

## Epsom & Ewell Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Environment Committee on Tuesday, 21 January 2025

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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	<b>Fees and Charges 2025/26</b> Councillor Christine Cleveland, Other Interest: Councillor Christine Cleveland declared that she had a non-prejudicial interest as she held an allotment in the Borough. Councillor Julie Morris, Other Interest: Councillor Julie Morris declared that she had a non-prejudicial interest as she held an allotment in the Borough.
3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	The Committee agreed (6 votes for, 1 against, and 1 abstaining) that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 15 October 2024 were a true record, and authorised the Chair to sign them.
4.	Alternative Transport Councillor Champion Annual Statement 2024/25	The Committee unanimously resolved to: <b>(1) Receive and note the annual statement of the Alternative Transport councillor champion.</b>

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5.	Grave Lease Extensions	<p>The Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p><b>(1) Agree to extend expiring grave leases for an additional 25 years, with charges set at £350 for residents and £500 for non-residents as from 1 April 2025.</b></p> <p><b>(2) Agree to adjust the standard lease duration from 40 year to 75 years, with a 15% increase in current charges as from 1 April 2025.</b></p> <p><b>(3) Agree to halt the sale of graves for future use effective immediately.</b></p> <p><b>(4) Agree to halt the sale of 11 foot graves effective immediately.</b></p>
6.	Surrey Rights of Way Improvement Plan	<p>The Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p><b>(1) Note the contents of the consultation.</b></p> <p><b>(2) Approve the draft response (attached at Appendix 1 of the report).</b></p>
7.	Urgent Decisions	<p>The Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p><b>(1) Note the urgent decisions taken and the reasons for those decisions.</b></p>

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8.	Capital Programme 2025/26	<p>The Committee resolved (7 for, and 1 abstaining) to:</p> <p><b>(1) Submit the capital programme for 2025/26 as identified in section 3 of the report to the Council for approval on 11 February 2025;</b></p> <p><b>(2) Note the provisional forecast of schemes for the capital programme for 2026/27 to 2029/30.</b></p>
9.	Budget - Planting	<p>The Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p><b>(1) Authorise the decision to reinstate the budget of £30,000 to ‘Review of Borough Beautification (flowers and planting)’ for 2025/26 and subsequent future years, noting the implications of the decision taken on 15 October 2024 and that alternative savings will be made from increased rental income from buildings within Parks to allow for this change.</b></p>
10.	Car Park Fees and Charges 2025/26	<p>The Committee resolved (6 for, 1 against, 1 abstaining) to:</p> <p><b>(1) Agree the proposed fees and charges as set out in section 3 of the report.</b></p> <p><b>(2) Agree the proposed parking permit prices as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.</b></p>

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		<p>The Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p><b>(3) Agree to a concessionary rate being offered to a limited number of Epsom Playhouse performers, cast, crew or technical team as outlined in Section 3.9 and 3.10 of the report, with immediate effect.</b></p> <p><b>(4) Agree to the concessionary rate of Christmas parking as outlined in Section 3.11, 3.12 and 3.13 of the report, for the next two years.</b></p> <p>The Committee resolved (5 for, 1 against, 2 abstaining) to:</p> <p><b>(5) Nominate and Authorise the Head of Housing &amp; Community to give such notice(s) and/or make such order as is considered necessary in order to give effect to the above recommendations. That any representations to these proposals are brought back to Environment Committee in March 2025.</b></p>
<b>11.</b>	Fees and Charges 2025/26	<p>The Committee resolved (6 for, 1 against, 1 abstaining) to:</p> <p><b>(1) Agree the fees and charges for 2025/26 as set out at Appendices 1 and 2 of the report.</b></p>

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12.	Revenue Budget 2025/26	The Committee resolved (7 for, 1 abstaining) to:  <b>(1) Recommend the 2025/26 service estimates for approval at the budget meeting of Full Council in February 2025.</b>