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Council Council constitution Finances

### **Epsom and Ewell Council transparency row erupts as council backs publication of urgent decisions**



17 March 2026

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council has agreed to improve transparency over so-called “urgent decisions” following a heated debate that revisited the controversy surrounding the Rainbow Centre and allegations of secrecy ... [Read More](#)

Council Council constitution

### **Epsom and Ewell Council put in proportion**



17 March 2026

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council has approved changes to the political balance of its committees following further shifts in councillor allegiances, amid continuing tensions within the ruling Residents’ Association group. ... [Read More](#)

Council Finances

### **Epsom’s empty and second homes face local tax increases**



17 March 2026

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council has approved a 2.98% increase in its share of Council Tax for 2026/27, alongside new measures to penalise empty properties and second homes, but not ... [Read More](#)

Business Council

### **Surrey-wide plan aims to get thousands back into work**



17 March 2026

A cross-county plan to bring thousands of people back into employment in Surrey has received backing from Surrey County Council and government ministers. The Get Surrey Working Plan brings together ... [Read More](#)

Environment News

## Ash dieback keeps Thames island closed



17 March 2026

The Environment Agency has warned against any planned protests over the closure of a Surrey riverside island and announced a public engagement event to update residents on safety work there. ... [Read More](#)

Business Council

## Support programme launched to help Surrey's high streets



17 March 2026

Dedicated support for high street businesses across Surrey to attract new customers, boost sales and drive growth is now available as part of wider efforts to strengthen and futureproof town ... [Read More](#)

Football Sports

## Epsom and Ewell FC's first home game of 2026 drawn



16 March 2026

Epsom & Ewell FC 0 v Camberley Town FC 0 14th March, Chalky Lane, Chessington Combined Counties Premier League  
We finally saw our first home game of 2026 at Chalky ... [Read More](#)

Community Education Health

## The big child smartphone use debate starts in Surrey



16 March 2026

Parents are facing "no bigger issue" than the impact of smartphones and social media on their children, says Godalming and Ash MP Jeremy Hunt. The former chancellor told a public ... [Read More](#)

Community Council

## Karl Nicholas honoured with Active Citizen Award at Borough Civic Reception



14 March 2026

A long-serving community volunteer whose work spans youth organisations, music, policing and education has been honoured with Epsom & Ewell Borough Council's Active Citizen Award at the Mayor's Annual Civic ... [Read More](#)

Council Council constitution News

## Sun sets on Residents' Associations' cherished Parishes for Epsom and Ewell



13 March 2026

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council has formally abandoned plans to create parish-style community councils after a public consultation produced overwhelming opposition, bringing to an end a controversial review that has ... [Read More](#)

Arts Culture

## Epsom resident launches UK Choir of the Year



13 March 2026

A Worcester Park resident and former Epsom College music scholar is behind a new national competition celebrating Britain's thriving amateur choral scene. Lucy Mitchell, founder of UK Choir of the ... [Read More](#)

Council Education

## Hope courted in new Surrey school for extra needs



13 March 2026

The official opening of Hopescourt School in Walton-on-Thames marks a new chapter for children with additional needs in Surrey. The Lord Lieutenant of Surrey joined pupils, staff, Bourne Education Trust, ... [Read More](#)

Arts Business Planning

## Three beers for Dorking



13 March 2026

Beer fans will be pumped to know that Dorking Halls will be able to offer customers a greater variety of booze after planning permission was secured to convert storage units ... [Read More](#)

Community Council Health

## Some Surrey care services at a crossroads?



13 March 2026

A Surrey charity has warned that unpaid carers could be pushed “beyond breaking point” after Surrey County Council ended contracts for two carer support services. Crossroads Care Surrey said the ... [Read More](#)

Community Council Health

## Green light for MRI scanner at Leatherhead Leisure Centre



12 March 2026

Surrey will get a new MRI machine at Leatherhead Leisure Centre after councillors were “all in favour” of building the musculoskeletal scanner. The new machine will be housed in a ... [Read More](#)

Council Planning

## Epsom and Ewell Local Plan tensions surface as committee debate curtailed by chair



12 March 2026

A meeting of Epsom and Ewell Borough Council’s Licensing and Planning Policy Committee (LPPC) on 10th March exposed growing tensions over the borough’s Local Plan after councillors attempted to debate ... [Read More](#)