

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee on Wednesday, 22 November 2023

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Decisions will come into force, and may be implemented, on the expiry of 5 clear working days from the date of this notice unless called in by the Audit and Scrutiny Committee.

NOTE: The following represents a summary of the decisions taken by the Committee. It is not intended to represent the formal record of the meeting (for which reference should be made to the minutes) but to facilitate the call-in process.

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
1.	Questions and Statements from the Public	The Committee received one written statement from a member of the public which was delivered verbally at the meeting.
2.	Declarations of Interest	No declarations of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in respect of any item of business to be considered at the meeting were made by Members.
3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	<p>The Committee confirmed as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 26 September 2023 and authorised the Chair to sign them, subject to the following amendment italicised below;</p> <p>“Minute 42,</p> <p>q) Upcoming Work on the Local Plan. A Member of the Committee asked if it would be possible to get a list of criteria and priorities of the coming work on the Local Plan over the next few months. The Planning Policy Manager responded to say that they would question what those would be without unpauseing the Local Plan first. <i>A Member of the Committee commented that once the Local Plan was unpauseed it should come back to the Committee where an outline strategy for the development of the Local plan in the coming months should be agreed and set.</i>”</p>

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4.	Draft Epsom Town Centre Masterplan	<p>Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p>(1) Approve the publication of the Draft Epsom Town Centre Masterplan for public consultation for a period of four weeks to commence on the Friday 24 November 2023 at noon and conclude on Friday 22 December at midnight.</p>
5.	Local Development Scheme	<p>Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p>(1) Consider and approve the revised Local Development Scheme (November 2023) at Appendix 1.</p>
6.	Local Plan Budget Report Update	<p>Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p>(1) Note the financial update position with regards to the Local Plan and Planning Policy staff funding.</p> <p>(2) Report the estimated shortfall in funding for completing the Local Plan to the Strategy and Resources Committee with a request to secure funding for the £629,000 shortfall.</p>

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7.	Planning Fee Income/Budget Report	<p>Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p>(1) Note the current and predicted adverse variance in planning-related fees and the measures taken to address this, and the limited opportunities for mitigation for income that is market led.</p> <p>(2) Agree that the estimated budgeted income for planning related fees, which takes into account estimates from officers relating to market conditions, planning fees and the future pipeline of likely planning applications, provides a reasonable framework for budget setting.</p> <p>(3) Note the requirement for an additional planning officer post to enable the introduction of new income generating services.</p>
8.	Procurement Waivers	<p>Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p>(1) Note the waivers highlighted within this report.</p>
9.	Urgent decisions	<p>Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p>(1) Note the urgent decisions taken and the reasons for those decisions.</p>