes to him on behalf of the Council.

(iii) Flowers

The Chairman advised that she intended for the flowers from this evening's meeting to be displayed in the Civic reception for the residents and staff.

78. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (IF ANY)

The Council noted that there were no public questions for this meeting.

79. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS UNDER NOTICE**(a) Loans by the Councils**

By Councillor C C Pond to Finance Portfolio Holder, Councillor S Stavrou.

"Could she please itemise the loans that the Council have taken out over the last six months, and state for each:

- (a) the amount, and purpose for which it was taken out;
- (b) the name of the lender;
- (c) the rate of interest and whether fixed or variable, and the annual amount thus payable;
- (d) the term of the loan; and

(e) whether there are early redemption penalties attached, and if so what they are?”

Response by Finance Portfolio Holder, Councillor S Stavrou.

“I would like to thank Councillor C C Pond for the question as it gives me the opportunity to talk about the very important subject of Treasury Management. This is a key part of the Council’s overall financial management and so reports are made regularly to both the Finance and Performance Management Cabinet Committee and the Audit and Governance Committee. In fact the half year report was made to the Finance and Performance Management Cabinet Committee on 12 November 2015 and the Audit and Governance Committee on 30 November 2015. If Cllr Pond had attended either of these meetings or read either of the agendas he would know that the Council has not taken out any loans so far in this financial year.

As no loans have been taken out so far this year there is nothing to itemise or state in response to the question.

I am sure Cllr Pond is not the only Member who would benefit from some training on Treasury Management and I would like to invite all Members to the annual seminar being provided by our external treasury advisers on the evening of 14 January 2016. A reminder about this event has been included in the Member’s Bulletin but at the time of writing there is still plenty of space available.”

Additional question by Councillor C C Pond

Councillor C C Pond thanked Councillor Stavrou for her response and asked that when the Council was required to take out a loan for the required expenditure, that the information be made available in the Members Bulletin.

Response by Councillor S Stavrou

Councillor S Stavrou advised that the loans referred to were in relation to the capital programme for the Langston Road and St John’s Sites for £12.3m in 2016/15/16 and £12.6m in 2016/17 and that the figures would be revised and Members would be kept up to date.

(b) Investments by the Council

By Councillor S Neville to Finance Portfolio Holder, Councillor S Stavrou

“Can the Finance Portfolio Holder please advise:

- a) Epping Forest District Council’s (EFDC hereafter) current investments;
- b) Which of those investments are defined by EFDC as long term and which as short term;
- c) The criteria by which the investments were made; and
- d) The equality and environmental impact assessments which, if any, informed investment decisions.”

Response by Finance Portfolio Holder, Councillor S Stavrou.

“I would like to thank Councillor S Neville for the question as it gives me another opportunity to talk about the very important subject of Treasury Management. My response is as set out below –

a. The Council's investments as at Friday 11 December 2015–

Borrower	Amount £m	Rate %	Start Date	End Date
Northumberland Council	5	1.3	14/12/12	14/12/16
Santander UK plc	4	0.65	19/08/15	19/02/16
Lloyds	5	0.7	19/08/15	19/02/16
National Counties Building Society	1	0.53	04/09/15	11/12/15
Nationwide Building Society	5	0.66	18/09/15	18/03/16
Barclays	5	0.53	18/09/15	18/12/15
Nationwide Building Society	3	0.66	28/09/15	29/03/16
Lloyds	5	1.05	19/10/15	19/10/16
Santander UK plc	3	0.55	19/10/15	19/01/16
Cumberland Building Society	1	0.55	24/11/15	04/03/16
Standard Chartered	5	0.71	24/11/15	18/05/16
Prime Rate	5	0.49	n/a	n/a
Standard Life	5	0.49	n/a	n/a
Nat West	4.4	0.25	n/a	n/a
Total	56.4			

The items shown with no start or end date are instant access accounts.

b. An investment is normally defined as long term if the term is a year or more, so in the table above the investment with Northumberland Council and the second investment with Lloyds would be regarded as long term.

c. The criteria by which investments are made are set out in the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Investment Strategy which goes to Council in February each year as part of the budget papers. The basic principle is that the security of the investment is more important than the return on the investment. As the Strategy runs to several pages it is not practical to include the whole document as part of this answer but if more detail is required you should refer to pages 121 to 144 of the Council agenda for 17 February 2015.

d. Decisions on investments are taken by the Director of Resources under delegated authority and equality and environmental impact assessments are not required for such decisions.

