

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Strategy and Resources Committee on Tuesday, 26 July 2022

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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.

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1.	Question Time	No questions were asked 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 of the previous meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee held on 5 May 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair. It was noted that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Committee held on 4 July 2022 would be presented to the next meeting for approval.
4.	Risk Management Strategy	Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to: (1) Approve the updated Risk Management Strategy.
5.	UK Shared Prosperity Fund	Following consideration, the Committee agreed with 7 votes for, 1 vote against 1 abstention and the Chair not voting to: (1) Agree the interventions set out in Paragraph 2.16-2.19 of the report to be included in the submission of the Epsom and Ewell Shared Prosperity Fund

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		<p>Intervention Plan to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).</p> <p>(2) To consider the further recommendations made by the Strategy and Resources Committee for future submissions.</p>
6.	Land Charges Migration	<p>Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p>(1) Authorise the Head of Place Development, in Consultation with the Chief Legal Officer, to enter into a Collaboration Agreement and agree a Delivery Plan with HMLR and to enter into any other agreements necessary to facilitate the migration of the Council’s Local Land Charges service to HMLR.</p> <p>(2) Agree to allocate up to £18,000 of the Part 1 HMLR Transitional Payment to fund additional staff resource to enable the migration process to be delivered within agreed timescales.</p>
7.	2021-22 Provisional Financial Outturn	<p>Following consideration, the Committee resolved with 8 votes for, 1 abstention and the Chair not voting to:</p> <p>(1) Receive the report on provisional financial outturn for 2021/22;</p> <p>(2) Approve the carry forward £2.564m budget for capital schemes to be added to the 2022/23 capital programme.</p>

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		<p>(3) Note that the external audit of the 2021/22 Statement of Accounts is underway and expected to complete in the Autumn. Should any material changes to outturn arise from the audit, these will be reported back to members.</p>
8.	2023/24 Strategic Financial Planning	<p>Following consideration, the Committee resolved to agree:</p> <p>(1) The proposed changes to 2022/23 budgets following the re-basing exercise, as set-out in section 5 of the report;</p> <p>(2) The proposed contingency funding for the homelessness service in 2022/23, as set-out in paragraph 5.5 of the report;</p> <p>(3) The proposed strategy for setting the 2023/24 budget in Section 6 of the report, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. That the funding options identified in Table 5 should be progressed; ii. That a service-specific savings target of £243k should be set for homelessness; iii. That Directors and Heads of Service should work to produce specific income generation and savings options to meet the remaining budget deficit of £1.704m. <p>(4) That owing to the Council’s projected budget deficit, any additional new growth items supported by Policy Committees will need to be fully funded</p>

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		<p>from existing budgets.</p> <p>(5) The budget setting timetable at Appendix 2 to the report.</p> <p><i>Recommendations 1, 2, and 5 above were agreed unanimously. Recommendations 3 i, 3 iii and 4 were agreed with 8 votes for, 1 abstention and the Chair not voting. Recommendation 3 ii was agreed by the Chair's casting vote following 2 votes for, 2 votes against and 5 abstentions.</i></p>
9.	Capital Member Group	<p>Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p>(1) Appoint the following Members to the Capital Member Group: Cllrs Neil Dallen (Chair), John Beckett, Alex Coley, Nigel Collin and Kate Chinn.</p> <p>(2) Approve the increase in budget of £185,282 for the Disabled Facilities programme, in line with the allocation of central government grant funding;</p> <p>(3) Confirm the criteria for considering capital bids as set out in paragraph 9.1 of the report;</p> <p>(4) Confirm the criteria for assessing 'spend to save' capital bids as set out in paragraph 9.2 of the report.</p>
10.	Ewell Court House Tea Rooms	<p>Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p>(1) Agree a new electrical supply is taken from the public highway as described</p>

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		<p>in this report at a cost of £60,000, to be funded from the Capital Receipts Reserve.</p> <p>(2) Authorise the Head of Property & Regeneration, in consultation with the Head of Finance and Legal Officer, to include the works in the Agreement for Lease and progress the electrical supply upgrade at the appropriate time.</p>
11.	County Deal - Member/Officer Working Group	<p>Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p>(1) Agree to set-up of a County Deal Working Group;</p> <p>(2) Agree the membership and Terms of Reference of the Working Group (Appendix 1 to the report);</p> <p>(3) Delegate authority to the Interim Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair of the Working Group, to make representations to Surrey County Council and/or other parties in connection with the process for developing a ‘Surrey County Deal’ proposal to government.</p>
12.	Replacement of Mayors Car	<p>Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p>(1) Agree to the recommendation of Option 2b, to lease a Skoda Superb Hybrid.</p> <p>(2) Agree to the installation of an electric charging point at a cost of £1,500.</p>

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		(3) Delegate to the Interim Chief Executive and the Chief Finance Officer, to proceed with the preferred option and agree terms.
13.	Exclusion of Press and Public	The Committee resolved to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting 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.
14.	Future of Building Control - Amended Proposal	The decision on this item is recorded in a separate (not for publication) restricted Decision Notice.
15.	Commercial Property Update	The decision on this item is recorded in a separate (not for publication) restricted Decision Notice.