

Council Agenda



Epping Forest District Council

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

You are hereby summoned to the Annual 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, 24 May 2011 for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the agenda.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Macnab'.

DEREK MACNAB
Acting Chief Executive

**Democratic Services
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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 Chairman or the Chief Executive will read the following announcement:

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2. FORMER DISTRICT COUNCILLOR ROBERT O’MALLEY

The Council is invited to stand for a minute’s silence in tribute to the memory of former District Councillor Robert O’Malley who died recently.

Robert O’Malley represented the Loughton (South) and Loughton Forest wards from 1974 until 1982. He was Chairman of the Council in 1978/79. He was also a member of the former Chigwell Urban District Council and Chairman of that Council in 1972/73.

3. DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS - 5 MAY 2011

The Chairman to welcome the following newly elected and re-elected members of the Council following the elections held on 5 May 2011:

Councillor	Ward
Penny Smith	Broadley Common, Epping Upland and Nazeing
Hal Ulkun	Buckhurst Hill West
Paul Keska	Chipping Ongar, Greensted and Marden Ash
Ken Avey	Epping Hemnall
Sarah Packford	Epping Lindsey and Thornwood Common
Kewal Chana	Grange Hill
Richard Morgan	Hastingwood, Matching and Sheering Village
Brian Rolfe	Lambourne
Richard Bassett	Lower Nazeing
Gary Waller	Lower Sheering
Anne Grigg	North Weald Bassett
Mary Sartin	Roydon
Peter Gode	Shelley
Syd Stavrou	Waltham Abbey High Beach
Antony Watts	Waltham Abbey Honey Lane
Lillian Mitchell	Waltham Abbey North East
Liz Webster	Waltham Abbey Paternoster
Ricki Gadsby	Waltham Abbey South West

The Chairman to present declaration of acceptance of office certificates to the five newly elected members, Councillors Avey, Keska, Mitchell, Packford and Waller.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

To elect a Chairman of the Council for the municipal year 2011/12. Nominations received will be tabled. The new Chairman will then make a declaration of acceptance of office.

5. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

To appoint a member to be a Vice-Chairman of the Council for the municipal year 2011/12. Nominations received will be tabled. The new Vice-Chairman will then make a declaration of acceptance of office.

6. MINUTES (Pages 7 - 18)

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2011 (attached).

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**(a) Apologies for Absence****(b) Announcements**

To consider any announcements by:

- (i) the Chairman of the Council;
- (ii) the Leader of the Council; and
- (iii) any other Cabinet Member

(c) Members Not Seeking Re-Election or Not Re-Elected

To note that:

- (i) Andy Green, Janet Hedges and Blane Judd did not seek re-election on 5 May 2011; and
- (ii) Pat Brooks and Charlotte Edwards and were not re-elected on 5 May 2011.

Pat Brooks has been invited to attend the meeting to receive an award in recognition of her 12½ years' service. She represented the Chigwell Row ward from May 1998 until May 2002 and the Waltham Abbey North East ward since November 2002.

9. REPORT OF THE APPOINTMENTS PANEL

Report to follow regarding:

- (a) Notice of Constitution of Political Groups, Group Leaders and Deputies;
- (b) Appointments made by the Leader to the Cabinet, Cabinet Committees and Outside Organisations carrying out Executive Functions;

(c) Membership, Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship of Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels (Non-Executive Bodies);

(d) Appointments to Outside Organisations carrying out Council, Regulatory or non-Cabinet Functions.

The Council will need to vote on (c) and (d) where the number of nominations exceeds the number of places available.

10. SCHEME OF OFFICER DELEGATION - COUNCIL AND REGULATORY FUNCTIONS

Recommendation:

That the scheme of officer delegation for Council and regulatory functions, as set out in Part 3 of the Constitution as amended be agreed.

The Constitution requires that the scheme of delegation be agreed at the Annual meeting. The current scheme has been issued in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.

11. SCHEME OF OFFICER DELEGATION - EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS (Pages 19 - 22)

To note new and revised officer delegation in respect of Executive Functions approved by the Leader of the Council following the 2010/11 review.

12. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE - 2010/11

(Leader of the Council) To follow.

13. COUNCIL MEETINGS - 2011/12

Recommendation:

That during 2011/12 ordinary meetings of the Council be held on the following dates:

28 June 2011

26 July 2011

27 September 2011

1 November 2011

13 December 2011

14 February 2012

16 February 2012 (Thursday)(reserve date for budget meeting)

27 March 2012

22 May 2012 (Annual meeting)

At its meeting on 15 February 2011, the Council adopted a calendar of meetings for the period from May 2011 to May 2012 which included ordinary meetings of the Council for the year.

It is a requirement of the Constitution that a programme of ordinary meetings of the Council be approved at the annual meeting of the Council. The dates set out above are those adopted on 15 February 2011.

14. 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.