



**Epping Forest
District Council**

THE KEY DECISION LIST

INCLUDING PROPOSED PRIVATE DECISIONS

(1 September – 31 December 2023)

The Key Decision List including Proposed Private Decisions

There is a legal requirement for local authorities to publish a notice in respect of each Key Decision that it proposes to make, at least 28 days before that decision is made. There is also a similar requirement to advertise those decisions, whether they are Key Decisions or not, which it is proposed to be made in private with the public and press excluded from the meeting. This Key Decision List, including those decisions proposed to be made in private, constitute that notice. Copies of the Key Decision List are available for inspection at the Council's Civic Offices, as well as on the Council's website in the 'Your Council' section.

Any background paper listed can be obtained by contacting the relevant Officer in the first instance, or failing that the Democratic Services Officer listed below.

Key Decisions

The Council's Constitution defines key decisions as:

- (i) Any decision within budget and policy that involves expenditure/savings of £250,000 or more in the current municipal year;
- (ii) Any decision not within budget and policy that involves expenditure/savings of £100,000 or more in the current municipal year;
- (iii) Any decision that raises new issues of policy;
- (iv) Any decision that increases the Council's financial commitments in future years, over and above existing budgetary approval;
- (v) Any decision that involves the publication of draft or final schemes, which may require either directly, or in relation to objections to, the approval of a Government minister;
- (vi) Any decision that involves the passage of local legislation; and
- (vii) Any decision that affects two or more wards, and has a discernible effect on the quality or quantity of services provided to people living or working in that area.

Borrowing or lending decisions undertaken under delegated authority by the Chief Financial Officer are not defined as a key decision.

The Council has also agreed the following additional requirements in relation to key decisions:

- (a) Key decisions cannot be made by officers;
- (b) Key decisions not within budget and policy can only be made by the Council;

- (c) Key decisions within budget and policy but involving expenditure/savings in excess of £1million can only be made by the Cabinet and/or Council;
- (d) Key decisions within budget and policy but involving expenditure/savings between £250,000 and £1million can be made by the relevant Portfolio Holder;
- (e) Portfolio Holders can only make key decisions affecting their wards if the decision is based upon a recommendation by a Service Director or as one of a range of options recommended by a Service Director.

Private Decisions

Any decisions that are proposed to be taken in private will be reported as such. The paragraph number quoted relates to Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, and their definitions are as follows:

- (1) Information relating to any individual.
- (2) Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
- (3) Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
- (4) Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
- (5) Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
- (6) Information which reveals that the authority proposes:
 - (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
- (7) Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

Corporate Aims & Key Objectives 2023/24

Stronger Communities

- (1) People live longer, healthier and independent lives:
 - (a) supporting healthy lifestyles; and
 - (b) promoting independence for older people and people with disabilities;
- (2) Adults and Children are supported in times of need:
 - (a) safeguarding and supporting people in vulnerable situations; and
- (3) People and Communities achieve their potential:
 - (a) enabling Communities to support themselves;
 - (b) Providing culture and leisure opportunities; and
 - (c) Keeping the District safe.

Stronger Place

- (1) Delivering effective core services that people want:
 - (a) Keeping the District clean and green; and
 - (b) Improving the District housing offer;
- (2) A District with planned development:
 - (a) Planning development opportunities; and
 - (b) Ensuring infrastructure supports growth; and

- (3) An environment where new and existing businesses thrive:
 - (a) Supporting business enterprise and attracting investment;
 - (b) People develop skills to maximise their employment potential; and
 - (c) Promoting retail, tourism and the visitor economy.

Stronger Council

- (1) Customer satisfaction:
 - (a) Engaging with the changing needs of our customers;
- (2) Democratic engagement:
 - (a) Robust local democracy and governance;
- (3) A culture of innovation:
 - (a) Enhancing skills and flexibility of our workforce; and
 - (b) Improving performance through innovation and new technology; and
- (4) Financial independence with low Council Tax:
 - (a) Efficient use of our financial resources, buildings and assets; and
 - (b) Working with commercial partners to add value for our customers.

Cabinet Membership 2023/24

Chris Whitbread	Leader of the Council
Nigel Bedford	Place
John Philip	Finance and Economic Development
Holly Whitbread	Housing and Strategic Health Partnerships
Smruti Patel	Community Health and Wellbeing
Ray Balcombe	Contracts, Service Delivery and Improvements
Ken Williamson	Regulatory Services
Sam Kane	Customer and Corporate Support Services

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WORK PROGRAMME - 1 SEPTEMBER 2023 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023**PORTFOLIO - LEADER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:
CLLR C WHITBREAD**

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	KEY DECISION	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	PRIVATE DECISION	REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS	BACKGROUND PAPERS
Risk Management - Corporate Risk Register	To consider the corporate risk register and approve the Risk Management Strategy and Policy.	Yes	9 October 2023	Cabinet		Andrew Small asmall@eppingforestdc.gov.uk	
Interim Polling Districts as a result of the Boundary Review		Yes	24 October 2023 19 December 2023	Overview and Scrutiny Committee Council		Paula Maginnis pmaginnis@eppingforestdc.gov.uk	

