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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		
TBC	To be confirmed		Meeting being filmed for subsequent viewing

Other venues are shown in full.

Week One: 28 May 2018 – 3 June 2018

Monday 28 May				
Tuesday 29 May				
Wednesday 30 May	6.30pm 7.30pm	Briefing – Area Plans Sub-Committee South Area Planning Sub-Committee South		CR1 CC
Thursday 31 May				
Friday 1 June				
Saturday 2 June				
Sunday 3 June				

Week Two: 4 June 2018 – 10 June 2018

Monday 4 June	5.00pm 7.30pm	Senior Management Selection Panel Overview and Scrutiny Committee		CR1 CC
Tuesday 5 June	7.00pm 7.00pm	Licensing Sub-Committee - Cancelled Youth Council Member Training – O&S		CC CR1
Wednesday 6 June	7.30pm	District Development Management Committee		CC
Thursday 7 June				
Friday 8 June				
Saturday 9 June				
Sunday 10 June				

Week Three: 11 June 2018 – 17 June 2018

Monday 11 June	6.30pm 7.30pm	Briefing – Area Plans Sub-Committee South Area Planning Sub-Committee South		CR1 CC
Tuesday 12 June	7.00pm	Communities Select Committee		CR1
Wednesday 13 June	6.30pm 7.30pm	Briefing – Area Plans Sub-Committee East Area Planning Sub-Committee East		CR1 CC
Thursday 14 June	9.30am 5.00pm 7.30pm	Member Training – Licensing Senior Management Selection Panel Cabinet		CC CR1 CC
Friday 15 June				
Saturday 16 June				
Sunday 17 June				

Week Four: 18 June 2018 – 24 June 2018

Monday 18 June				
Tuesday 19 June	6.00pm	Member Training – Chairmanship Skills		CC
Wednesday 20 June	10.00am 6.30pm 7.30pm	Licensing Sub-Committee Briefing – Area Plans Sub-Committee West Area Planning Sub-Committee West		CC CR1 CC
Thursday 21 June	7.00pm	Finance and Performance Management Cabinet Committee		CC
Friday 22 June				
Saturday 23 June				
Sunday 24 June				

PART B - GENERAL INFORMATION

1. MEMBERS CLAIM FORM

Please be reminded that Claims forms for quarter 1 April ~ 30 June should be submitted by 4 June 2018. Payment will be made on 29 June 2018.

(Further information: Kim Partridge ext 4443)

2. REGISTER OF INTERESTS FORM REVIEW (Pages 11 - 14)

Would you kindly take a moment to review your current Register of Interests Form. These can be found on your individual page on our website <http://rds.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?bcr=1>

A copy of the form is attached should you want to submit an updated form.

(Further information: Kim Partridge ext 4443)

3. NORTH ESSEX PARKING PARTNERSHIP APRIL E-BRIEF (Pages 15 - 18)

Please see attached.

4. DAME JUDITH HACKITT'S FINAL REPORT (Pages 19 - 22)

Please see attached.

5. CHAIRMAN'S DIARY

None this week

GOVERNANCE DIRECTORATE - PLANNING

1. Appeals Lodged

EPF/2246/17 – 287-291 High Street Epping Essex CM16 4DA - Redevelopment of land to the rear of 287-291 High Street to provide 6 residential units – Written reps – James Rogers ext. 4371

2. Forthcoming Planning Inquiries/Hearings -

31/07/2018 – EPF/3364/17 – 119 Theydon Park Road Theydon Bois Essex CM16 7LS – Sukhvinder Dhadwar

3. Enforcement Appeals

None this week

4. Appeal Decisions

EPF/0007/17,EPF/0008/17,EPF/0009/17,EPF/0010/17,EPF/0011/17,EPF/0012/17,EPF/0013/17,EPF/0014/17,EPF/0015/17,EPF/0016/17,EPF/0018/17,EPF/0019/17,EPF/0020/17,EPF/0021/17 and EPF/002217 – Fairbank Road and Fairbank Close appeals against 'Change of use of land from agricultural to garden' - Dismissed

5. Tree Preservation Orders

None this week

6. S106 Agreements

None this week

7. Changes to Planning Systems

None this week

PROPOSED PLANNING ENFORCEMENT ACTION

None this week

It is important to note, that when enforcement action has been authorised, this includes any subsequent action under Part VII of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, including a prosecution or an injunction.

Principal Planning Enforcement Officer	Jerry Godden	01992 564498
Senior Enforcement Officer	Clare Munday	01992 564114
Planning Enforcement Officers	Sharon Hart	01992 564530
	David Thompson	01992 564108
	James Gordon	01992 564530
	Zara Seelig	01992 564379

PART C - 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.

Agenda Item 2

REGISTER OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

I,.....
(please insert full name)

as a Member or co-opted member of the

..... Council,

give notice to the Monitoring Officer of the Epping Forest District Council of the following disclosable pecuniary interests, as required by Section 30 of the Localism Act 2011, and other interests, as required by the Council's code of conduct.

1. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

* **Note:** In the notice below my spouse or partner means anyone who meets the definition in the Localism Act, i.e. my spouse or civil partner, or a person with whom I am living as husband or wife or a person with whom I am living as if we are civil partners, and I am aware that that person has the interest.

Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation
Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain, including any person who employs or who has appointed you or your spouse/partner

Myself	My spouse or partner*

Sponsorship
Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the Council named above) made or provided within the period of 12 months ending today in respect of any expenses incurred by me in carrying out duties as a member, or towards my election expenses.
This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

Myself	My spouse or partner*

Contracts

Any contract which is made between

- me or my spouse or partner*, or
- a firm in which either of us is a partner, or
- a body corporate of which either of us is a director, or
- a body in the securities of which either of us has a beneficial interest)

and the Council named above—

- (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
 (b) which has not been fully discharged.

Myself	My spouse or partner*

Land

Any beneficial interest¹ in land which is within the area of the Council named above.

Myself	My spouse or partner*
Address of land:	Address of land:

Licences

Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the Council named above for a month or longer.

Myself	My spouse or partner*

¹ Beneficial interest could include land or property which you own, or have a right to occupy (e.g. a tenancy) or receive an income from. This may include your home.

Corporate tenancies

Any tenancy where (to my knowledge)—

(a) the landlord is the Council named above; and

(b) the tenant is a body in which I or my spouse or partner* has a beneficial interest.

Myself	My spouse or partner*

Securities²

Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where—

(a) that body (to my knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the Council named above; and

(b) either—

(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or

(ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which I or my spouse or partner* has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

Myself	My spouse or partner*

² “securities” means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

2. Other Interests

Non Pecuniary Interests

I am a member of, or I am in a position of general control or management in

- (a) any body to which I have been appointed or nominated by the Council:
- (b) any body exercising functions of a public nature (e.g. school governing body or another council):
- (c) any body directed to charitable purposes
- (d) any body one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union):

Gifts and hospitality

The interests of any person from whom I have received (in my capacity as a member/co-opted member) a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £50.

- (a) Date of receipt
- (b) Details of gift
- (c) Gift Donated by
- (d) Estimated value of gift
- (e) Declaration that gift was accepted or refused

Signed.....

Date.....



Part of the drive for setting up this e-newsletter is to improve everyone's understanding of parking management and encourage innovation in its delivery. This is the first quarterly North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) E-brief, a newsletter which we hope you will find useful and interesting.

Thank you for taking an interest in the important work we do for north Essex on behalf of Braintree, Colchester, Epping Forest, Harlow, Tendring and Uttlesford Councils. We believe that by working together we can achieve a positive step change in public attitudes about parking.

If I, or a member of my team can assist you, please get in touch via parking@colchester.gov.uk for any urgent matters please call 01206 282316. One of the easiest ways to get regular updates from us is by following our social media accounts: Twitter [@nepp_parking](https://twitter.com/nepp_parking) or LinkedIn [North Essex Parking Partnership](#)

Richard Walker

Parking Partnership Group Manager

Enforcement of Footway and Obstructive Parking

Our Joint Committee is discussing options to enable our Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) to enforce footway and obstructive parking in north Essex, something only the Police can do at the moment.

Our Chair of On-Street Parking, Cllr Mitchell, has approached the Fire, Police and Crime Commissioner and we are developing a policy to accompany any future sharing of powers.

This items will be on the agenda at our next Joint Committee Meeting on 21 June 2018 in Colchester. You can find the minutes of the last meeting, held on 22 March [here](#)



3PR – Schools Parking Project



At the last Joint Committee Meeting we welcomed a presentation from South Essex Parking Partnership (SEPP) on its [schools education project – 3PR](#).

The evaluation of seven pilot schools is very positive and NEPP Committee Members are supportive of rolling the package out to schools in north Essex. A report will be presented at the next Joint Committee Meeting on 21 June to set out how NEPP aims to deliver this and targets for the first year.

Permit and Bay Pay to Park Prices

Our Joint Committee approved charges to residential on-street parking permit prices for the next two financial years, taking us to 2020. This is to ensure any inflationary or increased costs of patrolling and maintaining the schemes are covered in the Agreement.

Pay to Park (on-street parking) prices were also agreed. Parking charges will be set to be slightly higher than the nearest car park (for example if the nearest car park were 90p, Pay to Park would be £1). This will encourage motorists to use local car parks.

You can find the minutes of the last meeting, held on 22 March [here](#).



Award Nominations



We're thrilled to say we've been shortlisted for the 'Best Use of Social Media for Business' category at the Essex Digital Awards 2018. The winners will be announced on 3 May in Chelmsford.

We were also pleased to be shortlisted for the 'Communications Award' at the national British parking Awards 2018. We did not win, but were commended for our positive work on social media to change the perception of parking and education on parking restrictions.

Positive Parking Agenda

We strongly support the 'Positive Parking Agenda' (PPA), a national initiative started by local authorities and supported by the British Parking Association, which aims to build public confidence by changing perceptions, as well as challenging misconceptions, within the parking sector.



