

## Epsom & Ewell Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Environment Committee on Tuesday, 15 October 2024

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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.	Questions and Statements from the Public	No questions or statements were received from members of the public.
2.	Declarations of Interest	<p><b>Allotment Working Group Update</b></p> <p>Councillor Christine Cleveland, Other Interest: Councillor Christine Cleveland announced that she held an allotment. She stated she believed it to be a non-prejudicial interest.</p> <p>Councillor Julie Morris, Other Interest: Councillor Julie Morris announced that she held an allotment. She stated she believed it to be a non-prejudicial interest.</p> <p><b>Tennis Coaching Contracts</b></p> <p>Councillor Julie Morris, Other Interest: Councillor Julie Morris declared that she had a personal and prejudicial interest with respect to agenda item 13 - Tennis Coaching Contracts - and confirmed that she would leave the Chamber at the time of the Committee's consideration of said item.</p>
3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	The Committee confirmed as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 16 July 2024 and authorised the Chair to sign them.

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4.	Motion 3 Referred from Full Council on 30 July 2024	<p>Following consideration, the Committee resolved (5 for, 1 against, and 1 abstaining) to:</p> <p><b>(1) Note the motion referred to the Committee by Full Council and take no further action after considering the contents of the report.</b></p>
5.	Allotment Working Group Update	<p>Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p><b>(1) Note the report and the work of the Allotments Working Group during the 2023-24 year.</b></p>
6.	Food Safety Service and Health and Safety Intervention Plans	<p>Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p><b>(1) Adopt the service plan for food safety.</b></p> <p><b>(2) Adopt the intervention plan for health and safety.</b></p> <p><b>(3) Agree to receive revised food and health and safety plans for the year 2025-2026 at a date in 2025.</b></p>

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7.	Climate Change Action Plan (2025-2029)	<p>Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p><b>(1) Approve and adopt the Climate Change Action Plan 2025-2029 set out in Appendix 1 of the report.</b></p>
8.	Tree Management Plan Progress Update	<p>Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p><b>(1) Consider and note the progress made on the delivery of the Council’s Tree Management Plan over the past 18 months.</b></p>
9.	Tree Planting Fees & Charges Policy - 9 month review	<p>Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p><b>(1) Consider and note the 9-month review of Council’s Tree Planting Fees &amp; Charges Policy.</b></p>
10.	Hook Road Car Park interim options follow up paper	<p>Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p><b>(1) Proceed with Option 1, as identified in Section 4 of the report.</b></p>

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11.	2025/26 Budget Targets	<p>Following consideration, the Committee resolved (5 for, 1 against, and 1 abstaining) to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>(1) Note the implications of the budget targets presented to Strategy &amp; Resources Committee on 23 July 2024.</b></li> <li><b>(2) Support the changes to services and savings previously identified in Table 1 of the report and that these are included within the budget presented to this Committee in January 2025.</b></li> <li><b>(3) Consider how additional income or savings can be generated to address the projected Council wide funding gap of £573,000 in 2025/26, rising to £720,000 per annum by 2028/29.</b></li> <li><b>(4) 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.</b></li> </ul>
12.	Urgent Decisions	<p>Following consideration, the Committee resolved (5 for, and 2 against) to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>(1) Note the urgent decisions taken and the reasons for those decisions, since the last meeting of the committee.</b></li> </ul>

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13.	Tennis Coaching Contracts	Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:  <b>(1) Nominate and authorise the Head of Operational Services, and the Interim Assistant Head of Service – Streetcare, to negotiate and enter into Tennis Coaching Contracts on behalf of Epsom &amp; Ewell Borough Council.</b>