

EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 12 December 2023, 7.00 pm – 9:50pm
Council Chamber - Civic Offices

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| Members Present: | Councillors D Wixley (Chairman) J Mclvor, R Baldwin, S Heap, S Heather, H Kane (Vice-Chairman), M Markham, C McCann, S Murray, C Nweke, J Parsons, A Patel, J H Whitehouse and L Burrows |
| Other Councillors: | Councillors H Kauffman, C C Pond, I Allgood, R Balcombe, N Bedford, R Brookes, S Kane, P Keska, T Matthews, M Owen, S Patel, J Philip, K Rizvi, C Whitbread, H Whitbread and K Williamson |
| Apologies: | Councillor(s) R Bassett, I Hadley, C McCredie and R Pugsley |
| Officers In Attendance: | Georgina Blakemore (Chief Executive), Jennifer Gould (Strategic Director and Chief Operating Officer), Andrew Small (Strategic Director, Corporate and Section 151 Officer), Laura Kirman (Democratic Services Officer) and Christopher Hartgrove (Interim Chief Financial Officer) |

NOTE THIS MEETING WAS NOT RECORDED

47 SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

The Committee noted the following substitutions reported at the meeting:

- Councillor Jon Whitehouse had been appointed as substitute for Councillor McCredie, and
- Councillor Burrows had been appointed as substitute for Councillor Bassett

48 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pursuant to the Council's Members' Code of Conduct, Councillors Murray and Wixley declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 5.

49 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The conclusion of the vote for the exclusion of public and press was 13 for the recommendation, 4 against and 1 abstention.

Resolved:

That in accordance with 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 |
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| 5 | Development of Draft Budget Proposals 2024/25 | 3 |

50 DEVELOPMENT OF DRAFT BUDGET PROPOSALS

Councillor J Philip, Finance and Economic Development Portfolio Holder, provided an overview of the budget proposals. The Committee discussed the options in detail and made recommendations to Cabinet.

Resolved:

That the Committee considered and commented on the draft budget proposals.