

**Epsom & Ewell Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Strategy and Resources Committee on Thursday, 26 July 2018**

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

<b>Agenda Item No</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Decision</b>
1.	Question Time	No questions had been submitted or were asked by members of the public.
2.	Declarations of Interest	No declarations of interest were made by councillors regarding items on the Agenda.
3.	Future Use of The Wells Site Update	<p><u>Note:</u> This item of business was brought up the Agenda with the consent of the meeting, there being a member of the public in attendance for this particular item.</p> <p>The Committee:</p> <p>(1) Approved an additional budget of £68,000 to cover all the costs in connection with the submission of a planning application for the Wells site;</p> <p>(2) Agreed that the £68,000 be funded from the Corporate Reserve;</p> <p>(3) Agreed to a report being brought back to September 2018 Strategy and Resources Committee with an update on progress.</p>
4.	2017/18 Financial Outturn Report	<p>The Committee:</p> <p>(1) Received the report on the financial outturn for 2017/18;</p>

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		(2) Noted the carry forward of a £2.114 million budget for capital schemes to be added to the 2018/19 Capital Programme.
<b>5.</b>	2017/18 Statement of Accounts and Audit Findings	<p>The Committee:</p> <p>(1) Approved the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018;</p> <p>(2) Agreed the Annual Governance Statement included within the Statement of Accounts;</p> <p>(3) Received the Audit Findings for 2017/18;</p> <p>(4) Agreed the management action in response to audit recommendations;</p> <p>(5) Agreed that the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee and the Chief Finance Officer sign the Letter of Representation on behalf of the Council;</p> <p>(6) Delegated any further amendments to the 2017/18 Statement of Accounts to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee.</p>
<b>6.</b>	Funding for Epsom & Ewell Masterplan	<p>The Committee agreed:</p> <p>(1) the production of the Masterplan, at an estimated cost of up to £85,000;</p>

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		<p>(2) the £85,000 budget be funded from the Corporate Projects reserve;</p> <p>(3) authority be delegated to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Chairman of S&amp;R to increase the budget up to £100k if necessary, with the increase being funded from the Corporate Projects reserve.</p>
7.	HR Policy Review	<p>The Committee agreed:</p> <p>(1) To review and update all core HR Policies and Procedures during 2018/19;</p> <p>(2) To the use of £30,000 of the Corporate Projects Reserve to finance the review.</p>
8.	High Pressure Fuel Pipeline Protection	The Committee approved the use of up to £36,000 of S106 funds to add to the existing budget for the protection of the high-pressure fuel pipeline that runs across Epsom Common Local Nature Reserve.
9.	Utilisation of section 106 funds	The Committee approved the addition funding from S106 receipts to carry out the replacement of floodlights at Court Recreation Ground and Poole Road Recreation Ground.
10.	Developing a longer-term vision for the borough	The Committee approved the approach set out in the report to develop a long-term vision for the Borough and that £20,000 of Housing & Planning Delivery Grant be used to part fund the visioning work, estimated to cost up to £45,000.

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11.	Update to Contract Standing Orders	The Committee approved the amendments to the Contract Standing Orders and recommended to the Council that the Constitution be updated accordingly.
12.	Corporate Plan: Key Priority Targets for 2018 to 2019	The Committee reviewed and agreed its Key Priority Targets for 2018 to 2019 as detailed in Annexe 1 of the report and outlined in paragraph 2.1.
13.	Easement Across Epsom Common	The Committee agreed to grant authority to the Chief Legal Officer and Head of Property and Regeneration to engage with UKPN, agree heads of terms and final form of easement and progress the matter to completion.
14.	Capital Member Group	<p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Appointed Councillors Eber Kington, Clive Smitheram, Barry Nash, Omer KoKou-Tchri and Richard Baker to the Capital Member Group;</li> <li>(2) Approved the increase in budget of £53,382 for the Disabled Facilities programme, in line with the allocation of central government funding;</li> <li>(3) Confirmed the criteria for considering capital bids, as set out in paragraph 9.1 of the report;</li> <li>(4) Confirmed the criteria for assessing “spend to save” capital bids as set out in paragraph 9.2.</li> </ul>

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15.	Forward Plan for Committee Items	The Committee noted the forward plan for items.
16.	Minutes of Previous Meeting	The Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee held on 17 April 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
17.	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 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.
18.	Potential Redevelopment Opportunities	The Committee agreed a way forward as set out in the Minutes.  <i>Note: The details are considered officially sensitive at this time and the Minute for this item will be exempt from publication.</i>
19.	Epsom Cemetery Extension - Land Acquisition	The Committee agreed a way forward as set out in the Minutes.  <i>Note: The details are considered officially sensitive at this time and the Minute for this item will be exempt from publication.</i>