

# STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

# Tuesday 15 July 2025 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 John Beckett Councillor Kate Chinn Councillor James Lawrence Councillor Jan Mason Councillor Lucie McIntyre Councillor Humphrey Reynolds

Yours sincerely

Chief Executive

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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 fifth working day before the day of the meeting. For this meeting this is **Noon**, **8 July 2025**.

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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 - 8)

The Committee is asked to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 25 march 2025 (attached) and two Special Meetings held on 17 June 2025 (to follow) and to authorise the Chair to sign them.

# **4. PROCUREMENT STRATEGY UPDATE** (Pages 9 - 26)

The Procurement Strategy sets out the council's vision, values and objectives for its procurement function. Therefore, it contributes to the governance of the council's procurement activities and sets out how it aims to achieve best value and comply with legislation.

# 5. **2024-25 PROVISIONAL FINANCIAL OUTTURN** (Pages 27 - 40)

This report summarises the Council's provisional financial performance for 2024/25 and details the capital budgets to be carried forward for schemes where costs will be incurred in 2025/26.

## 6. 2026/27 STRATEGIC FINANCIAL PLANNING (Pages 41 - 68)

This report recommends budget targets for 2026/27 and provides an update on financial planning for 2027/28 to 2028/29 as recommended by Financial Strategy Advisory Group.

# 7. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS AND CHAIR OF THE SHAREHOLDER SUB-COMMITTEE (Pages 69 - 72)

To agree the appointment of Members and a Chair to the Shareholder Sub Committee for the 2025-26 Municipal Year.

# **8. URGENT DECISION** (Pages 73 - 76)

To report to the committee a decision taken by one of the Directors and / or Chief Executive on the grounds of urgency, in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

# **9. BOURNE HALL LODGE** (Pages 77 - 94)

This report sets out six potential options to consider the future use of Bourne Hall Lodge.

# **10. TRANSPORT FLEET VEHICLE RENEWAL** (Pages 95 - 114)

The Council's vehicle fleet will require replacement starting mid-2027. A decision to extend the existing contract is recommended.

# **11. LEASE ARRANGEMENTS - RELATE 2025/6** (Pages 115 - 124)

This report considers options for future funding arrangements for RELATE Mid and East Surrey for 2025-2027.

# 12. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (Pages 125 - 126)

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 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 outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.