As I have already stated in my previous answer to Councillor Pond, I am sure there are many Members who would benefit from some training on Treasury Management. It is an interesting subject and I strongly recommend the annual seminar being provided by our external treasury advisers on the evening of 14 January 2016."

Additional question by Councillor S Neville.

Councillor S Neville thanked Councillor S Stavrou for her response and asked about the ethical nature of investments and what could be done, if anything.

Response by Councillor S Stavrou

Councillor S Stavrou advised that the main ethical provider at that time, were the Co-operative Bank and unfortunately their credit rating did not meet the Council's minimum requirements, although if Councillor S Neville was able suggest any other ethical providers, the Council would be happy investigate.

80. REPORTS FROM THE LEADER AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET**(a) The Leader of the Council**

The Leader thanked the Chairman for her wonderful Civic Carol Concert held Waltham Abbey Church on Tuesday 8 December 2015.

The Leader advised that he had attended further meetings under the duty to co-operate with Harlow and Uttlesford Councils regarding infrastructure, if ever a combined authority went ahead. He had also attended the London Stansted Cambridge Corridor meeting, where key issues for the corridor had been identified and included the growth of Stansted, Cross Rail Two and other aspects of transport infrastructure, such as a new Junction at 7a and improvements at Junction 7 and 8 of the M11.

Other meetings attended were with the Essex Leaders regarding Devolution, where he had attended a workshop on the 3 December 2015. The Leader advised that the Council would be engaged in feasibility work, although he assured Members that before the Council committed formally to any devolution bid, it would be fully considered and debated by the Council.

Finally, he wished all Members an enjoyable festive break.

(b) Environment Portfolio Holder

Councillor W Breare-Hall advised that at the Council meeting in June 2015, he had reported on Emergency and Urgent Expenditure, which had been incurred by employing additional resources to assist in mitigating the significant problems that had occurred as a result of the revised four Day Waste and Recycling Arrangements, implemented by the Council's Contractor Biffa Municipal, on the 12 May 2015.

He advised that the Contract had now stabilised and that the total level of expenditure incurred remained at £13,274, which could be contained within the current budget.

(c) Planning Policy Portfolio Holder

Councillor R Bassett advised that on the 7 December 2015, the Government had published a consultation on the changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which was to be submitted by 25 January 2016. The changes included;

- Broadening the definition of affordable housing to expand the range of low cost housing opportunities;

- Increasing the density of development around commuter hubs, to make more efficient use of land in suitable locations;
- Supporting sustainable new settlements, development on brownfield land and small sites and delivery of housing agreed in Local Plans;
- Supporting delivery of starter homes; and
- Transitional arrangements.

The initial concerns were about the affordable homes, starter homes and the effect on greenbelt policies and responses would be submitted to the Neighbourhoods Select Committee on the 19 January 2016.

He advised that there was not yet any clarity on the effect this may have on the Local Plan and he would keep Members updated.

(d) Governance and Development Management Portfolio Holder

Councillor J Philip advised that the published Electoral register on 1 December 2015 had achieved returns of 98.1% and that residents had responded positively to the new online technology registration, with 43% of households using this method. A further 2800 people had used the system to confirm personal changes which had resulted in savings on postage and processing time and the register had gained 1287 people with less than 200 non-responders being removed from last year's canvass.

He advised that the grant received and prudent management had enable officers to repeat the process of sending a household notification letter (HNL) to residents in the New Year, to further improve the accuracy of the register because the figures were being used as a benchmark upon which the Boundary Commission would be asked to look at parliamentary constituency areas in the run up to the next General Election.

81. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS WITHOUT NOTICE

(a) Parking Issues – Buckhurst Hill

Councillor S Watson asked the Safer, Greener & Transport Portfolio Holder, Councillor G Waller whether he would ask the North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) on 17 December 2016 the following;

1. Whether an urgent review could be made on the enforcement of the 50% policy (which related to enforcement action only taking place on cars that park blocking 50% of a dropped kerb);
2. Whether they would dedicated an Enforcement Officer to Buckhurst Hill, one day a week, if the Parish Council funded this; and
3. How much this would cost the Parish Council.

Councillor G Waller commented that he was aware of the parking problems within Buckhurst Hill and that he had been advised that the Enforcement Officers were currently operating in Buckhurst Hill, Monday to Saturday and some Sundays. However the NEPP would respond positively, to District Councillors requests regarding problems in particular roads and this could be either raised directly by Councillors or through himself to NEPP.

