Epsom & Ewell Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Strategy and Resources Committee on Tuesday, 14 July 2026

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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.

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1.	Questions and Statements from the Public	A member of the public submitted a written question prior to the meeting to which a written response had been given by the Chair and attached as a supplement to the agenda. The member of the public asked a supplementary question at the meeting. The Chair informed the member of the public that written a response to the supplementary question would be provided following the meeting. The Committee received two statements from members of the public. One statement related to town twinning with Bucha, Ukraine and one statement related to the stepping stones and proposed footbridge over the Hogsmill River.
2.	Declarations of Interest	Members of the committee made the following declarations in relation to items on the agenda: Questions and Statements from the Public Councillor Neil Dallen MBE, Other Interest: Councillor Neil Dallen declared that he knew Greg Sturmenr and Roy Deadman, who had addressed the committee during this item, but that this did not affect his decision.

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		Declarations of Interest Councillor James Lawrence, Other Interest: Councillor James Lawrence declared that he is a member of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee and that he would not be able to participate in any items considered at this meeting that were called in by the Audit and Scrutiny Committee for scrutiny. Declarations of Interest Councillor Phil Neale, Other Interest: Councillor Phil Neale declared that he is the Vice-Chair of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee and that it did not affect or predetermine any of his decisions at this meeting. Declarations of Interest Councillor Steven McCormick, Other Interest: Councillor Steven McCormick declared that he is a member of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee and that he would not be able to participate in any items considered at this meeting that were called in by the Audit and Scrutiny Committee for scrutiny.

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		Epsom and Ewell Community Infrastructure Levy - Annual Funding Awards 2026 Councillor John Beckett, Other Interest: Councillor John Beckett declared that he is a Surrey County Councillor and that several of the CIL bids related to Surrey County Council initiatives. Councillor Beckett declared that he did not have a personal or prejudicial interest in these items and that he would not withdraw from the debate upon them. Epsom and Ewell Community Infrastructure Levy - Annual Funding Awards 2026 Councillor Neil Dallen MBE, Other Interest: Councillor Neil Dallen declared that he had an interest in a number of CIL bids and would recuse himself for this item and leave the room for it's duration. Epsom and Ewell Community Infrastructure Levy - Annual Funding Awards 2026 Councillor Phil Neale, Other Interest: Councillor Phil Neale declared that he sat as a member of the Community Infrastructure Levy Working Group but was not predetermined on any of the schemes.

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		Epsom and Ewell Community Infrastructure Levy - Annual Funding Awards 2026 Councillor Steven McCormick, Other Interest: Councillor Steven McCormick declared that he is a Surrey County Councillor but that he had a clear and open mind to the CIL bids which related to Surrey County Council and was not predetermined.
3.	Minutes of Previous Meeting	The Committee confirmed as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 17 March 2026 and the Chair signed them.
4.	2025-26 Provisional Financial Outturn	Following consideration, the Committee resolved with 7 votes for and one vote against to: **(1) Receive the report on provisional financial outturn for 2025/26;** **(2) Approve the carry forward £2.619 million budget for capital schemes to be added to the 2026/27 capital programme.** **~~(3)~~ Note that the provisional outturn position is subject to external audit. Should any material changes arise from the audit, these will be reported back to members.** **(4) Agree to fund the 2025/26 adverse outturn position of £410,000 from the corporate projects reserve.** **(5) Agree to fund the increased provision detailed in section 5.2 from the corporate projects reserve.**

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5.	Community Asset Review	Following consideration, the committee resolved by the Chair's casting vote (with the previous voting being tied with 4 votes for and 4 votes against) to: **(1) Note the updates contained within both this report and the Community Asset Review June 2026 (Appendix 2 to the report).** **(2) Approve the strategic direction for the three key assets, namely;** **(2.1) Bourne Hall, Ewell - development of an integrated civic and cultural hub held by a local authority, improving connectivity between the library, museum, café, events and community functions.** **(2.2) The Playhouse, Epsom – commence preparatory transition work towards an independent charitable trust operating model, supported by targeted investment to improve flexibility, programming and commercial performance.** **(2.3) Community & Wellbeing Centre, Ewell - partnership-led delivery model, with rationalisation of the site and consideration of future co-location opportunities where appropriate.** **(3) Note the update on Bourne Hall Museum and approve the recommendation of the Community & Wellbeing Committee, for an initial investment of £125,000 in this financial year (Year 1) as set out in the attached business**

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		case (Appendix 3 to the report) and approve £125,000 for a further investment in year 2 that will be built into a future business case for the wider Bourne Hall, noting the requirements of the section 24 Local Government and Public Health Involvement Act 2007 direction. **(4) Agree to combine the workstreams supporting Priority 4 (Community Asset review) and Priority 7 (Museum Service Review) to achieve best value, best use of resources and to ensure a comprehensive and integrated approach.** **(5) Agree a capital budget of £3m for capital investment to deliver critical works aligned to the priorities set out in the Community Asset Review, with a detailed business plan to return to the relevant Committee for approval, noting the requirements of the section 24 Local Government and Public Health Involvement Act 2007 direction** **(6) Approve a budget of up to £80,000 to support the development of the detailed business plan for (5) above, noting the requirements of the section 24 Local Government and Public Health Involvement Act 2007 direction.** **(7) Note a package of operational 'quick wins' will be delivered in line with the approach set out in the Community Asset Review, subject to resource and funding availability. Should further funding be required, this will be developed into a future funding request.** **(8) To recommend to the East Surrey Shadow Authority that any consent required to comply with the section 24 direction be provided to any of the relevant budgetary decisions as set out above.**

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6.	EEBC 2025-2027 Strategic Priority 5: Hook Road Car Park Update	Following consideration, the committee resolved with 5 votes for, 3 votes against and 1 abstention to: **(1) Note the update and progress made as set out in this report.** **(2) Approve a budget of up to £100,000 to cover the cost of a Best Value Assessment, to be funded from the Corporate Projects Reserve.** **(3) Nominate and authorise the Director of Environment, Housing & Regeneration and Head of Property & Regeneration, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Chief Legal Officer, to take all necessary actions further to the above decisions being made that commit resources, as is necessary and appropriate.** **(4) Note a report will be brought back to Committee at the earliest opportunity following completion of the work.** **(5) Recommend to East Surrey Shadow Authority that they approve a budget of up to £100,000 to cover the cost of a Best Value Assessment.**
7.	Epsom and Ewell Community Infrastructure Levy - Annual Funding Awards 2026	Following consideration, the committee resolved with 6 votes for and 1 abstention to: **(1) Approve and ratify the funding recommendations of the CIL Working Group for each of the bids set out in paragraph 4 of the report, subject to the deletion of the wording "to replace unsafe stepping stones" from the**

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		summary provided for Strategic Project 3 – New Footbridge across the Hogsmill River.
8.	Appointment of Members and Chair of the Shareholder Sub-Committee	Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to: **(1) Appoint the following Members and Chair for the Shareholder Sub Committee: Councillors Neil Dallen (Chair), John Beckett, Kate Chinn Alex Coley and Hannah Dalton.**
9.	Update from the Town Twining Working Group	Following consideration, the committee resolved with 6 votes for, 1 abstention and the Chair not voting: **(1) To note the update from the Town Twinning Working Group.** **(2) The council to ask the working group to take this forward and clarify who is able to initiate and administer the twinning (both Chantilly and Bucha) and identify how it could continue after vesting day.** **(3) To invite the Working Group to provide a further report to the next meeting of this Committee.**