

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Strategy and Resources Committee on Tuesday, 12 December 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.	Declarations of Interest	No questions or statements were received from members of the public.
2.	Local Plan Budget Resources	Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved: (1) To agree to allocate £629,000 funding from the Corporate Projects Reserve to enable the completion of the Epsom and Ewell Local Plan (2022-2040).
3.	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.
4.	Commercial Property	Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to: (1) Recommend to Council that: a) The update in respect to 70 East Street be noted.

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		<p>b) The Strategic Outline Business case to establish the Council’s new Civic Offices at 70 East Street, Epsom be agreed and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. the relocation of the Council Chamber and ancillary functions to Bourne Hall be approved. II. the relocation of the civic office to 70 East Street be approved. <p>c) an indicative capital budget of up to £7.0 million and a revenue budget of up to £0.5m for programme delivery are approved.</p> <p>d) Funding Option 3, as set out in the Strategic Outline Business Case, be adopted to fund the relocation, noting the specific agreements regarding the optimal use of the existing Town Hall site.</p> <p>e) An implementation programme, supported with appropriate governance, be established to oversee the mobilisation to the new building.</p> <p>f) The Chief Executive and Interim Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration (or subsequent permanent Director), in consultation with the S151 officer, be delegated specific authority to approve all necessary project/procurement expenditure and release of funds from budgets/reserves (up to the approved limit above) through to completion and delivery.</p> <p>(2) Resolve that authority be given to the Head of Property and Regeneration to</p>

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		commence procurement for the refurbishment works to 70 East Street.