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**To: All Members of the Strategy and Resources Committee**

Dear Councillor

**STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 2020 ,**  
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Please find attached the following document for the meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee to be held on Tuesday, 27th October, 2020.

1. **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: COMMITTEE PRESENTATION** (Pages 3 - 20)

The presentation to be given at the meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee on 27 October 2020.

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Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive

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# Strategy & Resources Committee Meeting

27 October 2020

# Strategy & Resources Committee

- Cllr Eber Kington (Chairman)
- Cllr Clive Smitheram (Vice Chairman)
- Cllr Arthur Abdulin
- Cllr Steve Bridger
- Cllr Kate Chinn
- Cllr Nigel Collin
- Cllr Hannah Dalton
- Cllr David Gulland
- Cllr Colin Keane
- Cllr Barry Nash

# Reason for format of meeting

- Coronavirus pandemic means the ability to hold Local Authority Committee Meetings at the Council's Town Hall has been severely restricted
- *The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020*, now allows a Local Authority to hold a Committee Meeting or a meeting of Council, remotely and for Members to be able to vote remotely

# Public and press access

- The public and the press will be able see and hear the Committee on the live stream
- In the event of any technical issue which prevents the meeting from being broadcast, which cannot be resolved, the Committee Meeting will be reconvened and notice of the new date will be put on the Council's Website

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## Item 1

### Question Time

To take any questions from members of the public.

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## Item 2

# Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in respect of any item of business to be considered at the meeting.

## Item 3

# The Wells Redevelopment

This report updates Committee on the Wells site following the Council's Planning Committee on 9 July 2020. It recommends a feasibility study be undertaken to enable Committee to consider the cost and layout implications of a revised scheme.

## Item 3 – The Wells Redevelopment

### The Committee is asked to:

- (1) Agree to the preparation of additional feasibility work on options for a revised scheme;
- (2) Approves a budget of up to £25,000 to cover the costs of the feasibility work, to be funded from the Corporate Projects Reserve;
- (3) Agree to a report being brought back to this Committee as soon as the feasibility work has been completed.

## Item 4

### Road to Recovery

This paper sets out the challenges facing Epsom and Ewell's local economy as a result of COVID-19 and the positive action being taken by the Council to support the road to economic recovery.

## Item 4 - Road to Recovery

### The Committee is asked to:

- (1) Note the challenges facing Epsom and Ewell's economy as a result of COVID-19 and its aftermath;
- (2) Confirm their support for the range of actions set out in this report being taken by the Council to support local businesses and the wider economy with the process of recovery.

## Item 5

# Redistribution of emergency assistance grant

The report seeks the allocation of grant funding to support those most impacted by COVID-19 and on-going pressures for winter 2020, including transition towards EU exit.

## Item 5 - Redistribution of emergency assistance grant

### The Committee is asked to:

- (1) Agree the full allocation of £38,598.65 of the Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies to the Epsom and Ewell Foodbank;
- (2) Agree the award of £10,000 from the EU Exit funding for local government, with the funds being awarded equally to the Citizens Advice Bureau and Age Concern.

## **Developing a pipeline for future investment**

As part of the Council's active engagement in the recovery of the local economy in Epsom and Ewell, it is important that the Council takes steps to ensure the borough is in a position to access inward investment opportunities from the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), the County Council, and from Government.

Key to this is developing a pipeline of future investment opportunities that are capable of being brought forward in a reasonable timeframe. This report recommends that a one-off budget of £50,000 be allocated to enable the Council to progress the development of this future investment pipeline.

## Item 6- Developing a pipeline for future investment

### The Committee is asked to:

- (1) Agree to the allocation of £50,000 to support the development of a pipeline of future investment opportunities for Epsom and Ewell to be financed from the Council's corporate projects reserve;
- (2) Agree that development proposals arising from this work be brought back to Strategy & Resources Committee for consideration.

## Item 7

### Telecommunications Equipment Wells Road

A request for siting of telecommunication equipment has been received on Council owned land at Wells Road. Permission for its siting is sought and agreement to a ten year lease on terms to be negotiated.

## Item 7 - Telecommunications Equipment Wells Road

### The Committee is asked to:

- (1) Note the provisions in the Electronic Communications Code (with effect from December 2017) with its significant changes favouring the presumption of approval for telecommunications masts and limiting the grounds for objection by land owners and occupiers of land.
- (2) To agree the siting of a telecommunication mast on Council owned land at Wells Road, Epsom; and
- (3) To permit the instruction of an independent surveyor to act on behalf of EEBC to negotiate and agree Heads of Terms with the cost to be met by the operator; and
- (4) To enter a lease for a term of 10 years, with authority to agree terms and conditions delegated to the Chief Legal Officer.

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## Date of Next Meeting

17 November at 7.00pm

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