

STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Tuesday 27 September 2016 at 7.30 pm

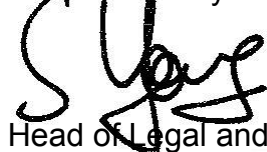
Town Hall

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 Eber Kington (Chairman)	Councillor Kate Chinn
Councillor Neil Dallen (Vice-Chairman)	Councillor Omer Kokou-Tchri
Councillor Tony Axelrod	Councillor Keith Partridge
Councillor Richard Baker	Councillor Mike Teasdale
Councillor Rekha Bansil	Councillor Clive Woodbridge

Please discuss any questions of fact with the relevant report author and notify the relevant Democratic Services Officer of any typographical errors author prior to the meeting.

Yours sincerely



Head of Legal and Democratic Services

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AGENDA

1. QUESTION TIME

To take any questions from members of the Public

Please Note: Members of the Public are requested to inform the Democratic Services Officer before the meeting begins if they wish to ask a verbal question at the meeting

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in respect of any item of business to be considered at the meeting.

3. AUDIT FINDINGS REPORT 2015/16 (Pages 5 - 122)

This report covers Grant Thornton's audit findings and presents the Financial Statements for 2015/16 following the external audit of accounts

4. EXTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT AUGUST 2016 (Pages 123 - 140)

This report provides an update of work being carried out by the Council's External Auditor and identifies emerging issues for the Committee to note.

5. HORTON CHAPEL (Pages 141 - 154)

This report seeks the approval of the Committee to the selection of a preferred bidder for the refurbishment of Horton Chapel for community use.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 155 - 170)

The Committee is asked to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee held on 5 April 2016 and 21 June 2016 (Annexe 1) (attached) and to authorise the Chairman to sign them.

7. RELEASE OF CAPITAL FUNDS FOR LED LIGHTING (Pages 171 - 174)

This report provides calculations for replacement of existing lighting with led fittings to improve lighting levels and reduce energy consumption

8. APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS (Pages 175 - 180)

This report summarises the changes to the arrangements for appointing External Auditors following the closure of the Audit Commission and the end of the transitional arrangements at the conclusion of the 2017/18 audits. The Council will need to consider the options available and put in place new arrangements in time to make a first appointment by 31 December 2017.

9. BUDGET TARGETS 2017/18 (Pages 181 - 198)

This report updates the financial forecast and recommends financial targets for preparing the draft budget for 2017/18 and financial planning for 2018/19 & 2019/20.

10. ICT DATACENTRE AND INFRASTRUCTURE (Pages 199 - 208)

The ICT datacentres, servers and storage at both Epsom and Ewell and Elmbridge councils are in need of investment to continue delivering services to officers and residents. This report details a number of options for the Council and recommends an Option to ensure that the Councils are able to replace core infrastructure to continue to provide services

11. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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 1, 2, and 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.

12. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - ACQUISITION OF LAND AND PROPERTY; PAYROLL SOLUTIONS; THE EBBISHAM CENTRE AND LAND AT ASHLEY AVENUE (Pages 209 - 214)

These Minutes from the meetings of the Strategy and Resources Committee held on 5 April 2016 and 21 June 2016 (Annexe 1) have not been published because the meeting was closed to the press and public on the grounds that the nature of the business to be transacted/nature of the proceedings dealt with information which could identify individuals, related to the financial or business affairs of the Council and a third party or was information in respect of which legal privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

13. ICT DATACENTRE AND INFRASTRUCTURE - PROJECTED COSTS AND BUDGET (Pages 215 - 216)

This information has not been published on the grounds that it relates to the financial or business affairs of the Council and a third party and the public interest in maintaining the exemption currently outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.