

Supplementary Council Agenda



**Epping Forest
District Council**

Council Tuesday, 18th December, 2007

Place: Civic Offices, High Street, Epping
Room: Council Chamber
Time: 7.30 pm
Committee Secretary: Council Secretary: Ian Willett
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6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (IF ANY) (Pages 3 - 4)

The Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder will answer the question (attached) asked after notice in accordance with the provisions contained in paragraph 9.3 of the Council Procedure Rules of the Constitution.

7. REPORTS FROM THE LEADER, CHAIRMAN OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET (Pages 5 - 8)

To receive reports (attached) from the Community Wellbeing Portfolio Holder and the Leisure and Young People Portfolio Holder on matters falling within their areas of responsibility:

9. MOTIONS (Pages 9 - 10)

To consider the attached motion, notice of which has been given under Council Procedure Rule 11.

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Question by Mr Roger Salmon to Councillor Mrs A Grigg, Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder

Bus stopping arrangements in The Broadway, Loughton

“What further steps will the District Council be taking in order to try to get the County Council to rectify and resolve the difficult and impossible situation regarding the enormous inconvenience inflicted on local residents, by siting the bus terminus at the far end of Vere Road, Loughton, as it is nearly a quarter of a mile from the main supermarket and over a quarter of a mile for those wishing to get a connection from the Underground Station?”

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Report to the Council

Subject: Community Wellbeing

Date: 18 December 2007

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Ms S-A Stavrou

Item: 7(d)

Recommending:

That the report of the Community Wellbeing Portfolio Holder be noted.

Nominated Neighbour Scheme

This has now been launched across Epping Forest District

Trading Standard 'Doorstep Calendars'

Unscrupulous traders and criminals to target vulnerable groups increasingly use doorstep selling. The Doorstep Calendar is helping to tackle this problem by making older and more vulnerable people aware of their consumer rights and providing practical advice and point of contact. These calendars will be distributed to all Epping Forest District Council sheltered Housing accommodation in the District, Help the Aged will also distribute to any homes visited by their Handvan Scheme and calendars will also be available from Information Offices. The Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership have funded this.

Partnership Reassurance Vehicle

This was first used on Halloween across the district and also on 24th November in conjunction with Limes Farm Street Watch.

Hate Crime Awareness Training

The Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership are funding training for front line staff; this will initially be rolled out in the District Council commencing in late January.

Safer Communities Database

The new database should be in place in January.

Road Safety Officer

Essex County Council has appointed a Senior Road Safety Office who is responsible for Epping Forest. There is currently a drink Drive Campaign running across the District in conjunction with Essex Police and the CDRP has agreed to match fund this to continue into the New Year.

Thursday 6 December	09.00 to 17.00	Epping High Street Trailer
Monday 10 December	10.00 to 14.00	Loughton Sainsburys
Friday 14 December	17.00 to 19.00	Epping Tube Station
Monday 17 December	10.00 to 14.00	Waltham Abbey Tesco's
Wednesday 19 December	07.00 To 14.00	Manor Road Chigwell

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Report to the Council

Committee: Cabinet

Date: 18 December 2007

Subject: Leisure and Young People

Portfolio Holder: Councillor M Cohen

Item: 7(h)

Recommending:

That the report of the Leisure and Young People Portfolio Holder be noted

Epping Forest District Youth Council

As reported previously to Council, we have been working with our secondary schools, further education college and youth services in the development of a Youth Council for the District. Today the election count took place and we are delighted to be able to announce the results at this evening's meeting of Council. I am sure all members will join me in congratulating those who have been elected and moreover expressing our thanks to all those who have made our Youth Council a reality.

Epping Forest District Museum - "The Longest Journey" – Slavery Exhibition

The extremely successful Slavery exhibition, which was developed by the District Museum Service to mark the centenary of the abolition of the slave trade in the British Empire, is continuing to gain acclaim across the eastern region.

Funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund (Renaissance in the Regions initiative), the exhibition explores Essex links with the story of the slave trade

The exhibition was on display at the District Museum from August until October and was seen by 2106 visitors. In addition, audiences of 140 people were involved in site specific performances of 'Hester's Place: stories of slavery', which was based on Harlow's links with the slave trade at Little Parndon. The drama piece produced by E15 Acting School, which was described as extremely powerful by all involved, included a very realistic, interactive experience of what it was like to travel aboard a slave ship.

The exhibition which is now on tour in Norfolk, also includes a powerful DVD film, in which an actor vividly narrates the autobiography of a slave, from his 'capture' in Africa, to his life of poverty in Colchester and Norwich. The film, which was based on the first known slave narrative in the English Language published in 1772, was commissioned by the District Museum and has received significant publicity in its own right. The Museum Service is now currently exploring external funding opportunities to extend the availability of the DVD film to educational venues.

It is also hoped to create a webcast version of the film, to be shown through the district council website.

'Fit As A Fiddle'

Sports Development has been successful in securing £140k funding from the Big Lottery Well Being Fund, for the delivery of a four year physical activity and health improvement programme for people from middle age upwards. The aim of the programme is to encourage people to 'get back into', or, 'take up' regular physical activity and sport, and to educate them on the benefits of maintaining a healthy lifestyle through mid - life and beyond.

The funding will pay for a 'Fit As A Fiddle Officer' post to develop and deliver the programme in the Epping Forest District and additionally, to provide training and CPD for Physical Activity Officers based in Harlow and Uttlesford Districts, to enable them to rollout similar programmes.

This is the first initiative of its' kind to be piloted across the West Essex area and will be supported by the WE Primary Care Trust and monitored for its effectiveness in meeting cross border health objectives.

Council Meeting

18 December 2007

Motion - Future development in Epping Town Centre

“This Council notes:

(a) that Essex County Council intends to vacate the current Epping Junior School site in St John's Road as part of its plan to amalgamate Epping Junior School and Epping Infants School on the Infants School site in Coronation Hill, and that as a result the County Council is likely to sell the Junior School site for development;

(b) that consideration is being given to the future of the Epping Depot, which is adjacent to the Junior School;

(c) that the future of the former Youth and Adult Centre in St John's Road next to the Junior School is uncertain once the building is no longer required as a temporary home for Epping Infants School;

(d) that the draft Epping Conservation Area Appraisal identifies County Council land behind Epping Library as in need of regeneration;

(e) that other development proposals have been suggested in the area including land at Bakers Lane car park and next to St John's Church;

(f) that there is a concentration of community uses in the area including Epping Library, Epping Register Office, Epping Hall, St John's Church Hall, St John's Church, a dental surgery and Epping Methodist Church;

(g) that the Cabinet recently approved the preparation of a development brief for The Broadway, Loughton in order to make the most of the potential of that area;

and is of the opinion therefore:

(i) that the likely redevelopment of some or all of these sites will have a dramatic effect on the centre of Epping;

(ii) that if sites are brought forward for development in a piecemeal and uncoordinated fashion, Epping could lose important community facilities and find unsustainable pressure being placed on local infrastructure;

(iii) that if the County and/or District Councils dispose of land in this area the impact on the community and the importance of providing community facilities for Epping and the surrounding area should be fully considered and should not be of lesser priority than obtaining the largest possible capital receipt;

and calls upon the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Economic Development and the Cabinet:

(a) to ensure that a development brief covering the area likely to be affected by redevelopment is prepared;

(b) to include in the scope of the development brief

- the need to take account of the built heritage in the area,
- the potential to improve and/or relocate community facilities,
- all other relevant issues.”

Mover: Councillor Mrs J H Whitehouse

Seconder: Councillor Ms J Hedges