

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Environment Committee on Tuesday, 13 June 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.

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| 1. | Question and Statements from the Public | No questions or statements were received from members of the public. |
| 2. | Declarations of Interest | <p>Tennis in the Borough</p> <p>Councillor Julie Morris, Other Interest: Councillor Julie Morris declared that her son was a Tennis coach. She stated she believed it to be a prejudicial interest and confirmed that she would leave the meeting room for the duration of the item's discussion.</p> <p>Formation of Allotment Working Group</p> <p>Councillor Julie Morris, Other Interest: Councillor Julie Morris declared that she held an allotment in the Borough. She stated that she did not consider it to be a prejudicial interest.</p> <p>Formation of Allotment Working Group</p> <p>Councillor Steven McCormick, Other Interest: Councillor Steven McCormick declared that he held an allotment in the Borough. He confirmed that he was not prejudiced and maintained a clear and open mind.</p> |

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| 3. | Minutes of the Previous Meeting | The Committee confirmed as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 21 March 2023 and authorised the Chair to sign them. |
| 4. | Surrey Environment Partnership - SEP2025 | <p>The Committee received a report requesting that the Committee review and endorse SEP2025 (the high-level approach document on county-wide waste management for the period 2023/25, generated by the Surrey Environment Partnership (SEP)), on behalf of the Council.</p> <p>Following consideration, the Committee resolved (4 for, 3 abstaining, and the Chair not voting) to:</p> <p>(1) Endorse SEP2025 on behalf of the Council.</p> |
| 5. | Tennis in the Borough | <p>Councillor Julie Morris left the meeting room for the duration of the discussion of item 5, on account of her declared interest.</p> <p>The Committee received a report on modernising the way parks' tennis courts are operated and presenting a clear opportunity for the Council to optimise the impact and value of its existing assets to benefit residents. The proposal relied on grant funding from the Lawn Tennis Association.</p> |

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| | | <p>Following consideration, the Committee...</p> <p>Resolved (5 for, 1 against, and the Chair not voting) to:</p> <p>(1) Grant permission for officers to apply for a non-repayable grant from the Lawn Tennis Association to install gate technology to all tennis courts in the borough as set out in section four of this report.</p> <p>Unanimously resolved to:</p> <p>(2) Agree to income received for use of tennis courts to be placed in the Council's reserves and used solely for the ongoing maintenance need of the courts.</p> <p>(3) Agree that £10,330 identified from section 106 funding is used to carry out maintenance and improvement works on tennis courts across the borough ahead of implementing the charging scheme.</p> <p>Resolved (5 for, 1 against, and the Chair not voting) to:</p> <p>(4) Agree the fees and charges for tennis provision for 2023/24 as set out in appendix 1.</p> |

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| | | <p>Unanimously resolved to:</p> <p>(5) Agree that the fees and charges will be reviewed annually and align to the LTA guidance and market testing of neighbouring authorities.</p> |
| 6. | Formation of Allotment Working Group | <p>The Committee received a report seeking approval to form of an Allotment Working Group and proposing a draft Terms of Reference for comment.</p> <p>Following consideration, Councillor Julie Morris proposed that recommendation (2) be amended as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Original recommendation:</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;"><i>(2) Approve the draft Terms of Reference, noting any amendments.</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Amended recommendation:</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;"><i>(2) Delegate authority to the Allotment Working Group to make amendments to its Terms of Reference.</i></p> <p>The proposal was seconded by Councillor Steven McCormick.</p> <p>The Committee unanimously agreed to amend the recommendation as proposed.</p> |

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| | | <p>Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Approve the formation of an Allotment Working Group (2) Delegate authority to the Allotment Working Group to make amendments to its Terms of Reference. (3) Appoint the Vice-Chair of the Environment Committee to Chair the Allotment Working Group and appoint at least two additional members of this committee to form part of the group. (4) Delegate authority to the Vice-Chair to appoint/invite additional Councillors, Stakeholders and Officers to the Allotment Working Group as required. |
| 7. | Food Safety Service and Health and Safety Intervention Plans | <p>The Committee received a report setting out how the Council intends to discharge its statutory responsibilities in respect of food hygiene and health and safety interventions in the year 2023-2024 and reporting on activities in the previous years, in compliance with national monitoring arrangements.</p> <p>Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Adopt the service plan for food safety. (2) Adopt the intervention plan for health and safety. |

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| | | (3) Receive revised food and health and safety plans for the year 2024-2025 at a date in 2024. |