

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Environment Committee on Tuesday, 31 January 2017

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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.

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
1.	Question Time	No questions were asked or had been submitted by members of the public.
2.	Declarations of Interest	No declarations of interest were made by councillors in respect of items on this Agenda.
3.	Minutes of Previous Meeting	The Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 25 October 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
4.	Surrey Local Flood Risk Management Strategy	The Committee: (1) Approved the Draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2017-2032; and (2) Authorised the Head of Place Development to approve, in consultation with the Chair of the Environment Committee, minor modifications to the draft strategy in light of amendments required to be made by Surrey County Council from its public consultation.
5.	Corporate Plan: Performance Report Two 2016 to 2017	The Committee considered the performance reported in Annexe 1 to the report and did not identify areas of concern.

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6.	Car Parking Review 2016	<p>The Committee:</p> <p>(1) Received and considered the findings of the Car Parking Working Group;</p> <p>(2) Agreed with the Car Parking Working Group’s recommendations as below that:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) Officers should conduct a study of blue badge usage within the rear of the Town Hall car park and, subject to the outcome, remove but to three blue badge bays;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b) Subject to public consultation, the layout of Richards Fields car park should be altered to include a mix of residential permit parking and limited waiting bays for shoppers to visit the retail outlets in the area;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">c) In principle, if and when any annual permit schemes were introduced in Epsom and Ewell Borough Council owned car parks in future, the charges should be aligned with Hook Road permit prices;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">d) Officers be authorised to allow the purchase of up to 15 permits in Court Recreation Group on a Monday to Friday basis for a price in line with the residents rate of £330 per year;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">e) Hook Road Car Park opening hours should not be extended and the current opening hours maintained;</p>

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		<p>(3) Noted the changes to be made to the running of the car park service as outlined in the annexe subject to the Council’s Human Resources policies;</p> <p>(4) Agreed the following action to be undertaken by officers as a result of the review: namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A review into the existing arrangements within the Kingston Road (Stoneleigh Parade) car park during 2017/18 (to be specifically undertaken by the Head of Property and Head of Legal and Democratic Services); the findings to be reported to a future meeting of the Committee; b) The introduction of signage identified during the Working Party tours, funded from current revenue budget allocation in 2016/17 and 2017/18; c) A review of the shopmobility service, the findings to be reported to a future meeting of the Community and Wellbeing Committee; d) A review of existing leading arrangements for car washing facilities in car parks by 30 September 2017; e) A review of the effectiveness of the moped introduced for on street parking with a business case for an additional moped to be carried forward as part of the budget requirement 2017/18; f) To pursue options for advertising in car parks during 2017/18;

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		g) The investigation of potential site options for additional parking by the Council's Place Development team and Head of Property.
7.	Traffic Order 2017 Representations	The Committee considered the representations made to the making of the Traffic Order to vary parking charges and decided to continue with the making of the relevant Order, the effect of which would be revoke the previous Off Street Parking Places Order on the date that the New Order came into effect and to update and amend the Council's current Off Street Parking Places Order as detailed in Annexe 1 to the report.
8.	Fees and Charges 2017/18	<p>Subject to the approval of Council, the Committee agreed the fees and charges for 2017/ 18 as set out in Annexe 1 to the report.</p> <p><i>Note: Annexe 2 (Trade Waste fees and charges) to the report had not been published on the grounds that the information related to the financial or business affairs of the Council and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.</i></p>
9.	Capital Programme 2017/18	<p>The Committee:</p> <p>(1) Recommended the Capital Programme for 2017/18 as identified in section 4 & 5 of the report to the Council for approval on 14 February 2017;</p> <p>(2) Confirmed its support for all of the schemes proposed for inclusion in the provisional programme for 2018-20 as identified in section 6 of the report;</p>

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		<p>(3) Noted that:</p> <p>f) Schemes subject to external funding from section 106 and Government grants only proceed when funding has been received;</p> <p>g) Schemes for 2018-20 were provisional pending an annual review of funds available for capital investment.</p>
10.	Revenue Budget 2017/18	The Committee recommended the 2017/18 service estimates for approval at the budget meeting of the Council on 14 February 2017.
11.	Public Space Protection Orders	<p>The Committee:</p> <p>(1) Authorised the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, following consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee, to make up to three Public Space Protection Orders;</p> <p>(2) Agreed that any Public Space Protection Orders should be made in accordance with the statutory process set out in the Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014;</p> <p>(3) Agreed that any Public Space Protection Orders replicate so far as possible the provisions of the Orders set out in Annexe 1 to the report and cover such other areas and related restrictions as the Head of Legal and Democratic Services considers appropriate following consultation with the local police.</p>

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12.	A Joined up approached to enforcement	<p>The Committee:</p> <p>(1) Noted and endorsed the proposals in section 3 of, and Annexe 1 to, the report;</p> <p>(2) Did not wish to make any further comment on the proposals;</p> <p>(3) Noted that a report on the operation of the process would be taken to the Audit Crime & Disorder and Scrutiny Committee after one full year of operation.</p>
13.	Car Parking Working Group	<p>The Committee:</p> <p>Agreed that either Councillor Tella Wormington or Councillor Tony Axelrod would be permitted to substitute for Councillor Neil Dallen on the Parking Working Group and that the Vice Chairman of the Environment Committee would be permitted to attend the Working Group, whether in substitution for the Chairman or otherwise.</p>
14.	Outstanding References	<p>The Committee:</p> <p>Noted the references to Officers detailed in Annexe 1 attached to the report.</p>
15.	Exclusion of Press and Public	<p>The Committee resolved 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 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</p>

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		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.
16.	Fees and Charges 2017/18 - Trade Waste	The Committee noted the proposed fees and charges in relation to Trade Waste.