

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Strategy and Resources Committee on Tuesday, 17 April 2018

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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.

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1.	Question Time	No questions had been submitted or were asked by members of the public.
2.	Declarations of Interest	In the interests of openness and transparency, Councillor Neil Dallen declared that he was a former scout leader, rooms at Horton Country Park having been used by the scouts (item 13 on the Agenda refers).
3.	External Audit Plan for 2017/18	The Committee endorsed the External Audit Plan.
4.	Epsom Cemetery Extension	The Committee: (1) Noted the progress to date; (2) Agreed the submission of a planning application for the proposed extension of Epsom Cemetery prior to the completion of the purchase of the land; (3) Approved the appointment of a specialist consultant to: a) Undertake the necessary works to enable a planning application to be submitted;

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		<p style="margin-left: 40px;">b) Complete the tender process for the build contractor and oversee the completion of the works;</p> <p>(4) Agreed that the costs of the planning consultant are met from the current capital allocation for this project;</p> <p>(5) Delegated to the Chief Operating Officer, in consultation with the Chief Legal Officer authority to take all necessary steps to secure the making, confirmation and implementation of the Compulsory Purchase Order (“the Order”) including but not limited to, the following steps:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a) the publication and service of all relevant notices and to support the presentation of the Council’s case at any public inquiry;</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">b) service of a new requisition for information (in accordance with section 16 of the Local Government Act 1972) on the reputed owner and other parties that may have an interest in the land as part of the preparatory steps associated with the making and promotion of a CPO;</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">c) approving terms of the acquisition of legal interests by agreement, including for the purposes of resolving any objections to the CPO;</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">d) all necessary steps to resolve any compulsory purchase compensation claims, including, if necessary, by way of making (or responding to) a reference to the Upper Tribunal (Land Chamber);</p>

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		<p style="text-align: center;">e) to retain an/or appoint external professional advisers and consultants to assist in facilitating the promotion, confirmation and implementation of the Order, the settlement of compensation and any other claims or disputes.</p>
5.	Planned Maintenance 2018-19	<p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Noted the current position/progress on the planned maintenance programme; (2) Noted the changes made to the programme under authority delegated to Officers; (3) Authorised the carry forward of unspent budget in 2017/18 to 2018/19 (4) Authorised Officers to proceed with the 2018/19 proposed planned maintenance works; (5) Authorised virement from the property reserve to fund shortfall for 2018/19.
6.	Income Generation and Enterprise Plan	<p>The Committee approved the approach to income generation and enterprise set out in the report.</p>

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7.	Allocation of local spending element of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL 15%)	<p>The Committee agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) An interim proposal for the governance arrangements of the CIL 15% (local spend) for 2018/19 through two funds: the Community Infrastructure Fund and the Borough Investment Fund as outlined in section 3 of the report; (2) To the establishment of a Panel to evaluate and agreed bids comprising of the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee, Chairman of the Community and Wellbeing Committee, one additional member from the Strategy and Resources Committee (Councillor Hannah Dalton) and a substitute (Councillor Tony Axelrod) (3) That authority be delegated to the Head of Corporate Governance to agree the projects to be awarded funding from the Community Infrastructure Fund based on the recommendations of the Panel; (4) That a further report be brought back to the Committee by April 2019 to determine a permanent scheme for the governance arrangements of CIL 15%.
8.	Utilisation of CIL balances	<p>The Committee approved the use of CIL funds to finance the Epsom Cemetery Extension and improvements to Lower Mill Weir.</p>

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9.	Funding for paving in front of The Playhouse	The Committee approved the allocation of £60,000 of Community Infrastructure Levy funding for the paving of the Playhouse forecourt and adjacent footway (as indicated on the plan attached to the report) to a specification matching that of South Street and around the Playhouse junction.
10.	Community Safety and Enforcement Plan	The Committee: (1) Approved the approach set out in the report to deliver a more effective and co-ordinated approach to the Council's community safety role; (2) Delegated to the Chief Operating Officer, in consultation with the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee, authority to seek external funding on behalf of the Council to help underpin this work.
11.	Registration of Councillors as Data Controllers	The Committee agreed that: (1) All councillors should be registered as Data Controllers; (2) The registration fee for individual registration should be met from Council funds if a Councillors is not already registered as a Data Controller in a capacity other than as a Councillors or if they cease being a dual hatted member.
12.	RIPA Policy	The Committee approved the amended "Policy and Guidance on Lawful Surveillance".

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13.	Horton Country Park - Change of Use	<p>The Committee:</p> <p>(1) Approved the proposed change of use of part of the New Room, Horton Country Park to a boxing club (Use D) (For the purpose of the avoidance of doubt, this is subject to the grant of satisfactory planning permission by the Council acting in its separate capacity as the Local Planning Authority);</p> <p>(2) Authorised the Head of Property and Regeneration, in consultation with the Chief Legal Officer, to conclude negotiations with the Gauntlett Boxing Club for a new commercial lease as they think fit.</p>
14.	Interim Homelessness Strategy	The Committee approved the Interim Homelessness Strategy.
15.	Minutes of Previous Meeting	The Minutes of the meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee held on 1 February 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
16.	Exclusion of Press and Public	The Committee resolved to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting. This was in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972. It was on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act (as amended), and, that, pursuant to paragraph 10 of Part 2 of the said Schedule 12A, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

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17.	Rent Setting Framework for Private Sector Leasing (PSL) scheme	<p>The Committee approved the rent-setting framework for the Private Sector Leasing Scheme.</p> <p><i>Note: The details are considered officially sensitive at this time and the Minute for this item will be exempt from publication.</i></p>
18.	Property Disposal Update	<p>The Committee agreed a way forward as set out in the Minutes.</p> <p><i>Note: The details are considered officially sensitive at this time and the Minute for this item will be exempt from publication.</i></p>