



Local Audit meet: unexpectedly interesting...

When is a question not a question? This issue was the subject of heated discussion at the 2nd February meeting of the **Epsom and Ewell Borough Council's** Audit and Scrutiny Committee. Former Stamford Ward councillor **Previn Jagutpal**, who resigned his seat in December, used the council's procedures to ask a question at the start of the meeting: "When an outside agency such as ... the Local Government Ombudsman [LGO] makes a determination about the functioning of this council, what is the process for the Chair of Scrutiny ... to be informed?"

The chair, Cllr. **Steve Bridger** (RA, Stamford Ward), referred the question to a legal officer attending the meeting. "I believe the process," the officer reported, "is that there's going to be an annual report which will come to the committee which reports on any decisions made by the Ombudsman."

Invited to ask a supplementary question, Mr. Jagutpal, then asked the Chair if he was "satisfied that all communications from outside agencies such as ... the LGO in your 4 years as Chairman of this committee have followed that process and you have been informed of all such decisions?"

The Chair was again prompted. "You will receive a written answer in due course," he said.

Mr. Jagutpal then requested to ask a second question. However, the officer ruled that his supplementary question was his second question. Mr Jagutpal argued that, according to the council's constitution, a question followed by a supplementary question is one question, then a second question may be asked. But the officer responded that "You have asked a second question. There are no further questions we can answer tonight."

"Are you going to deny me my constitutional right?" Mr Jagutpal asked. "As far as tonight, that's it in terms of questions," ruled the officer and Mr. Jagutpal left the council chamber.

Cllr. **David Gulland** (Lib Dem, College Ward) wanted to discuss the matter further "Obviously that question and the answers raised further questions in many of our minds," he said and asked if the committee could discuss the matter.

Another pause from the chair was followed by "No, we continue with the agenda."

But Cllr Gulland was not so easily put off. During the course of the evening he asked many other questions relating to the information being provided to the Committee and the Council's internal processes. But he left his most damning speech for the final agenda item.

"Under the constitution," he argued, "the monitoring officer is meant to report to all councillors on any breach of regulation or of data protection or where the ombudsman has reported it to us ... I had to go and look for it, [but] I've found the letter of 20th July 2022 from the ombudsman to our interim chief executive, a public document, [which says that] 'during the year your council failed to respond in time to our correspondence during three investigations. On each occasion, we had to escalate the matter internally and were forced to consider issuing a witness summons and a public report for non-compliance. Such delays in our investigation undermine our role and can result in further distress to complainants.'

"There's a big elephant in the room," Cllr. Gulland continued, "that our processes are not working and, more importantly, this committee has not been told about that. I would welcome comments from the chairman or the officer about my comments on the ombudsman and also about data protection issues."

Again, it was the officer who responded. "You are referring to an old letter from the ombudsman," he said, the letter being barely more than six months old. "I'm very happy to look into that. We'll come back to you on issues about data protection."

The July 2022 letter from the LGO acknowledges the challenges faced by local councils coping with pandemic working practices and the impact on services. The LGO seeks to encourage and assist EEBC in improving its procedures.

Meanwhile, members of the public and possibly even members of the committee may remain in the dark about possible breaches of regulations.

When is a question not a question? You decide. These are the relevant paragraphs from the council's constitution:

1.9 At the Meeting the Chair/Chairman will ask the questioner if the response answers their concern or if they wish to ask one supplementary question. If a supplementary question is asked, it must arise from the reply given.

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"I started to wear make-up because it was necessary for me to live out my life getting up, going to work, buying food and going home again, so that someone could be seen to be homosexual and to be part of life."

This quote, following the screening of his acclaimed work **The Naked Civil Servant**, encompasses Quentin Crisp's attitude to his appearance and homosexuality - it was vital to his individuality, something on which he refused to compromise.

Throughout his life Crisp was a controversial figure; within the gay community he was not liked by everyone. However, his contribution to the gradual acceptance of openly gay men is universally acknowledged.

Early Years

Born Denis Charles Pratt in 1908 in Sutton, then part of Surrey, he was the fourth child of Charles and Frances Pratt, a solicitor and a former governess.

