
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: 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 Two: 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 Three: 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			

Week Four: 25 May 2020 – 31 May 2020

Monday 25 May			
Tuesday 26 May			
Wednesday 27 May	7.30pm	District Development Management Committee	CC
Thursday 28 May			
Friday 29 May			
Saturday 30 May			
Sunday 31 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. LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

- 29 people in isolation or off sick. 3 of which are showing virus symptoms
- 67 people have returned to work
- 414 people working remotely
- 13% connectivity being used
- 67% phone channels being used (from Fri 24/4) peak time between 10am – 11am
- Helpdesk calls = 52, 9 on self-service
- Essex Police had 800 interventions over the weekend, one of the busiest in lockdown so far. Reported a change in people attitudes.
- Op Shield:
 - Quiet weekend. Cat B text gone out but noticed no increase on demand.
 - Waiting for a list of names of all known Cat A who hadn't registered. Potentially 1000 residents on this list to contact
- Each district will be getting a regional lead contact to rise any concerns re Op Shield Car parks income is down to 7%. Car parks were busier over the weekend.
- Visitors to High Beach are reported to be mostly from outside of the district (80%).

2. CONTRACTS AND TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE - UPDATE (Pages 11 - 12)

Excess Waste

The Waste Management team have seen a 23% increase in the amount of waste collected during the lockdown period. Comparison with the same period last year shows that refuse has increased by 21%, recycling by 18% and food and garden waste by 28%. The waste management team and Biffa have managed to maintain all service collections during these challenging times and by using additional vehicles to keep the streets clear of waste has meant we have been able to manage the extra waste during this period.

Access Issues

With the Coronavirus lockdown meaning more people working from home, inconsiderate parking is becoming an issue for waste collections. The cars are often legally parked, but parked in a way that makes it difficult for recycling and rubbish collections vehicles to negotiate roads. The attached letter will be placed on vehicles that are preventing the waste collection vehicles accessing roads to help reduce the incidences where waste collection crews have to make multiple journeys to the same roads in order to collect the waste.

Grounds Maintenance

This year it is not going to be achievable to provide full bedding displays throughout the district from over the summer months, there are difficulties sourcing the required plants from suppliers as they are also impacted by the Coronavirus.

Normally we would start removing the bedding displays towards the end of April and replant with summer displays in June. This year we are going to extend the winter displays whilst they still look good for as long as possible (hopefully until the middle of May) before they are removed and left weed free and empty. We will then, if stock is available will provide a limited summer bedding service a number of flower beds throughout the district and revisit the issue again in autumn with the intension to provide a full winter bedding displays. Town and Parish Councils will be advised of this change to the usual provision.

Algae Bloom

The Environment Agency has reported Potential Algal Bloom in the River Stort between Lower Sheering and Roydon Park.

Algae blooms are a natural phenomenon. Under certain weather conditions it can bloom in large volumes, cutting off the oxygen supply in rivers and lakes. If the outbreak is serious, it can lead to the death of fish and other organisms. Algal blooms can also be toxic to wild animals, people and pets.

Environment Agency Officers will continue to monitor the situation and deploy additional resources if necessary. Members of the public are advised to stay away from any water courses showing signs of a bloom – typically cloudy or less clear green water and dead fish. It can also look blue-green or greenish-brown. Scums can form during calm weather when several bloom forming species rise to the surface. This can look like paint, mousse or small clumps.

Anyone seeing signs of the algae on the River Stort should report occurrences to the Environment Agency Incident Communications Service on 0800 80 70 60 quoting reference 01801279.

3. 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/2261/19 Brick Cottages 1 Anchor Lane Abbess Roding CM5 0JP - Application for Removal of Condition 10"works shall be carried out in accordance with drawings" for

EPF/1070/17. (Removal of first floor of existing dwelling & conversion to domestic garage, & erection of a replacement single storey detached dwelling) – Dismissed

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.