

Council Agenda



**Epping Forest
District Council**

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

You are hereby summoned to an extraordinary 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, 19 January 2010 for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the agenda.



PETER HAYWOOD
Chief Executive

**Democratic Services
Officer:**

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WEBCASTING NOTICE

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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:

“This meeting will be webcast live to the Internet and will be archived for later viewing. Copies of recordings may be made available on request.

By entering the Chamber’s lower seating area you consenting to becoming part of the webcast.

If you wish to avoid being filmed you should move to the public gallery or speak to the webcasting officer”.

2. FORMER COUNCILLOR W. A. (JIM) AXON

The Council is invited to stand for a minute’s silence in tribute to the memory of former District Councillor Jim Axon who died on 26 December 2009.

Jim Axon was a member of the District Council for 17 years. He was elected to represent the Theydon Bois Ward in 1979 and was re-elected in 1980, 1984, 1988 and 1992.

He was elected Chairman of the Council in 1991/2 and was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council in 1990/1. During his terms of office he was also Chairman of a Plans Sub-Committee and a member of many committees, sub-committees and panels.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

5. REPORT OF THE CABINET - GYPSY AND TRAVELLER DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT - COUNSEL'S ADVICE AND INITIAL ANALYSIS OF THE OPTIONS CONSULTATION RESPONSES (Pages 5 - 58)

To consider the attached report.

6. REPORT OF THE CABINET - LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL (Pages 59 - 64)

To consider the attached report.

7. 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.