He advised that the West Essex Enforcement Office were willing to support a request for an additional Enforcement Officer funded by the Parish Council, although an

understanding of the expectations would be required before this was to take place and the costs were unknown at this moment.

Councillor G Waller advised that the NEPP website provided information on the 50% policy for dropped kerbs and although enforcement did not occur on cars parked less than 50%, where home owners accessing their off street parking were prevented by this, he would find out what could be done.

(b) Displaced parking at Springfield, Epping

Councillor J M Whithouse asked the Housing Portfolio Holder, Councillor D Stallan whether a deferred Council Housing building planning application in Springfield, Epping considered at Plans East on 9 December 2015, would;

1. Go to the next Council Housebuilding Cabinet Committee on the 19 January 2016; and
2. What options would be put before the Cabinet Committee.

Councillor D Stallan advised that he had been made aware of the decisions following the Plans East Sub-Committee on 9 December 2015 and it would be discussed at the Council Housebuilding Cabinet Committee on the 19 January 2016. The options for the site were;

- (i) That the site was sold off to a private developer;
- (ii) That the plots were offered to neighbouring residents; or
- (iii) That the garages were demolished and open parking was provided.

Councillor D Stallan advised that Ward Members were welcome to attend the Council Housebuilding Cabinet Committee to voice resident's opinions.

(c) Material Considerations to Retrospective Planning

Councillor L Wagland asked the Planning Policy Portfolio Holder, Councillor R Bassett whether the Government had made it any clearer with regard to applicants who had previously failed to comply with planning rules in the past, now being a material planning consideration and whether any advice could be given to Members on the planning committees?

Councillor R Bassett advised that he would look into this issue with Officers.

Councillor J Philip advised that he had taken this issue up with the Planning Department and it appeared that there were not yet any regulations to support the Government comments on this issue. Therefore the advice from the Planning Department had been that it would probably be tested in the Courts. It would also be raised at the Essex's Planning Forum and any findings would be published in the Members Bulletin.

(d) NEPP Reserves

Councillor D Wixley asked the Safer, Greener & Transport Portfolio Holder, Councillor G Waller about the £100,000 reserves that NEPP had received and holds from the County Council and whether the Portfolio Holder could persuade NEPP to

re-paint some of the yellow lines around the District or at least use a better quality paint with this money.

Councillor G Waller advised that when NEPP was set up in 2011, it was provided with this sum of money by Essex County Council (ECC) as a transition payment. This was provided to NEPP to prevent it going into deficit, which was what had happened to other authorities previously. It had been intended as a “float” and therefore could not be used as Councillor D Wixley had suggested.

(e) Communities Development Dementia Work

Councillor T Thomas asked the Leisure & Community Services Portfolio Holder, Councillor H Kane to pass on thanks to the Community Services Team for the work that they had been doing with the young and old residents of the District with such a minimal budget. In particular the ground breaking dementia work at Sherrell House Rest Home, Chigwell.

Councillor H Kane advised that it was appreciated that someone had seen this in action and she would pass on her thanks to the Community Services Team.

(f) Oakwood Hill industrial units

Councillor K Angold-Stephen asked the Asset and Economic Development Portfolio Holder, Councillor A Grigg whether the Council would consider investing further funding in the Council’s Industrial Estates, in particular in Oakwood Hill; to smarten up the appearance and attract further leaseholds. Furthermore, a gateway sign had been promised and he asked whether this could be followed up?

Councillor A Grigg advised that she would look into the gateway signage and that the responsibility of planned maintenance on the industrial estates had been handed over to the Portfolio Holder Technology and Support Service, Councillor A Lion, who she would liaise with, for a progress report.

(g) Resuming Parking Responsibilities

Councillor C C Pond spoke of the concerns raised with regards to NEPP and a cross-party approach from County Councillors to the County Council Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Councillor R Bass, about resuming the responsibilities for parking within the Epping Forest District for on and off street, which had been rejected previously and whether he would remind ECC that Epping Forest District Council (EFDC) had previously done the job better and at much less cost.

Councillor C Whitbread advised that EFDC had done a better job and he had spoken to the County Council Leader, Councillor D Finch about parking issues.

82. MOTIONS

The Chairman reported that there were no motions to be considered at this meeting.

