

**Minutes of the meeting of Surrey County Council's
Local Committee in Epsom and Ewell
held at 19.00 on
Monday 13 July 2009 at
Bourne Hall, Ewell**

Members Present – Surrey County Council

C Cllr Colin Taylor	[Epsom & Ewell South West]	[Chairman]
C Cllr David Wood	[Epsom & Ewell North East]	[Vice Chair]
C Cllr Chris Frost	[Epsom & Ewell South East]	
C Cllr Eber Kington	[Epsom & Ewell North]	
C Cllr Jan Mason	[Epsom & Ewell West]	

Members Present – Epsom & Ewell Borough Council

Cllr Michael Arthur	[Ewell]
Cllr Neil Dallen	[Town]
Cllr Robert Leach	[Auriol]
Cllr Anna Jones	[College]
Cllr Jean Smith	[Ewell Court]

**01/
09 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE
LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR 2009/10**

The appointment by Council of **Colin Taylor** as Chairman and **David Wood** as Vice-Chairman of the Local Committee for the current municipal year was noted

**02/
09 APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The Local Committee noted that at the Epsom & Ewell Borough Council's first meeting of this municipal year, 5 Borough Councillors and 5 substitutes were appointed to serve on the Local Committee for the municipal year 2009-2010:

Appointed Members

Cllr Michael Arthur
Cllr Neil Dallen
Cllr Anna Jones
Cllr Robert Leach
Cllr Jean Smith

Substitutes:

Cllr Pamela Bradley
Cllr Robert Foote
Cllr William Keen

Cllr Keith Mann
Cllr Alan Winkworth

03/ APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

09 There were no apologies for absence.

04/ MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

09 Minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2009 were agreed.

05/ DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

09 There were two declarations of interest. Cllrs Colin Taylor and Chris Frost declared an interest in the Lower Mole Countryside Project. [Item 17].

06/ WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

09 Written public questions were received from 4 members of the public and the questions and responses are set out in Annexe A.

07/ MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME

09 Questions were received from 3 Members, and the questions and responses are set out in Annexe B.

08/ ADJOURNMENT

09 Several members of the public attended, and 14 informal questions were put to the meeting with responses from Officers present or agreement to provide a written response. Annexe C

09/ PETITIONS

09 There were no petitions received for this meeting

10/ EPSOM STATION APPROACH – PUFFIN CROSSING

09 It was **RESOLVED** that the Local Committee gave authority to advertise the provision of a puffin crossing in Station Approach outside Epsom Station.

11/ EPSOM TOWN CENTRE PROPOSED TAXI RANKS

09 It was **RESOLVED** that the Local Committee.

i] noted the officers' reservations regarding the possibility of abuse of the proposed taxi ranks by drivers wishing to park;

- ii] noted the potential benefits for late night trade with the town centre
- iii] approved the proposals on the grounds it will help ease demand for taxi parking within the town centre and have no perceived negative impact on traffic movements or safety on the highway
- iv] proposed that this scheme be reviewed in one year's time.

12/09 INTEGRATED TRANSPORT PROGRAMME [ITP] FOR 2009/2010 2013-2014

The Chairman proposed sending a Resolution to the Cabinet to note the concerns of the Local Committee on the overspend. A vote was taken [7 for and 3 against].

It was RESOLVED that the Local Committee send the following Resolution to the Cabinet:

The Epsom & Ewell Local Committee notes with concern the significant overspend on Highways works in 2008/2009. This appears to be due to having separate processes for estimating costs in advance and determining amounts chargeable after the work is complete. It understands that there are negotiations aimed at changing the system to one in which officers would be given fixed lump sum prices before the work is done. Whilst welcoming any improvement, it urges the Cabinet to ensure that any future process includes provision for comparing the rates charged to Surrey County Council with those currently being paid for similar work by neighbouring authorities.

It was RESOLVED that the Epsom & Ewell Local Committee

- i) noted the financial outturn for the previous financial year for Integrated Transport schemes (2008/09).
- ii) approved the programme of Integrated Transport schemes for Epsom and Ewell for progression in 2009/10, and in outline for 2010/2011 - 2013/14 funded by Local Transport Plan and Local Allocation budgets as set out within the report.
- iii) approved the Local Allocation of £100,000 for integrated transport schemes, as detailed within the report.
- iv] approved expenditure of £100,000 revenue funding in accordance with the details provided.

13/09 CAPITAL AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS PROGRESS REPORT
It was RESOLVED that this report be noted

14/ COMMUNITY SAFETY.

09 It was agreed that a correction to the report be noted under [1] Introduction and Background, 1.3, line 3 'strategy group' – should read 'Community Safety Group.'

It was RESOLVED that the Committee agreed:

- i] . The budget of £14,500 devolved to the Local Committee for community safety be transferred to the Epsom & Ewell Community Safety Group [CSG] to be spent to further the work of the Group, with £12,000 of this funding specifically reserved to fund work to reduce the incidence of domestic abuse locally.
- ii] Nominate the Local Committee Chair's representation on the Local Strategic Partnership [LSP] and CDRP for the current municipal year. The Vice Chairman of the Local Committee to deputise in his absence.
- iii] A report to the Local Committee will be presented at a future meeting to agree County Councillor representation on the LSP and CDRP Task Groups [health & well being, children & young people, business partnership, environment forum and education & lifelong learning], once the current review of partnership is completed and the new structure agreed.

15/ LOCAL PROTOCOLS FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

09 It was RESOLVED that the Epsom & Ewell Local Committee agreed the proposed local protocols set out in Annexe A to deal with public questions, and petitions to the Local Committee between 2009-2013, with the following amendments. [revised item 15 Annexe A attached].

- i] Public Speaking at Meetings: - addition to para 1
However, the Local Committee in Epsom & Ewell wishes to provide opportunities, where appropriate, for the public to express their views by asking written questions and attending the meeting to ask Informal Public Questions. The public is not allowed to engage in debate.
- ii] Public Questions
After the adjournment for Informal Questions, a member of the public can ask one question. After all who wish to have asked a question, at the Chairman's discretion, they can ask a further question, if there is sufficient time. The time available to ask Informal Public Questions is usually limited to thirty [30] minutes.

16/ MEMBERS ALLOCATIONS ANNUAL REPORT

09 It was RESOLVED that the Epsom & Ewell Local Committee noted the report.

17/ MEMBERS ALLOCATIONS

09 The Epsom & Ewell Local Committee agreed:

- i] To agree to adopt the criteria for the use of Member's Funds as set out in Appendix 1.
- ii] To agree to adopt a process, as set out in Appendix 1 (para. 2), for agreeing small funding allocations (up to £1,000) outside of formal committee meetings, with approval delegated to the Area Director in consultation with members.
- lii] To approve the proposed expenditure from the Members' Allocations budget., for the Epsom Mental Health Week – Cracking up, Cllrs Colin Taylor and Chris Frost - £1000 [£500 each].

It was RESOLVED that the Local Committee agreed the expenditure from the Members Allocations budget,

The proposal against the Capital Grant for the Lower Mole Countryside Trust – Land Rover appeal is to be deferred to the next meeting of the Local Committee.

18/ FORWARD PROGRAMME [item 15]

09 It was RESOLVED that the Local Committee noted the report.

The date of the December Local Committee meeting is now changed to Thursday 17 December 2009 venue to be arranged

19/ DATE OF NEXT MEETING

09 The Committee noted the date of the next meeting on Monday 14 September 2009, 7.00pm, School Hall, Epsom & Ewell High School, Ruxley Lane, Ewell. . .

Meeting Ended: 10.35