



## Epping Forest & Commons Committee

**Date:** THURSDAY, 17 JULY 2025  
**Time:** 10.00 am  
**Venue:** COMMITTEE ROOMS - 2ND FLOOR WEST WING, GUILDHALL

**Members:**

Deputy Caroline Haines (Chair)	Alderman Sir Nicholas Lyons
Deputy Benjamin Murphy (Deputy Chairman)	David Sales
George Abrahams	James St John Davis (Ex-Officio Member)
Elizabeth Corrin	Philip Woodhouse
Deputy Jaspreet Hodgson	Verderer Michael Chapman DL
Alderman Vincent Keaveny, CBE	Verderer William Kennedy
Gregory Lawrence	Verderer Paul Morris
Charles Edward Lord, OBE JP (Ex-Officio Member)	Verderer Nicholas Munday

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**Ian Thomas CBE**  
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

# **AGENDA**

NB: Certain matters for information have been marked \* Members are encouraged to submit any questions on these items to the Committee Clerk or the Chair prior to the start of the meeting. Subject to the complexity and length of the agenda, the Chair would like members to be aware that if they do not submit questions in advance they may not be taken due to time constraints. These information items have been collated in a supplementary agenda pack and circulated separately.

## **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 minutes and non-public summary of the previous meeting held on Thursday 29 May 2025.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 7 - 24)

### **4. APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES AND GROUPS**

Committee to consider the appointment of a Member to serve as an observer on the Natural Environment Board.

**For Decision**

### **5. EPPING FOREST AND THE COMMONS GOVERNANCE PROPOSALS**

Report of the Executive Director, Environment.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 25 - 30)

### **6. \*NATURAL ENVIRONMENT CHARITY REVIEW – UPDATE ON FUNDRAISING WORKSTREAMS**

Report of the Chamberlain and Executive Director, Environment.

**For Information**

## **Burnham Beeches & The Commons**

7. **\*ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (SUPERINTENDENT) BURNHAM BEECHES AND THE COMMONS UPDATE (APRIL - JUNE 2025)**  
Report of the Executive Director, Environment.  
**For Information**
8. **VETERAN TREE CONFERENCE UPDATE**  
Committee to receive verbal update from Officers of the Environment Department.  
**For Information**
9. **\*RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE (BURNHAM BEECHES AND THE COMMONS)**  
Report of the Executive Director, Environment.  
**For Information**
10. **\*NATURAL ENVIRONMENT CHARITY REVIEW - ASSETS UPDATE FOR THE ASHTEAD COMMON CHARITY**  
Report of the Director, Natural Environment.  
**For Information**
11. **\*NATURAL ENVIRONMENT CHARITY REVIEW - ASSETS UPDATE FOR BURNHAM BEECHES AND STOKE COMMON CHARITY**  
Report of the Director, Natural Environment.  
**For Information**
12. **\*NATURAL ENVIRONMENT CHARITY REVIEW - ASSETS UPDATE FOR THE COULSDON AND OTHER COMMONS CHARITY**  
Report of the Director, Natural Environment.  
**For Information**
13. **\*NATURAL ENVIRONMENT CHARITY REVIEW - CHARITY ASSETS UPDATE FOR THE WEST WICKHAM COMMON AND SPRING PARK WOOD CHARITY**  
Report of Director, Natural Environment.  
**For Information**

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14. **\*ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SUPERINTENDENT'S EPPING FOREST UPDATE (MAY - JUNE 2025)**  
Report of the Executive Director, Environment.  
**For Information**
15. **\*RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE (EPPING FOREST)**  
Report of the Executive Director, Environment.  
**For Information**
16. **MOTORGATE WAYLEAVE FEE INCREASE 2025**  
Report of the Executive Director, Environment.  
**For Decision**  
(Pages 31 - 38)
17. **PURCHASING OF GROUNDS MAINTENANCE MACHINERY CHINGFORD GOLF COURSE**  
Report of the Executive Director, Environment.  
**For Decision**  
(Pages 39 - 42)
18. **ROOKERY WOOD RESERVOIR REMEDIAL WORKS**  
Report of the Executive Director, Environment.  
**For Decision**  
(Pages 43 - 62)
19. **\*NATURAL ENVIRONMENT CHARITY REVIEW - CHARITY ASSETS UPDATE FOR THE EPPING FOREST CHARITY**  
Report of the Director, Natural Environment.  
**For Information**
20. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**
21. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

**22. 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**

**Part 2 - Non-Public Agenda**

**23. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

To agree the non-public minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 May 2025.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 63 - 66)

**24. \*CITY CORPORATION GOVERNANCE OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT  
CHARITIES – UPDATE ON PLANNED CHANGES**

Report of the Chamberlain and Executive Director, Environment.

**For Information**

**25. COMPLEMENTARY LAND POLICY AND ASSETS APPRAISAL**

Committee to receive verbal update from Officers of the Environment Department.

**For Information**

**Burnham Beeches & The Commons**

**26. UPDATES ON BURNHAM BEECHES & THE COMMONS**

Officers of Environment Department to provide any further updates about Burnham Beeches & The Commons.

**For Information**

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27. **EPPING FOREST DEER MANAGEMENT UPDATE FOR 2024/25 SEASON AND 2025/26 ANNUAL DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN PROPOSALS REPORT**

Report of the Executive Director, Environment.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 67 - 116)

28. **APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS BY THE RANGER**

Report of the Executive Director, Environment.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 117 - 122)

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

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