

## STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Tuesday 26 March 2024 at 7.30 pm

Place: Council Chamber, Epsom Town Hall

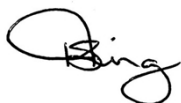
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The members listed below are summoned to attend the Strategy and Resources Committee meeting, on the day and at the time and place stated, to consider the business set out in this agenda.

Councillor Neil Dallen (Chair)  
Councillor Hannah Dalton (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Chris Ames  
Councillor Shanice Goldman

Councillor Graham Jones  
Councillor Alison Kelly  
Councillor Robert Leach  
Councillor Alan Williamson

Yours sincerely



Chief Executive

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There are matters scheduled to be discussed at this meeting that would appear to disclose confidential or exempt information under the provisions of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended). The Committee is likely to resolve to exclude the press and public during discussion of these matters by virtue of the private nature of the business to be transacted.

## Questions and statements from the Public

Up to 30 minutes will be set aside for questions and statements from members of the public at meetings of this Committee. Any member of the public who lives, works, attends an educational establishment or owns or leases land in the Borough may ask a question or make a statement on matters within the Terms of Reference of the Committee.

All questions must consist of one question only and cannot consist of multiple parts. Questions and statements cannot relate to planning or licensing committees matters, the personal affairs of an individual, or a matter which is exempt from disclosure or confidential under the Local Government Act 1972. Questions which in the view of the Chair are defamatory, offensive, vexatious or frivolous will not be accepted. Each question or statement will be limited to 3 minutes in length.

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Questions must be received in writing by Democratic Services by noon on the third working day before the day of the meeting. For this meeting this is **Noon, 21 March 2024**.

A summary of statements must be received by Democratic Services by noon on the working day before the day of the meeting. For this meeting this is **Noon, 25 March 2024**.

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## **AGENDA**

### **1. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

To take any questions or statements from members of the Public.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are asked to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in respect of any item of business to be considered at the meeting.

### **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 5 - 12)**

The Committee is asked to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held 25 January 2024 (attached) and to authorise the Chair to sign them.

### **4. PLANNED MAINTENANCE REPORT 2024-25 (Pages 13 - 24)**

This report provides an update on the current financial year's approved 2023-24 planned maintenance programme and requests approval for the planned maintenance programme for the next financial year 2024-25.

### **5. ESTABLISH TOWN HALL SITE WORKING GROUP (Pages 25 - 28)**

To establish a cross party Member Working Group to explore proposals around the development/disposal of the current Town Hall site.

### **6. STONELEIGH FLATS FOR TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION (Pages 29 - 36)**

This report proposes that the Council progresses the grant of an underlease from Surrey County Council to use two Stoneleigh Community Library maisonettes as temporary accommodation for homeless households.

## **7. CHALK PIT (Pages 37 - 70)**

This report sets out the matters considered by the council's Environment Committee on 23rd January 2024 in respect to the options available to respond to complaints of noise from Epsom Chalk Pit.

Following consideration, as funding could not be found from existing budgets and internal resource could not support the work, the Environment Committee resolved that Strategy and Resources Committee be requested to identify funds of £140,000 to instruct external noise consultants to conduct a fresh investigation into activities at Epsom Chalk Pit.

The £140,000 is the total sum anticipated to be needed and is made up of £40,000 for the work to be carried out, £50,000 to support any enforcement action/litigation and a further £50,000 payable to the Appellant in the event of a successful appeal. These amounts can not be considered in isolation from each other in considering the potential total cost to the council.

Members should note that such further external investigation would only proceed if a significant level of complaints continued, despite the required buildings being constructed and commissioned and officers agreed that, in their professional judgement, such work was warranted.

## **8. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (Pages 71 - 72)**

The Committee is asked to consider whether it wishes to pass a resolution 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 involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 7 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 outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.