

**Epsom & Ewell Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Strategy and Resources Committee on Tuesday, 27 October 2020**

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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 were asked by members of the Public.
2.	Declarations of Interest	<p>The following declarations of interests were made in relation to the business to be considered at the meeting:</p> <p>The Wells Redevelopment All Members of the Committee, Other Interest: All Members of the Committee had received a number of emails with regard to the Wells.</p> <p>Distribution of Grant Funding to Voluntary Organisations Councillor Barry Nash, Other Interest: Councillor Barry Nash declared that he was a Trustee of Age Concern through his role as the Chair of the Council's Community &amp; wellbeing Committee.</p> <p>Distribution of Grant Funding to Voluntary Organisations Councillor David Gulland, Other Interest: Councillor David Gulland declared that he had been an active volunteer at the Food Bank for a number of years.</p> <p>Distribution of Grant Funding to Voluntary Organisations Councillor Kate Chinn, Other Interest: Councillor Kate Chinn declared that she was a volunteer with Age Concern and was well acquainted with the Chief Executive of that</p>

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		organisation.
3.	The Wells Redevelopment	<p>Following consideration, it was resolved that the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>(1) Agreed to the preparation of additional feasibility work on options for a revised scheme;</b></li> <li><b>(2) Approved a budget of up to £25,000 to cover the costs of the feasibility work, to be funded from the Corporate Projects Reserve;</b></li> <li><b>(3) Agreed to a report being brought back to this Committee as soon as the feasibility work has been completed.</b></li> </ul>
4.	Road to Recovery	<p>Following consideration, it was resolved that the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>(1) Noted the challenges facing Epsom and Ewell's economy as a result of COVID-19 and its aftermath;</b></li> <li><b>(2) Confirmed its support for the range of actions set out in the report being taken by the Council to support local businesses and the wider economy with the process of recovery.</b></li> </ul>
5.	Distribution of Grant Funding to Voluntary Organisations	Following consideration, it was resolved that the Committee:

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		<p>(1) <b>Agreed 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;</b></p> <p>(2) <b>Agreed 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.</b></p>
6.	Developing a pipeline for future investment	<p>Following consideration, it was resolved that the Committee:</p> <p>(1) <b>Agreed 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;</b></p> <p>(2) <b>Agreed that development proposals arising from this work be brought back to Strategy &amp; Resources Committee for consideration.</b></p>
7.	Telecommunications Equipment Wells Road	<p>Following consideration, it was resolved that the Committee:</p> <p>(1) <b>Noted 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.</b></p> <p>(2) <b>Agreed the siting of a telecommunication mast on Council owned land at</b></p>

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		<p><b>Wells Road, Epsom; and</b></p> <p><b>(3) Agreed 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</b></p> <p><b>(4) Agreed to enter a lease for a term of 10 years, with authority to agree terms and conditions delegated to the Chief Legal Officer.</b></p>