

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Strategy and Resources Committee on Thursday, 21 September 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. | Questions and Statements from the Public | No questions or statements were received from 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 of the meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee held on 13 July 2023 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair. |
| 4. | IT Strategy | Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to: (1) Agree the IT Strategy, and the associated plan to invest in a programme of works as set out in the IT Roadmap. (2) To note that the works to include; a refresh of end user devices for officers, a programme of works to update infrastructure and move to a hosted data centre and transformational projects to improve and increase online services to residents. (3) Approve the indicative funding implications for delivering the defined IT |

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| | | <p>Roadmap in 2023-2027, as set out in section 5 of the report, which will feed into the Medium-Term Financial Strategy to be approved at Full Council in February 2024.</p> <p>(4) Agree that a further report on the IT Roadmap will be submitted to committee in September 2024. This will provide an update on the implementation of the roadmap and details of funding actuals to date and forecast.</p> |
| 5. | Household Support Fund 2023/24 | <p>Following consideration, the Committee resolved with 6 votes for, 1 abstention and the Chair not voting to:</p> <p>(1) Agree that a further £50,000 of the HSF4 allocation be passed to the Good Company, for distribution to residents in the period October 2023 to March 2024.</p> |
| 6. | Poole Road Pavilion Reroofing Project | <p>Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p>(1) Approve additional funding of £105,000 from the Capital Receipts Reserve, to enable the Poole Road Pavilion Re-Roofing project to proceed at an estimated cost of £255,000.</p> <p>(2) Request that internal audit look at this particular procurement to allay any Members' concerns around it.</p> |

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| 7. | Ewell Court House Flat 1 Refurbishment And Use For Temporary Accommodation | <p>Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p>(1) Agree to use Flat 1 Ewell Court House for temporary homeless accommodation.</p> <p>(2) Agree to fund the refurbishment budget of up to £125,000 from S106 developer funds.</p> <p>(3) Note that the Head of Property & Regeneration, Head of Housing & Community in consultation with the Head of Finance will progress the refurbishment to completion.</p> |
| 8. | Exclusion of Press and Public | The Committee unanimously 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. |
| 9. | Commercial Tenant Update | The decision on this item is recorded in a separate (not for publication) restricted Decision Notice. |
| 10. | Commercial Property Update | <p>Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p>(1) Agree the draft lease terms set out in paragraph 4.1 of the report for a new</p> |

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| | | <p>commercial lease of Plot 8 Kiln Lane, Epsom.</p> <p>(2) Note that the Head of Property & Regeneration, in consultation with the Head of Finance, will instruct external solicitors to prepare the draft lease documentation (based on the draft lease terms in 1) above) and progress the new lease to completion as outlined in this report.</p> |