

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee on Tuesday, 26 September 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.

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1.	Question and Statements from the Public	The Committee received one statement from a member of the public which was delivered verbally at the meeting.
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 19 January 2023 and 15 June 2023 and authorised the Chair to sign them.
4.	Unpausing the Local Plan	Following consideration, the Committee; Resolved (6 for, 2 against) to: (1) To recommend to Full Council that work on the Local Plan is un-paused. Unanimously resolved to: (2) Note the work that has been undertaken since and in line with the decision

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		<p>by full Council to pause the Local Plan.</p> <p>(3) Note that a decision to progress (un-pause) work on the Local Heritage List update will be considered at a future meeting of this Committee.</p>
5.	2024/25 Budget Targets	<p>Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p>(1) Note the implications of the budget targets presented to Strategy & Resources Committee on 13 July 2023.</p> <p>(2) Consider how additional income or savings can be generated to address the projected Council wide funding gap of £1.1m in 2024/25, rising to £2.5m by 2027/28.</p> <p>(3) Note that owing to the Council’s projected budget deficit, any additional new revenue growth items (i.e. service enhancements resulting in increased net expenditure) supported by Policy Committees will need to be fully funded from existing budgets.</p>
6.	Response to the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill: consultation on implementation of plan-making reforms	<p>Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p>(1) Approve the principle of the draft response to the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Bill: Consultation on Implementation of Plan-Making Reforms.</p> <p>(2) To note, if changes are recommended by this committee due to insufficient</p>

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		<p>time to bring it back to committee it will be dealt with under the urgency provision in the constitution set out at Paragraph 3.1 of appendix 2 and the decision to approve the final draft response will be taken by the relevant director in consultation with the Chair of this Committee.</p>
7.	Taxi and Private Hire Emissions Policy	<p>Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p>(1) Consider the responses to the public consultation,</p> <p>(2) Agree the changes to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy as follows; -</p> <p>a) From 1 July 2024 licences will normally only be granted to vehicles being licensed for the first time that meet the TFL Ultra Low Emission Zone requirements (Petrol: Euro 4, Diesel: Euro 6). An exception will be allowed until 1 January 2025 for proprietors of licensed Euro 4 diesel vehicles that are replacing them with Euro 5 diesel vehicles.</p> <p>b) From 1 January 2025 licences will not normally be renewed in respect of any licensed diesel vehicle that does not meet or exceed Euro 5 emission standards.</p> <p>c) From 1 July 2026, licences will normally only be granted to vehicles (including renewal of existing licences) that meet the TFL Ultra Low Emission Zone requirements (Petrol: Euro 4 Diesel: Euro 6).</p>

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		<p>d) Vehicles that have been specially adapted [i.e., post manufacture] to carry wheelchair users will be exempted from the emission requirement.</p> <p>e) Vehicles used for the completion of home to school transport under contract from a County Council will be given a one-year extension to each of the phased emission requirements.</p> <p>f) All hackney carriages must be wheelchair accessible. Hackney Carriages are no longer required to be purpose built/London style ‘black’ cabs. All non-purpose-built hackney carriages will be required to display a ‘Taxi’ sign of a minimum width of 76.2cm with lettering of a minimum height of 12.7cm and bearing the words ‘Licensed by Epsom & Ewell Borough Council’, capable of being illuminated, to be mounted across the roof of the vehicle.</p> <p>(3) Agree that the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy as set in Appendix 6 is recommended for approval at Full Council</p>
8.	Authority Monitoring Report 2022/23	<p>Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p>(1) Note the content of AMR and agree to it being published.</p>