Part of the drive for setting up this e-newsletter is to improve everyone's understanding of parking management and encourage innovation in its delivery. We believe that by working together we can achieve a positive step change in public attitudes about parking. Find out more about this ground-breaking initiative [here](#)

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Friday 18th May

To Local Authority Chief Executives

DAME JUDITH HACKITT'S FINAL REPORT

Dear Colleague,

It is almost one year since the Grenfell Tower tragedy. 71 people died in the greatest loss of life in a fire in a century. A 72nd resident from the tower passed away earlier this year. The Government's immediate priority was to support those affected, and the Government is determined to ensure that they continue to receive the support they need and deserve. The Government is also determined to learn from this terrible tragedy so nothing like this can ever happen again.

It is with this in mind that Dame Judith Hackitt was asked to undertake her review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety, which was published yesterday. I am writing to update you on the Government's response to this publication and the related announcements made this week.

Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety

The Hackitt review has shown that in too many cases people who should be accountable for fire safety have failed in their duties. In future, the Government will ensure that those responsible for a building must demonstrate they have taken decisive action to reduce building safety risks and will be held to account.

The Government agrees that the system should be overseen by a more effective regulatory framework, including stronger powers to inspect high-rise buildings and sanctions to tackle irresponsible behaviour.

Finally – given the concerns raised following the Grenfell tragedy – the Government agrees that residents must be empowered with relevant information. They must be able to act to make their homes safer. The Government committed yesterday to bring forward legislation that delivers meaningful and lasting change, and ensures residents have a much stronger voice in an improved system of fire safety.

In the meantime, the Department is consulting on significantly restricting or banning the use of “desktop studies” to assess cladding systems. Inappropriate use of desktop studies is unacceptable and the Secretary of State will not hesitate to ban them if the consultation – which closes on 25 May – does not demonstrate that they can be used safely. The Department is also working with industry to clarify Building Regulations fire safety guidance, and will publish this for consultation in July.

The cladding believed to be on Grenfell Tower was unlawful under existing building regulations, and should not have been used. The Secretary of State will ensure that there is no room for doubt over what materials can be used safely in cladding of high rise residential buildings. Having listened carefully to the arguments for banning combustible materials in cladding systems on high-rise residential buildings, the Government is minded to agree and will consult accordingly, as we are legally required to do so by the Building Act (1984).

A copy of Dame Judith Hackitt’s report can be found at www.gov.uk/government/publications/independent-review-of-building-regulations-and-fire-safety-final-report

Remediation of ACM Clad Buildings

As social sector landlords, we know that you, along with housing associations, are getting on with the job of making your buildings safe. Interim measures are in place across all affected buildings in the social sector and work has already started on two thirds of these. The Government recognises that the expense involved means that you are having to make decisions about how to prioritise important services, repairs and maintenance work and new supply.

On Tuesday, the Prime Minister announced that the Government will fully fund the removal and replacement of dangerous cladding on buildings owned by councils and housing associations, with costs estimated at £400 million. The Government will also continue to offer financial flexibilities for local authorities who need to undertake essential fire safety work. The Government will allocate this funding as soon as possible. More details will be announced shortly about how councils and Housing Associations can apply for funding, including conditions attached to the grant.

In the private sector, the Government is clear that building owners and developers should take responsibility for remediating unsafe cladding and not pass costs on to leaseholders. Within the next week the Secretary of State will be calling in representatives from industry and leaseholders to reiterate this and establish how the industry can make sure residents are safe and feel safe in their homes. Government is keeping this under review.

The Government will also give local authorities further levers to speed up identification and ensure remediation of unsafe cladding in the private sector. The Secretary of State yesterday issued a direction to all Local Housing Authorities to pay particular regard to cladding-related issues when reviewing housing in their areas. The Direction letter is available here

assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/707813/Direction_to_local_authority_chief_executives_17_May_2018.pdf.

Fire Doors

You will be aware that a door recovered from Grenfell Tower marketed as meeting a 30 minute fire resistance standard, failed the test after approximately 15 minutes. The Government has been undertaking an investigation into flat entrance 30 minute fire doors supplied by Manse Masterdor, a company that ceased trading in 2014.

The Government sought advice from the independent Expert Panel on Building Safety and yesterday laid a written statement informing Parliament that the Expert Panel has sufficient evidence to conclude that flat entrance doors supplied by Manse Masterdor do not consistently meet the 30 minute fire resistance standard they were marketed as providing.

The Secretary of State has asked his officials to continue with their investigations into the wider fire door market, and that fire doors from other door suppliers are tested. The Department has written to affected customers of Manse Masterdor.

The Expert Panel advises that all doors should be assessed regularly to make sure they are likely to meet minimum standards, and an advice note from the Expert Panel on assurance and replacing of flat entrance fire doors can be accessed using the following link www.gov.uk/government/publications/advice-for-building-owners-on-assurance-and-replacing-of-flat-entrance-fire-doors.

The Department will continue investigations into the wider fire door market, and will test fire doors from other door suppliers.

I know that your top priority on receiving this letter will be considering what needs to be done to ensure that residents are safe and feel safe in their homes. As the Government takes forward Dame Judith's recommendations, I look forward to hearing your views and working with you to build a system of regulation that puts people and their safety first, and which rebuilds public trust.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jo Farrar', written in a cursive style.

DR JO FARRAR

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