

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Strategy and Resources Committee on Tuesday, 21 September 2021

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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.

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
1.	Question Time	No questions were asked or had been received by members of the public.
2.	Declarations of Interest	No declarations were made in relation to items of business to be discussed at the meeting.
3.	Minutes of Previous Meeting	The Minutes and restricted Minutes of the previous meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee held on 27 July were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.
4.	2020-21 Statement of Accounts and Audit Findings	Following consideration, the Committee resolved to: (1) Approve the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021; (2) Agree the Annual Governance Statement included within the Statement of Accounts; (3) Receive the Audit Findings for 2020/21; (4) Agree the management action in response to the audit recommendations detailed at Appendix A of the Audit Findings report;

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		<p>(5) Agree that the Chair or Vice Chair of Strategy and Resources Committee and the Chief Finance Officer sign the Letter of Representation on behalf of the Council;</p> <p>(6) Consider and approve the management responses to Grant Thornton’s enquiries, as set out in Appendix 4.</p> <p>(7) Delegate any further amendments to the 2020/21 Statement of Accounts to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Chair or Vice Chair of Strategy and Resources Committee.</p>
5.	Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme (RSAP) 2021/22	<p>Following consideration, it was resolved that the Committee:</p> <p>(1) Agreed to commit £145,000 funding (£72,500 per property) from S106 affordable housing to work in partnership with Transform Housing & Support for them to purchase 2 x 1 bedroom flats in the borough to alleviate rough sleeping and homelessness for those with multiple and complex needs.</p>
6.	Annual Plan 2021/22	<p>Following consideration, it was resolved that the Committee:</p> <p>(1) Agreed to recommend to Council:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. The draft key objectives and performance indicators identified within the Annual Plan for 2021-2022</p>

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		<p style="text-align: center;">b. And that the Annual Plan supersedes previously agreed action plans for 2021-22</p> <p>Subject to the following amendment which was made to the Annual Plan 2021/2022 Key Objective number 11, to read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement visible patrols in the Borough to tackle anti-social behaviour and environmental protection issues.
7.	Procurement of Temporary Agency Staff	<p>Following consideration, the Committee resolved to:</p> <p>(1) Approve the award of the agency staff contract to Matrix SCM through the agreed framework for a two year period.</p> <p>(2) Agree the establishment of new governance arrangements and protocol for the management of “off contract” spend.</p>
8.	Land For Highways Adoption at Rosebank, Epsom Outside St Joseph's School	<p>Following consideration, the Committee resolved to:</p> <p>(1) Agree to a Deed of Dedication being entered into with Surrey County Council to enable the adoption of the land as statutory highway.</p> <p>(2) Agree to authorise the Head of Property & Regeneration in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of Strategy & Resources Committee to</p>

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		negotiate and progress the Deed of Dedication to completion.
9.	2022/23 Budget Targets and Finance Update	<p>Following consideration, the Committee resolved to:</p> <p>(1) Note the recommendations of Financial Policy panel held on 7 September 2021.</p> <p>(2) Agree the proposed strategy for setting the 2022/23 budget as set in Section 4 of this report.</p> <p>(3) Agree that any additional new growth items supported by Policy Committees will need to be fully funded from existing budgets.</p>
10.	Exclusion of Press and Public	<p>Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Committee passed a resolution to exclude the public from the meeting for Part Two of the Agenda 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.</p>
11.	Future of the Building Control Service	<p>The decision for this item is recorded in a separate (not for publication) restricted Decision.</p>

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12.	Commercial Tenants Update	The decision for this item is recorded in a separate (not for publication) restricted Decision.