83. HOUSING REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE HUB

Mover: Councillor D Stallan, Housing Portfolio Holder

Councillor D Stallan submitted a report requesting a Capital supplementary estimate for 2015/16 from the Housing Revenue Account and that land at Blenheim Way,

North Weald be transferred from the General Fund to the Housing Revenue Account to facilitate the building of a new housing repairs and maintenance Hub

Report as first moved **ADOPTED**

RESOLVED:

(1) That a Capital supplementary of £300,000 for 2015/16 from the Housing Revenue Account be approved; and

(2) That the land at Blenheim Way in North Weald be transferred from the General Fund to the Housing Revenue Account, with an appropriate adjustment made in the balances due between the two funds.

84. LOCAL PLAN BUDGET UPDATE

Mover: Councillor R Bassett, Planning Policy Portfolio Holder

Councillor R Bassett submitted a report requesting a Continuing Services Budget supplementary estimate for 2015/16 for the Planning Policy team.

Report as first moved **ADOPTED**

RESOLVED:

That a Continuing Services Budget supplementary of £25,000 for 2015/16 be approved.

85. CALENDAR OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2016/17

Mover: Councillor J Philip, Governance and Development Management Portfolio Holder.

Councillor J Philip submitted a report regarding the Calendar of Council meetings for 2016/17.

Report as first moved **ADOPTED**

RESOLVED:

That, as attached at Appendix 1, the draft Calendar of Council Meetings for 2016/17 be adopted.

86. CAPITAL REVIEW 2015/16 - 2019/20

Mover Councillor S Stavrou, Finance Portfolio Holder.

Councillor S Stavrou submitted a report for Capital supplementary funding for four areas including the Museum Redevelopment Project, Planned Maintenance Works at the Civic Offices, Private Sector Housing Grants and CCTV Equipment at Town Mead Depot.

Report as first moved **ADOPTED**

RESOLVED:

- (1) That a Capital supplementary of £88,000 in 2015/16 for the Museum Development Project be approved;
- (2) That a Capital supplementary of £49,000 in 2015/16 for planned maintenance works at the Civic offices be approved;
- (3) That a Capital supplementary of £12,000 in 2015/16 for two remaining Private Sector Housing Grants be approved; and
- (4) That a Capital supplementary of £7,000 in 2015/16 for CCTV equipment at Town Mead Depot be approved.

87. LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2016/17

Mover Councillor S Stavrou, Finance Portfolio Holder.

Councillor S Stavrou submitted a report on the Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2016/17.

Report as first moved **ADOPTED**

RESOLVED:

That the revised Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2016/17 be approved.

88. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME - ANNUAL REVIEW 2016/17

Mr Stephen Lye, a member of the Remuneration Panel presented a report following a review by the Panel of the following aspects of the Members' Allowances Scheme:

- (a) Basic Allowance;
- (b) Special Responsibility Allowances;
- (c) Childcare and Dependent Carers Allowance; and
- (d) Revised Scheme and Guidance.

Amendment moved by Councillor C Whitbread and Seconded by Councillor R Gadsby

That recommendation (2) read;

"That the Council implements 100% of the recommended amount of Basic allowance of £4,300 per Member per annum and agrees a CSB growth bid item in the sum of £50,200 for the year 2016/17 onwards."

And recommendation (3) be removed.

Carried

Following the discussion and comments received from the Governance Select Committee on 1 December 2015, the following motion was proposed.

Amendment moved by Councillor J Philip and seconded by Councillor D Stallan**Members' Allowances – Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Council**

'That consideration of the amount of Special Responsibility Allowance applied to the positions of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council, be added to the responsibilities of the Member Remuneration Panel from the commencement of the 2016/17 municipal year; and

That the amount of Special Responsibility Allowance applied to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Council be reviewed on an annual basis from 2017/18, as part of the Panel's annual review of the Members' Allowances Scheme and its recommendations to the Council thereon'.

Carried

RESOLVED:

Basic Allowance

(1) That no change be made to the full amount of Basic Allowance of £4,300.00 per member per annum, currently included in the Members' Allowances Scheme;

(2) That the Council implements 100% of the recommended amount of Basic allowance of £4,300 per member per annum and agrees a CSB growth bid item in the sum of £50,200 for the year 2016/17 onwards.

