

## Epsom & Ewell Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Strategy and Resources Committee on Tuesday, 17 June 2025

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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	<p>The following declarations were made by members in relation to items on the agenda:</p> <p>Hook Road Arena</p> <p>Councillor Jan Mason, Other Interest: Councillor Mason declared in the interests of openness and transparency that when she was a Chair of a Committee several years ago she had met with the officers of the football club several times over what their ambitions were. Councillor Mason reiterated that she had not had any contact with them in the past few years and expressed that she did not have any interests to declare in relation to this matter.</p> <p>Hook Road Arena</p> <p>Councillor Kate Chinn, Other Interest: Councillor Chinn declared that she had participated in several conversations with Epsom and Ewell Football Club but that she did not believe or recollect that she had made any decisions on what should or should not happen or indicated that in any way.</p> <p>Hook Road Arena</p> <p>Councillor Neil Dallen, Other Interest: Councillor Dallen declared that he is a director and trustee of Epsom firework display which uses the Arena. Councillor Dallen also</p>

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		<p>declared that he had met on several occasions with Epsom Football and network clubs' officers regarding their plans for Hook Road Arena and had listened to their case and tried to ensure that they understand the process required. Councillor Dallen declared that he had never expressed a view for or against and is confident that he has an unbiased and open mind. Councillor Dallen declared that in principle, he would like to see Epsom Football Club back in the Borough and hoped that they would be able to achieve this somehow and somewhere.</p>
2.	Exclusion of Press and Public	<p>During the Committee's debate on item 2 of the agenda (Hook Road Arena), the Committee considered that due to the sensitivity of the information contained within Appendix 4 to the report, an exclusion of the Press and Public would be necessary in order to enable effective debate on the matter in question.</p> <p>The Chair proposed a motion that the Press and Public be excluded 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.</p> <p>The Committee unanimously agreed the motion as set out by the Chair.</p>
3.	Hook Road Arena	<p>Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:</p> <p><b>(1) Note the restriction placed on the land by Surrey County Council as described in paragraphs 9.1 – 9.4 of the report and Exempt Appendix 4</b></p>

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		<p><b>Briefing Note.</b></p> <p>(2) Approve the undertaking of a feasibility study that identifies the land (hatched blue on the plan at Appendix 3) be for use as playing pitches/sports and recreation facilities, and the remaining, eastern land (hatched red on the plan at Appendix 3 of the report) for a policy compliant residential use (subject to the emerging Local Plan 2020-2040 being successfully adopted) to cross subsidise the playing pitches/sports and recreation facilities (and note the implications of this as set out in the Exempt Appendix 4 Briefing Note).</p> <p>(3) Nominate and Authorise the Director of Environment, Housing &amp; Regeneration to provide a letter of intent to any interested sporting party to facilitate their own grant bid applications.</p> <p>(4) Agree and authorise:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) procurement of external legal advice, specialist property project management and consultancy support as detailed within this report.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b) budget of up to £250,000 to be funded from the Corporate Projects Reserve as described in paragraphs 5.2 – 5.3 of the report.</p> <p>(5) Nominate and authorise both the Director of Environment, Housing &amp; Regeneration and the Head of Property &amp; Regeneration in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, to commission the work outlined within paragraph 6.6 of this report.</p>

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		<b>(6) Note a report will be brought back to Committee in approximately 8 - 12 months (as explained in paragraphs 6.1 – 6.5 of the report) following completion of the work outlined above.</b>