

## STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Thursday 2 July 2020 at 7.00 pm

Place: Remote Meeting

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The members listed below are summoned to attend the Strategy and Resources Committee meeting, on the day and at the time and place stated, to consider the business set out in this agenda.

Councillor Eber Kington (Chairman)  
Councillor Clive Smitheram (Vice-Chairman)  
Councillor Arthur Abdulin  
Councillor Steve Bridger  
Councillor Kate Chinn

Councillor Nigel Collin  
Councillor Hannah Dalton  
Councillor David Gulland  
Councillor Colin Keane  
Councillor Barry Nash

Yours sincerely



Chief Executive

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## Public information

### **Please note that this meeting will be a ‘virtual meeting’**

This meeting will be held online and is open to the press and public to attend as an observer using free GoToWebinar software, or by telephone.

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Information about the terms of reference and membership of this Committee are available on the [Council’s website](#). The website also provides copies of agendas, reports and minutes.

Agendas, reports and minutes for the Committee are also available on the free Modern.Gov app for iPad, Android and Windows devices. For further information on how to access information regarding this Committee, please email us at [Democraticservices@epsom-ewell.gov.uk](mailto:Democraticservices@epsom-ewell.gov.uk).

### **Exclusion of the Press and the Public**

There are no matters scheduled to be discussed at this meeting that would appear to disclose confidential or exempt information under the provisions Schedule 12A of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985. Should any such matters arise during the course of discussion of the above items or should the Chairman agree to discuss any other such matters on the grounds of urgency, the Committee will wish to resolve to exclude the press and public by virtue of the private nature of the business to be transacted.

### **Questions from the Public**

Questions from the public are permitted at meetings of the Committee. Any person wishing to ask a question at a meeting of the Committee must register to do so, as set out below.

Up to 30 minutes will be set aside for written or oral questions from any member of the public who lives, works, attends an educational establishment or owns or leases land in the Borough on matters within the Terms of Reference of the Strategy and Resources Committee which may not include matters listed on a Committee Agenda.

All questions whether written or oral must consist of one question only, they cannot consist of multi parts or of a statement.

The question or topic may not relate to a specific planning application or decision under the Planning Acts, a specific application for a licence or permit of any kind, the personal affairs of an individual, or a matter which is exempt from disclosure or confidential under the Local Government Act 1972. Questions which in the view of the Chairman are vexatious or frivolous will not be accepted.

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Written questions must be received by Democratic Services by noon on the tenth working day before the day of the meeting. For this meeting this is **Noon, 18 June**

Registration for oral questions is open until noon on the second working day before the day of the meeting. For this meeting this is **Noon, 30 June**

## **AGENDA**

### **1. QUESTION TIME**

To take any questions from members of the Public

### **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.

### **3. EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE (Pages 5 - 32)**

This report sets out Grant Thornton's plan for the external audit of the Council's 2019/20 accounts. Grant Thornton have also provided the Housing Benefit Grant Certification Letter for the year ended 31 March 2019. Both of these items have to be received by this Committee in accordance with audit regulations.

### **4. THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC (Pages 33 - 64)**

This report sets out the Council's response to the Covid-19 pandemic following a major incident being formally declared across Surrey on 19 March 2020.

### **5. FINANCIAL IMPACT OF COVID-19 (Pages 65 - 76)**

This report sets-out the financial impact of Covid-19 on the Council in the first quarter of 2020/21, and proposes funding sources to mitigate the impact.

### **6. ELECTORAL REVIEW (Pages 77 - 88)**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has recently notified the Council of its intention to carry out an electoral review of the Council. The review will consider the total number of councillors on the Council, and then review the numbers and boundaries of electoral divisions within the Council.

This report sets out proposals for the creation of an Electoral Review Task & Finish Group to consider the issues raised in such a review and to bring recommendations to Strategy & Resources Committee.