Special Responsibility Allowance

(3) That, with effect from the commencement of the 2016/17 municipal year:

(a) a Special Responsibility Allowance of £500.00 be applied to the position of the Chairman of the Licensing Committee;

(b) the Special Responsibility Allowance currently applied to the position of the Chairmen of the six Licensing Sub-Committees be calculated on the basis of an allocation of the allowance according to the number of meetings chaired each year, as set out in Paragraph 17 of this report, so as to more accurately reflect the actual responsibilities involved in chairing meetings of the Sub-Committees; and

(c) the Special Responsibility Allowance currently applied to the position of the Chairman of the Constitution Working Group, be reduced to £500.00;

(4) That no other changes be made to the application of Special Responsibility Allowances currently included in the Members' Allowances Scheme;

Child Care and Dependent Carers Allowance

(5) That, with effect from the commencement of the 2016/17 municipal year, the Child Care and Dependents Carers' Allowance element of the Members'

Allowances Scheme be based on the prevailing rate of the National Living Wage; and

Revised Scheme and Guidance

(6) That, subject to the above recommendations, the Members' Allowances Scheme and Guidance for 2016/17 attached as an appendix to this report be adopted and implemented with effect from 26 May 2016.

(7) That consideration of the amount of Special Responsibility Allowance applied to the positions of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council, be added to the responsibilities of the Member Remuneration Panel from the commencement of the 2016/17 municipal year; and

(8) That the amount of Special Responsibility Allowance applied to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Council be reviewed on an annual basis from 2017/18, as part of the Panel's annual review of the Members' Allowances Scheme and its recommendations to the Council thereon.

89. JOINT ARRANGEMENTS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

(a) Members noted the report by Councillor R Morgan regarding the Stansted Airport Community Trust.

(b) No further updates from Council representatives on any other business of joint arrangements and external organisations were advised; and

(c) No requests were made for written reports to be made by representatives on joint arrangements and external organisations at the next meeting.

CHAIRMAN

Epping Forest District Council Calendar of Meetings 2016/17

		2016					2017											
Meeting		May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May				
Executive																		
Council		26th		26th		27th		1st	15th	14th(16th)			25th	25th				
Cabinet			9th	21st		1st	6th	3rd	1st		2nd	9th	6th					
FPM Cab Comm			16th	28th		15th		10th		19th		30th						
AM & ED Cab Comm				14th			27th			26th			13th					
Scrutiny																		
OS Committee			7th	19th			25th		19th		28th		18th					
Housing Select Comm			20th			6th		8th		17th		14th						
Governance Select Comm				5th		29th		29th		31st			4th					
Nghbrhds/CS Select Comm			28th			13th		15th		24th		21st						
Resources Selct Comm				12th			10th		6th		7th	28th						
Constitution Working Grp						20th					21st							
Planning																		
District Development			8th		3rd	28th		30th			8th		5th					
Plans East		11th	15th	13th	10th	7th	5th	9th	7th	18th	15th	15th	12th	10th				
Plans West		18th	22nd	20th	17th	14th	19th	16th	14th	25th	22nd	22nd	19th	17th				
Plans South			1st-29th	27th	24th	21st	26th	23rd		4th	1st	1st-29th	26th	31st				
Licensing																		
Licensing Committee							19th						19th					
Licensing Sub-Comm			7th	5th	2nd	6th	4th	8th	6th	10th	7th	7th	4th					
Miscellaneous																		
Member Briefings			13th	25th	16th	12th	18th	24th	15th	11th	9th	13th	3rd					
Audit & Governance I			27th			19th		28th			6th	27th						
Audit & Governance II			27th			19th			12th			27th						
Housing Appeals Panel			6th	4th	1st	5th	3rd	7th	5th	9th	6th	6th	10th					
Joint Consultative Comm				18th			17th			16th			24th					
Local Councils Liaison				4th				7th				6th						
Appointments Panel		12th-19th														11th-18th		
Standards Committee				11th			24th			23rd			20th					
Dev Control Chairs/Officers						26th						20th						
Webcast meeting:			Easter 2017			Fri 14-Apr-17 to Mon 17-Apr-17												
			Rosh Hashanah			Mon 3-Oct-16 to Tue 4-Oct-16 (Sundown Sun 2-Oct-16)												
			Yom Kippur			Wed 12-Oct-16 (Sundown Tue 11-Oct-16)												
			Pesach			Tue 11-Apr-17 (Sundown Mon 10-Apr-17)												
			County Council Elections			Thu 4-May-17												

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