Attending Kingswood Preparatory School in Epsom, Crisp was mercilessly teased for his effeminate behaviour. In 1922, he won a scholarship to Denstone College, near Uttoxeter, and on leaving in 1926, studied journalism at King's College London. Failing to graduate, he then took art classes at the Regent Street Polytechnic.

Leaving home to move to central London at the end of 1930, Crisp adopted his new name and cultivated an effeminate appearance that shocked many and provoked homophobic attacks.

Crisp attempted to join the army at the outbreak of the Second World War but was rejected and declared exempt by the medical board on the grounds that he was 'suffering from sexual perversion'. He left his job as engineer's tracer in 1942 to become a model in life classes in London and the Home Counties. He continued posing for artists into the 1970s. *"It was like being a civil servant,"* he explained in his autobiography, *"except that you were naked."*

Fame, acceptance and America

Crisp became a gay icon after the publication of his memoir, *The Naked Civil Servant* (1968), brought his exhibitionism and refusal to remain in the closet to the attention of the general public. In 1975, a film adaptation of *The Naked Civil Servant* was broadcast on British and American television making both actor John Hurt and Crisp household names. Crisp declared himself one of the great stately homos of England.

Afterwards Crisp developed a one-man speaking show that toured Britain but he still felt like an outsider. In 1981, Crisp moved to New York where, experiencing a fuller sense of social acceptance, he continued his one-man show, *An Evening with Quentin Crisp*.

During his extraordinary life Crisp wrote a number of influential, controversial and provocative works, and acted in a variety of television dramas, films and stage plays, the last being the film *Orlando* with actress Tilda Swinton.

Just short of his 91st birthday, Quentin Crisp died in November 1999, in Manchester on the eve of a nationwide revival of his show. With a minimum of ceremony his body was cremated and his ashes flown back to the US and scattered across his beloved Manhattan..... "

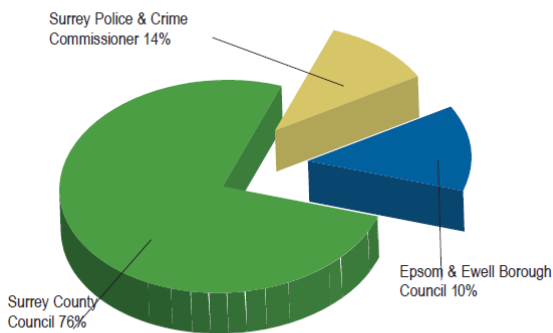
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Consultation under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012.

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council will be consulting on the Draft Local Plan 2022-2040. The Draft Local Plan sets out planning policies and identifies sites for future development within the Borough. When adopted, it will be used to determine planning applications that come forward within the Borough.

The consultation will run for a period of six weeks*, commencing on noon 1 February 2023 and ending midnight on 15 March 2023. You are invited to make comments on the draft Local Plan and associated documents.

You can view a digital version of the draft Local Plan on the Council's website <https://epsom-ewell.gov.uk/local-plan> or consultation portal <https://epsom-ewell.inconsult.uk/>. Alternatively hard copies of the documents are available for public inspection at the Epsom & Ewell Borough Council offices at the Town Hall, Epsom, between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday or at libraries across the Borough (please check individual library websites for opening times).

Our website also includes background information and technical evidence, which has been used to inform the consultation. These are available under the 'Evidence Base' section on our website.

Representations to the consultation can be made using the following methods:

Through our online portal: <https://epsom-ewell.inconsult.uk/>

- By email: lplan@epsom-ewell.gov.uk
- By writing to:

Planning Policy, Epsom and Ewell Borough Council, Town Hall, The Parade, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 5BY

The comments received during this consultation cannot be treated as confidential. Responses will be published on the Council's website, together with the name and/or organisation name of the respondent.

Only those representations that are made in writing and are received by the Council before midnight on Sunday 19th March 2023* will be considered.

