

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee on Thursday, 15 June 2023

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Decisions will come into force, and may be implemented, on the expiry of 5 clear working days from the date of this notice unless called in by the Audit 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.

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
1.	Question and Statements from the Public	No questions or statements were received from the Public.
2.	Declarations of Interest	No declarations of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in respect of any item of business to be considered at the meeting were made by Members.
3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	The Committee confirmed as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 30 January 2023 and authorised the Chair to sign them.
4.	Taxi and Private Hire Emissions Policy	Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to: (1) Agree in principle the proposal for amending the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy to phase in a requirement that licensed vehicles meet the same emissions requirements as the London Ultra-Low Emissions Zone, as set out in section 8 of the report. (2) Agree the policy be subject to public consultation with the results of the consultation and any policy modifications being brought back to the Committee prior to recommendation to full Council for adoption.

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5.	Planning Fee Income Report	<p>Following consideration, the Committee...</p> <p>Resolved (5 for, 1 abstained, and the Chair not voting) to:</p> <p>(1) Agree that the reasons for the reduction in planning related fees is for reasons outside of the Council’s control.</p> <p>Unanimously resolved to:</p> <p>(2) Note the reduction in planning-related fees and the measures taken to address this, noting the limited opportunities for mitigation measures for income that is market led.</p> <p>(3) Agree that future budget setting will take into account the outcome of government’s technical fee consultation and officer knowledge of development in the pipeline.</p>
6.	Local Plan Update	<p>Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p>(1) Agree to the progression of specific workstreams prior to a revised Local Development Scheme (Local Plan timetable) being considered at a future committee meeting and note the work that has been undertaken since and in line with the decision by full Council to pause the Local Plan.</p>

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		<p>(2) To note that Officers have written to the Council in its capacity as landowner to check the availability of additional sites for promotion through the call for sites process.</p> <p>(3) Agree to request additional information regarding the deliverability of the Council owned Town Centre sites in preparation of Regulation 19 Local Plan.</p> <p>(4) Agree to pause with progressing the Local Heritage List in parallel to the Local Plan whilst Officers prioritise workloads and consider any implications.</p>