

STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Tuesday 17 September 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 Kate Chinn
Councillor Alex Coley

Councillor Alison Kelly
Councillor Robert Leach
Councillor Lucie McIntyre
Councillor Phil Neale

Yours sincerely



Chief Executive

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Exclusion of the Press and the Public

There are no matters scheduled to be discussed at this meeting that would appear to disclose confidential or exempt information under the provisions Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended). Should any such matters arise during the course of discussion of the below items or should the Chair agree to discuss any other such matters on the grounds of urgency, the Committee may wish to resolve to exclude the press and public 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.

If you wish to ask a question or make a statement at a meeting of this Committee, please contact Democratic Services at: democraticservices@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

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, Thursday 12 September**.

A written copy 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, Monday 16 September**.

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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

To receive declarations of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or other registrable or non-registrable interests from Members in respect of any item to be considered at the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 5 - 14)

The Committee is asked to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 23 July 2024 (attached) and to authorise the Chair to sign them.

4. CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS - PROCUREMENT ACT UPDATE (Pages 15 - 104)

On 28 October 2024, the biggest changes to public sector procurement for over a decade will take effect with the issue of the Procurement Act 2023. The legislation, brought in after Brexit, has a significant impact on how the council undertakes its procurement.

As a result of these changes the Contract Standing Orders ('CSOs'), which form part of the council's Constitution, have been reviewed and updated to ensure that the council will comply with the latest legislation.

This report provides background information to the CSOs and the new Act, their purpose and the key changes.

The report also recommends updates identified through the review which do not directly relate to the new Act.

5. PAYMENTS FROM CHUTER EDE FUND (Pages 105 - 108)

To allow payments to be made to residents who have applied for support funding, in accordance with the legacy from Chute Ede trusts.

6. HOOK ROAD CAR PARK EQUIPMENT FUNDING (Pages 109 - 112)

This report seeks funding of up to £25k to install pay and display equipment at Hook Road Car Park as an interim measure between the end of life of the current equipment and the start of any proposed developmental works at Hook Road.

7. URGENT DECISIONS (Pages 113 - 116)

To report to the committee the decisions taken by the Chief Executive and Directors on the grounds of urgency, in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

8. TOWN & COUNTRY HOUSING TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION AGREEMENT (Pages 117 - 122)

The Council has a significant number of temporary accommodation units located in the borough, of which more than 50% is owned and managed by Town & Country Housing (TCH). The agreement which covers this arrangement requires updating.

9. HORTON CEMETERY (Pages 123 - 168)

At its meeting on 30 July 2024, Council resolved to refer Motion 2 (attached at Appendix 1) to this Committee for consideration. Motion 2 proposed for Council to:

- a. *Reclassify the description of Horton Cemetery from “amenity woodland” to “sui generis”.*
- b. *Obtain an expert valuation of Horton Cemetery from the District Valuer, providing them with a full report produced by the Friends of Horton Cemetery.*
- c. *Initiate the compulsory purchase of Horton Cemetery and return it to community ownership.*

This report considers the above Motion 2 proposals and outlines the legislative framework of the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) process.

10. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (Pages 169 - 170)

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 5 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.

11. 33-39 HIGH STREET LEASE FOR TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION (Pages 171 - 176)

The report has not been published as it deals with information in relation to the financial or business affairs of the Council or a third party.

12. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS (To Follow)

The report has not been published as it deals with information in relation to the financial or business affairs of the Council or a third party and information respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.