Call for Sites request

The Council will be running a Call for Sites exercise during the same period as this Local Plan consultation. We welcome details of sites which have potential to accommodate future development in the Borough. If you have a site to promote please visit our website <https://www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/call-for-sites> and complete the relevant form.

*Revised subsequently by Council to a slightly later date.

Surrey County Council proposes 2023/24 budget

Surrey County Council is planning to restrict a rise in Council Tax to 2.99% in the current budget plans for 2023/24. The council's Cabinet agreed the draft budget today outlining the planned rise, which is lower than the vast majority of other councils in the UK and far lower than the rate of inflation.



Surrey County Council spends just over £1bn a year on delivering vital services such as Adult Social Care, Children's Services, maintaining roads and pavements, Surrey Fire & Rescue Service, libraries, countryside management and public health.

Image: council tax pie chart: EEBC 2022/2023

The budget also outlines the council's five-year capital investment plan that will deliver more school places and improved school buildings, increased support for children with additional needs, road improvements, big infrastructure projects like in Farnham town centre, the River Thames flood defence scheme, grant funding community projects and increasing recycling capacity across Surrey.

Tim Oliver, Leader of the Council, (Conservative) said: "This budget is about protecting the services that the people of Surrey rely on, while being mindful of the huge pressures household budgets are under at the moment. The rise in the cost of living, inflation and interest rates have all impacted the council as an organisation, as well as our residents. Everything we do has simply become more expensive to deliver. However, we have worked hard over the last five years to ensure our finances are in a solid and stable state.

"We think it is important to only levy the absolute minimum we need to meet increased costs, in order to protect the money in people's pockets as much as possible. "We are making the decision to face this financial challenge in the fairest way possible, balancing our needs and ambitions with the immediate cost of living impact on our residents."

The budget will go before a Full Council meeting on Tuesday 7 February to be ratified.

The full details of the proposed 2023/24 budget can be found [here](#).

Notes:

This list shows the Council's budget plan for next year by each service area, and an indication of how much that is in terms of average Council Tax*.

Adult Social Care – *Looking after people with disabilities, severe needs, and as they get older.*

£439.7m per year (That is equivalent of £668.66 of annual Council Tax for a Band D property)

Public Service Reform & Public Health – *Working closely with our NHS partners to help people live healthier lives and keep them safe and well.*

£36.6m per year (That is equivalent of £55.66 of annual Council Tax for a Band D property)

Children, Families & Lifelong Learning – *Giving young people the best start in life, with additional care for those who need it and supporting education providers.*

£254.8m per year (That is equivalent of £387.48 of annual Council Tax for a Band D property)

Environment, Transport & Infrastructure – *Improving our roads and public transport, managing our countryside, and tackling the climate emergency.*

£152.8m per year (That is equivalent of £232.37 of annual Council Tax for a Band D property)

Surrey Fire & Rescue Service – *Keeping residents safe and responding to emergencies*

£38.7m per year (That is equivalent of £58.85 of annual Council Tax for a Band D property)

Customer and Communities – *Helping local communities thrive, providing libraries, registrations, customer services and funding grants.*

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£1.6m per year (That is equivalent of £2.43 of annual Council Tax for a Band D property)

Communications, Public Affairs & Engagement – *Making sure residents are well informed, can access services, and that Surrey's collective voice is heard.*

£2.2m per year (That is equivalent of £3.35 of annual Council Tax for a Band D property)

Resources – *Things like Surrey Crisis Fund, school meal provision, administrative support, IT, legal services, and management of council buildings to keep services running smoothly.*

£79.3m per year (That is equivalent of £120.59 of annual Council Tax for a Band D property)



Central Income and Expenditure – Putting money into savings to help protect services in future, and repayments on borrowing used for our investment programme

£76.9m per year (That is equivalent of £116.94 of annual Council Tax for a Band D property)

**For illustrative purposes, this represents the total budget split by the Band D council tax value. Some areas are funded by specific restricted grants, which are not reflected here. This is the County Council's Band D figures only and does not include amounts raised by District & Borough Councils, Surrey Police or Parish Councils.*

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Micro-homes for a macro-problem?