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CLLR N BEDFORD**

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	KEY DECISION	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	PRIVATE DECISION	REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS	BACKGROUND PAPERS
Approval for consultation of Latton Priory Design Code	Approval of the document for public consultation.	Yes	18 September 2023	Cabinet		Nigel Richardson nrichardson@eppingfore stdc.gov.uk	
HGGT Governance / Joint Committee	Update on and approval of HGGT Joint Committee delegations Framework and other relevant decisions.	Yes	13 November 2023	Cabinet		Ione Braddick, Nigel Richardson 01992 56 4110,	See Cabinet report HGGT Stage 1 Governance report - Feb. 2022 - C-042-2021-22

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**PORTFOLIO - FINANCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
PORTFOLIO HOLDER: CLLR J PHILIP**

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	KEY DECISION	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	PRIVATE DECISION	REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS	BACKGROUND PAPERS
Financial Planning Framework (2024/25 to 28/29)	Financial and governance framework for updating the Council's Medium-Term Financial Plan and preparing the 2024/25 Budget.	Yes	18 September 2023	Cabinet		Christopher Hartgrove chartgrove@eppingforestdc.gov.uk	
Quarter 1 Budget Monitoring Report 2023/24	To review Q1.	Yes	18 September 2023	Cabinet		Christopher Hartgrove chartgrove@eppingforestdc.gov.uk	
Qualis Monitoring - Ongoing Quarterly	Financial reporting plan update – to review Q3.	Yes	18 September 2023	Cabinet		Andrew Small asmall@eppingforestdc.gov.uk	
Local Council Tax Support Scheme	To make changes to the Council's Local Council Tax Support Scheme.	Yes	24 October 2023 13 November 2023	Overview and Scrutiny Committee Cabinet		Rob Pavey rpavey@eppingforestdc.gov.uk	
North Weald Master Plan	Result of pre-work.	Yes	Not before 31st October 2023	Cabinet		Andrew Small asmall@eppingforestdc.gov.uk	

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Landlord Compliance Policies	These compliance policies – the Electrical Safety Policy, Fire Safety Policy, Gas and Heating Policy, Lift Safety Policy and Water Hygiene Policy – are a regulatory requirement and form part of the Council's wider organisational commitment to driving a health and safety culture amongst staff and contractors.	Yes	26 September 2023 9 October 2023	Communities Scrutiny Committee Cabinet		Surjit Balu sbalu@eppingforestdc.gov.uk	
Home Ownership Policy		Yes	4 December 2023	Cabinet		Surjit Balu sbalu@eppingforestdc.gov.uk	
Older Persons Strategy		Yes	4 December 2023	Cabinet		Surjit Balu sbalu@eppingforestdc.gov.uk	
Asset Management Strategy		Yes	4 December 2023	Cabinet		Surjit Balu sbalu@eppingforestdc.gov.uk	
St. Johns Development	Approval to progress to build subject to planning.	Yes	TBC	Cabinet		sbalu@eppingforestdc.gov.uk	

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**PORTFOLIO - COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLBEING
PORTFOLIO HOLDER: CLLR S PATEL**

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Epping Forest District Museum		Yes	18 September 2023	Cabinet		Gill Wallis gwallis@eppingforestdc.gov.uk	

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**PORTFOLIO - CONTRACTS, SERVICE DELIVERY & IMPROVEMENT PORTFOLIO HOLDER:
CLLR R BALCOMBE**

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	KEY DECISION	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	PRIVATE DECISION	REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS	BACKGROUND PAPERS
Award of Off-Street Parking Enforcement Contract	To award the off-street parking enforcement contract.	Yes	13 November 2023	Cabinet		James Warwick jwarwick@eppingforestdc.gov.uk	
Procurement of Waste Fleet Vehicles	To approve the procurement of the specified waste fleet vehicles.	Yes	13 November 2023	Cabinet		James Warwick jwarwick@eppingforestdc.gov.uk	

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Grounds Maintenance Update	Update on the Grounds Maintenance service post transfer.	Yes	9 October 2023	Cabinet		Mandy Thompson mthompson@eppingforestdc.gov.uk	
Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) - Dog Control	Renewal of powers to enforce dog control measures.	Yes	19 September 2023 9 October 2023	Place Scrutiny Committee Cabinet		Mandy Thompson mthompson@eppingforestdc.gov.uk	
Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) - Debden Broadway	To respond to issues of ASB.	Yes	9 October 2023	Cabinet		Mandy Thompson mthompson@eppingforestdc.gov.uk	
Contaminated Land Strategy	Policy Document.	Yes	4 December 2023	Cabinet		Mandy Thompson mthompson@eppingforestdc.gov.uk	
Taxi Tariff Consultation	Review of the charges that apply to passengers, taxis, and Hackney Carriages.	Yes	9 October 2023	Cabinet		Mandy Thompson mthompson@eppingforestdc.gov.uk; dking@eppingforestdc.gov.uk	

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Customer/Digital Strategy		Yes	Not before 31st October 2023	Cabinet		Rob Pavey rpavey@eppingforestdc.gov.uk	
Financial IT System	To replace the current financial and procurement system with one consolidated Cloud based IT system.	Yes	TBC	Customer and Corporate Support Services Portfolio Holder		Christopher Hartgrove chartgrove@eppingforestdc.gov.uk	