



Epping Forest & Commons Committee

Date: THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2023

Time: 11.00 am

Venue: COMMITTEE ROOM - 2ND FLOOR WEST WING, GUILDHALL

Members:

Benjamin Murphy (Chairman)	Alderman Nicholas Lyons
Caroline Haines (Deputy Chairman)	Andrew McMurtrie (Ex-Officio Member)
George Abrahams	Deputy Philip Woodhouse
Jaspreet Hodgson	Verderer Michael Chapman DL
Alderman Vincent Keaveny, CBE	Verderer William Kennedy
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Ian Thomas CBE
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

AGENDA

NB: Certain items presented for information have been marked * and will be taken without discussion, unless the Committee Clerk has been informed that a Member has questions or comments prior to the start of the meeting.

Part 1 - Public Agenda

1. **APOLOGIES**

2. **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

3. **MINUTES**

To agree the public and non-public summary of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 September 2023.

For Decision
(Pages 7 - 14)

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

- a) Action Log (Pages 15 - 22)
Report of the Town Clerk.

Natural Environment

5. **EPPING FOREST & COMMONS COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Report of the Town Clerk.

For Decision
(Pages 23 - 26)

6. ***BUSINESS PLAN 2023/24 – PROGRESS REPORT (MID-YEAR, APRIL-SEPTEMBER 2023)**

Report of the Interim Executive Director, Environment.

For Information
(Pages 27 - 32)

7. ***OPERATIONAL FINANCE PROGRESS REPORT (PERIOD 6 APRIL - SEPTEMBER) 2023/24 – EPPING FOREST AND COMMONS**

Report of the Chamberlain.

For Information
(Pages 33 - 62)

8. **DEPARTMENTAL AND SERVICE COMMITTEE BUDGET ESTIMATES 2024/25**

Joint Report of the Chamberlain & Executive Director, Environment.

For Decision
(Pages 63 - 76)

9. **A104 ROAD SAFETY SCHEME (SEF 29/23)**

Report of the Interim Executive Director, Environment.

For Decision
(Pages 77 - 100)

10. **NATURAL FLOOD MANAGEMENT AT YARDLEY LANE, EPPING FOREST**

Report of the Interim Executive Director, Environment.

For Decision
(Pages 101 - 112)

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11. ***ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S UPDATE AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2023 (SEF 27/23)**

Report of the Interim Executive Director, Environment.

For Information
(Pages 113 - 120)

12. **REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR EPPING FOREST CONSULTATIVE GROUP (SEF 23/23)**

Report of the Interim Executive Director, Environment.

For Decision
(Pages 121 - 134)

13. **PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF DEER 'EXCLOSURE' PLOTS (SEF 18/23)**

Report of the Interim Executive Director, Environment.

For Decision
(Pages 135 - 140)

14. ***EPPING FOREST WILDFIRE PLAN REVIEW 2022 - 2023 (SEF 28/23)**

Report of the Executive Director, Environment.

For Information
(Pages 141 - 154)

15. ***SENIOR OFFICER RECRUITMENT**

Report of the Interim Executive Director, Environment.

For Information
(Pages 155 - 156)

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16. ***ASSISTANT DIRECTORS UPDATE AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2023**

Report of the Interim Executive Director, Environment.

For Information
(Pages 157 - 168)

17. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

18. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

Part 2 - Non-Public Agenda

19. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

MOTION: The following matters relate to business under the remit of the Court of Common Council acting for the City Corporation as charity Trustee, to which Part VA and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 public access to meetings provisions do not apply. The following items contain sensitive information which it is not in the best interests of the charity to consider in a public meeting (engaging similar considerations as under paragraphs 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act) and will be considered in non-public session.

For Decision

20. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

To agree the non-public minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 September 2023.

For Decision
(Pages 169 - 170)

21. **MATTERS ARISING**

- a) Action Log (Pages 171 - 172)
Report of the Town Clerk.

22. ***REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN**

Report of the Town Clerk.

For Information
(Pages 173 - 174)

23. **RENEWABLE ENERGY STORAGE FACILITY (SEF 24/23)**

Report of the Interim Executive Director, Environment.

For Decision
(Pages 175 - 212)

24. ***LAND ACQUISITIONS (SEF 26/23)**

Report of the Interim Executive Director, Environment.

For Information
(Pages 213 - 236)

25. **NON PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

26. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**