

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Strategy and Resources Committee on Tuesday, 28 March 2023

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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 by members of the public.
2.	Declarations of Interest	No declarations of interest 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 meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee held on 26 January 2023 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.
4.	Planned Maintenance Programme 2023-24	Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to: (1) Note the progress and anticipated spend at the end of the current year 2022-23 as shown in Appendix 1 to the report. (2) Note the additional emergency works raised and carried out in the 2022-23 planned maintenance programme. (3) Approve the 2023-24 planned maintenance programme at an estimated cost of £539,000 as set out in Appendix 2 to the report.

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		<p>(4) Subject to the Council's financial and contract requirements, to delegate authority to the Head of Property and Regeneration to make changes within the 2023-24 planned maintenance programme to cover unforeseen matters (such as tender price variances) of up to, but not exceeding £20,000.</p> <p>(5) To agree to transfer the unspent budgets back to the Planned Maintenance Reserve at the end of the financial year.</p>
5.	IT Strategy	<p>Following consideration, the Committee resolved with 8 votes for and 2 abstentions to:</p> <p>(1) Agree the draft IT Strategy and the associated plan to invest in a programme of works as set out in the draft IT Roadmap. The works to include; a refresh of end user devices for councillors and officers, a programme of works to update infrastructure, and transformational projects to improve and increase online services to residents.</p> <p>(2) Approve the indicative funding implications for delivering the defined IT Roadmap in 2023-2024 as set out in table 1 of the report, these being; the carry forward of unspent 2022/23 capital funding of £215k and new capital funding for 2023/24 of £225k (which is inclusive of an additional £15k in order to complete the Member device refresh).</p>
6.	Annual Plan 2023/24	<p>Following consideration, the Committee resolved with 7 votes for, 2 abstentions and the Chair not voting to:</p>

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		(1) Approve the annual plan shown at Appendix 1 to the report for the year 2023-24.
7.	Ending the work of the Constitution Working Group	<p>Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p>(1) Thank the members of the Constitutional Working Group for their work in preparing the amended documents approved at Council on the 14th February; and</p> <p>(2) Transfer responsibility for the continuation of Constitutional updates to the Standards and Constitution committee</p>
8.	Exclusion of Press and Public	The Committee resolved with 8 votes for, 1 abstention and the Chair not voting 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.
9.	Commercial Tenant Update	The decision on this item is recorded in a separate (not for publication) restricted Decision Notice.

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10.	Commercial Property Update	The decision on this item is recorded in a separate (not for publication) restricted Decision Notice.