Epsom and Ewell Borough Council is planning to purchase movable micro homes for families needing temporary accommodation in the borough. In a report to the Strategy & Resource Committee on 26th January, officers stated that demand in the borough for temporary accommodation is acute. They plan initially to purchase three family micro homes at a cost of £435,000. The homes, which boast exceptional energy efficiency, will be constructed off site and craned into position. They have a 50 to 60 year life span, come fully furnished and can be moved to another site if required. Several councils, from Cornwall in the west to Southend in the east, have already developed schemes with similar units.

Subject to planning permission, which will be applied for in the next three months, the units will be located on a brownfield site near the Kiln Lane Sainsbury's. The Council has already secured a £75,000 grant from the Brownfield Land Relief Fund to assist with the preparation of the site for development.

The report was greeted with enthusiasm by councillors. "It looks a progressive and radical solution," said Councillor **Alan Williamson** (RA, West Ewell Ward), "and it's to be commended. I would like to see this as the basis for further developments in the borough."

The interest was so great that one officer suggested arranging some tours before the homes are occupied.

Councillor **Kate Chinn** (Labour, Court Ward) was also wholehearted in her support. "Anything that stops families being separated, moving out of the borough, being able to remain with their support networks is fabulous," she said.

After the meeting the Council issued a press release confirming:

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council has submitted a planning application to create three new temporary homes to house local families at risk of homelessness.

The proposal is in response to the acute demand for temporary accommodation in the borough, particularly for family-sized homes. It forms an important contribution to the Council's recently launched Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy, which includes the objective to increase accommodation options in the borough including temporary accommodation.

The proposal makes use of brownfield land alongside Fairview Road in Epsom and was approved by the Strategy & Resources Committee on Thursday 26 January. The proposal will now go through the due planning process and if approved, work will start in March 2023.

Alongside providing life-changing support to the families who will make use of the homes, investment in the properties will lead to savings for the Council over time, as the cost of the development is offset by rental income and a reduction in the need for expensive nightly paid accommodation. The Council has also been successfully awarded funding of £75,000 from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities' Brownfield Land Relief Fund, to be invested in this project.



The homes are pre-fabricated and built offsite to provide an innovative, attractive and low-cost housing solution. They are at the forefront of energy efficient design and provide safe, welcoming spaces for families.

Cllr **Neil Dallen**, Chair of the Strategy & Resources Committee, said: "I am delighted that this key project has been approved by Committee, and that its importance has been emphasised by the level of funding we have received from central government. The impact of homelessness cannot be underestimated, and increasing temporary accommodation provision for local families will have a positive impact not only on those being housed, but on the borough as a whole.

"This will now progress through the planning process and we will await the outcome with interest."

Surrey Council stretches Epsom & Ewell Council resources

At Thursday 26th January meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee of Epsom and Ewell Borough Council eagle-eyed financial expert Cllr **David Gulland** (Lib Dem, College Ward) spotted a loss of £250,000 in the borough council's on-street parking income.

A council officer explained that, although highways are Surrey County Council's (SCC) responsibility, they had previously contracted Epsom & Ewell Borough Council (EEBC) to do the enforcement of on-street parking. EEBC already had their own enforcement officers managing the off-street car parks, so economies of scale could be realised by doing them both together. EEBC used to collect nearly £400K from on-street parking permits and enforcement notices.

But now SCC has unilaterally decided to end that contract and put it back out to a private sector contractor, so EEBC can no longer benefit from the on-street parking income or the economies of scale. Officers are doing all they can to reduce the cost and minimise the loss of income, he insisted.

Cllr Gulland was unimpressed with SCC's actions. "I think we should note that for possible action at county council election time," he suggested.

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Pay rises for Epsom and Ewell Borough Council

At Epsom and Ewell's Strategy and Resources committee meeting on 26th January, councillors discussed rates of pay in the forthcoming year - for staff, for the Chief Executive and for themselves. Most staff will receive a capped 3% cost of living pay increase. This is a result of the Council's Employee Pay and Reward Procedure 2020-24, a four year pay deal agreed at the beginning of that period. This compares with a Consumer Price Index rise of 10.5% for the 12 months ending in December 2022.

