

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Strategy and Resources Committee on Tuesday, 17 November 2015

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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	<p>A written question had been submitted by a member of the public in relation to Horton Chapel to which the Chairman responded verbally.</p> <p><i>Note: Councillor Eber Kington stated that he would be declaring a pecuniary interest in respect of item 6 (Horton Chapel) on the Agenda and left the Chamber for this item.</i></p>
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting	<p>The Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee held on 29 September 2015 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
3.	Declarations of Interest	<p>Declarations of interest were made in respect of items 4 (Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2016/17), 5 (Budget Targets 2016/17) and 6 (Horton Chapel) on the Agenda as set out below the relevant Minute.</p>

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4.	Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2016/17	<p>As a result of revised figures tabled at the meeting which affected the bottom line in relation to the Council's projected share of Council Tax Income, it was agreed to defer consideration of this item.</p> <p><i>Note: Councillor Omer Kokou-Tchri had declared, prior to deferral of this item, that section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 currently applied to him and that he would not therefore be voting on any question in relation to this item.</i></p>

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5.	Budget Targets 2016-17	<p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted the implications of the budget targets approved by the Strategy and Resources Committee; • Noted that as a result of revised figures tabled at the meeting which affected the bottom line in relation to the Council's projected share of Council Tax Income, the savings option in relation to the Council Tax Support Scheme would need to be revisited; • Supported in principle the future savings options set out in paragraph 3.5 of the report for further work and inclusion in the Medium Term Financial Strategy; • Did not provided any further guidance on specific issues to be covered in the preparation of service estimates for 2016/17; • Endorsed the work plan as set out in paragraph 3.6 of the report <p><i>Note: Councillor Omer Kokou-Tchri declared that section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 currently applied to him and that he would not therefore be voting on any question in relation to to this item</i></p>

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6.	Horton Chapel	<p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publically noted the position to date but excluded the press and public from the meeting for certain of its deliberations on the grounds that the nature of proceedings dealt with information relating to the financial or business affairs of the Council; Did not authorise Officers to engage an agent to market the property for freehold disposal; Did not authorise Officers to agree allocation of funds for the purposes off the marketing exercise; Did not agree that the period for submission of bids be 4 months; Requested that a report be brought back to the Strategy and Resources Committee in January 2016. <p><i>Note: In accordance with the Local Code of Conduct for Members, Councillor Kington declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as he owns a property in the vicinity of Horton Chapel. He withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.</i></p>

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7.	Minutes of the Financial Policy Panel: 13 October 2015	<p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received the Minutes of the Financial Policy Panel meeting on 13 October 2015; Approved the change in budget heads to hold regulatory property maintenance budgets separate from backlog works, but still can be subject to in-year officer budget virements; Approved the inclusion of emergency schemes set out in paragraph 3 of the report totalling £45,500.
8.	Performance Management 2015/16: Progress Report One	<p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received Performance Management Progress Report One, 2015/16; Identified the need, particularly in regard to venues, for clearly measurable and realistic targets as an area to be addressed in the 2016-17 Performance Management system;

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9.	Annual Insurance Report	<p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted the annual report prepared by the London Borough of Sutton in respect of the new insurance arrangements and continues action taken to improve the handling of claims; Agreed that the Head of Corporate Risk progress discussions with the London Borough of Sutton for a longer term arrangement to achieve potential savings and economies of scale with a view to extending the current Collaboration Agreement.
10.	Write Offs	<p>The Committee agreed the write off of debts totalling £35,671.77 in relation to business rates.</p>

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11.	The Epsom-Banstead Sustainable Transport Package	<p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gave a commitment, in principle, to contribute towards the delivery of the Epsom-Banstead Sustainable Transport Package; • Noted that the precise amount of any contribution would be dependent upon the scheme being successful in obtaining external funding, the precise scope of the scheme, and the final balance of anticipated expenditure between the two constituent Boroughs; and • Noted that actual commitment would be dependent upon future approval. <p><i>Note: Report marked to follow on the Agenda and circulated to the Committee on Friday 13 November 2015.</i></p>
12.	Calendar of Meetings 2016/17	<p>Recommendation to Council that the 2016/17 Calendar of Meetings as set out in the Annexe attached to the report subject to the Democratic Services Manager investigating the possibility of moving the date of the Planning meeting in April 2017 and including the dates for the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee which were out to consultation at the time of publication of the Agenda.</p>
13.	Outstanding References	<p>The Committee noted the outstanding references to Officers as at 17 November 2015.</p>

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14.	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.
15.	Minutes of Previous Meeting - Proposed East Surrey Building Control Partnership	The Committee agreed as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee held on 29 September 2015 considered officially sensitive and exempt from publication.
16.	Land at Fairview Road, Epsom	<p>The Committee agreed that Land at Fairview Road, Epsom be sold at auction in accordance with the recommendations set out in the Minutes.</p> <p><i><u>Note:</u> The details of the disposal are considered officially sensitive and the Minute of this item will be exempt from publication.</i></p>