This compares with a proposed increase for the Chief Executive of the borough of at least 15%, a figure which made Cllr **Kate Chinn** (Labour, Court Ward) feel "uncomfortable". The top of the salary range for the Chief Executive will become £143,376 in the 2023/4 year.

A council officer explained that a review of pay for Chief Officers had been undertaken some years ago, but that the Chief Executive's pay had been excluded from that review. Following an external benchmarking exercise, "this is a catch-up exercise," she said. Nevertheless, "for the staff to get 3% because of the agreement that they're in and the chief exec to get 15 to 16%, it does feel quite difficult," Cllr Chinn complained.

Cllr. **Eber Kington** (RA, Ewell Court Ward) took comfort from the gender pay gap which continues to be negative, showing that women employed by the local authority earn on average more than men. This is primarily due to the majority of front-line operatives being male and senior management roles being held by a significant proportion of women. "This does suggest that this is an organisation to which women feel comfortable applying and where they wish to stay and seek promotion within the



organisation," said Cllr Kington. "I think that is something we ought to be proud of as a local authority."

However, the issue that provoked the most councillor participation was their own pay. The motion that councillors were asked to vote on suggested that their allowances should mirror the staff pay award and rise by 3% in 2023/24, with an independent Remuneration Panel determining the increase in 2024/25.

Cllr **David Gulland** (Lib Dem, College Ward) felt "personally unhappy in voting any increase for the councillors" in the current environment.

However, the meeting's chairman, Cllr **Neil Dallen** (RA (Town Ward), pointed out that the last two independent remuneration panels had recommended a considerable increase in councillors' allowances, but the council had voted at the time not to accept those recommendations, otherwise allowances would now be much higher than they are.

Councillor **Alan Williamson** (RA, West Ewell Ward) agreed. "There is a widening gap between this authority and other districts around Surrey," he argued. "In future fiscal years, we should get back on track in line with the independent recommendations."

"We have bills," said Councillor **Monica Coleman** (RA, West Ewell Ward), "and some of us have to decide if we're going to be councillors or get a job. There are some occasions when I have to decide whether to work or go to a meeting and sometimes work rules because that pays my bills."

A sentiment that was echoed by Councillor Chinn. "A really good overhaul of the allowances would be very welcome," she said, "and looking at allowances for things like carers, transport, child-minding to enable as many people as possible to become councillors."

The basic allowance for a councillor will rise to £4,031.70 in 2023/24. Some posts such as committee chairs and vice chairs receive additional allowances.

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Residents can check if they are eligible by visiting the Action Surrey website - www.actionsurrey.org, or by calling them on 0800 783 2503.

Marisa Heath, (Englefield Green, Conservative) **Cabinet Member for Environment at Surrey County Council** said: "We know this is a challenging time for many and we're really pleased to be offering this funding to our residents who need our support the most.

"Improving the energy efficiency of homes in Surrey will also help us achieve our goal to be a net zero county by 2050. "I encourage residents to check if they are eligible as soon as possible."

So far, over £1.5m has been allocated across the county to fully fund over 250 energy efficiency improvements. Funding has been awarded through central Government to Surrey County Council, leading on behalf of the local authorities across the county. The project will be delivered and managed by Action Surrey - an energy efficiency advice service set up in partnership with all Surrey local authorities.

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Remembering the victims of genocide

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council will carry out a number of activities to mark Holocaust Memorial Day on Friday 27 January. **Holocaust Memorial Day** is a time to remember the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust, the millions of other victims of Nazi persecution and those killed in the more recent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

The Council will light up the clocktower in Epsom Market Place in purple in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and genocide worldwide.

The Mayor, Councillor **Clive Woodbridge**, will give a speech which will be available to view on the Council's YouTube channel from Friday - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0UGt6AEUCYhS3gjs4jEsysg>.

An exhibition will take place at **Bourne Hall**, Ewell, looking at the history of the Holocaust and linking it to local stories from the Borough. Visitors will be able to place LED candles on the shrine as a mark of respect.

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