

STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Thursday 31 January 2019 at 7.30 pm

Council Chamber - Epsom 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 Clive Smitheram (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Tony Axelrod
Councillor Richard Baker
Councillor Kate Chinn

Councillor Hannah Dalton Councillor Colin Keane Councillor Omer Kokou-Tchri Councillor Barry Nash Councillor Clive Woodbridge

Yours sincerely

Chief Executive

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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. **EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE** (Pages 5 - 26)

This report sets out Grant Thornton's plan for the external audit of the Council's 2018/19 accounts.

Grant Thornton have also provided the Grant Certification Letter for the year ended 31 March 2018.

Both of these items have to be received by this Committee in accordance with audit regulations.

4. NNDR RETAIL RELIEF AND COUNCIL TAX LONG-TERM EMPTY PREMIUM (Pages 27 - 40)

This report details changes announced in the government's Autumn Statement upon which the Council need to agree its position.

5. DATA PROTECTION POLICY (Pages 41 - 66)

Following changes introduced by the General Data Protection Regulations and the Data Protection Act 2018, to adopt a new Data Protection Policy.

6. EPSOM & EWELL BOROUGH COUNCIL PAY POLICY STATEMENT (Pages 67 - 82)

This report introduces the draft Epsom & Ewell Borough Council Pay Policy Statement for 2018/19 and seeks approval of the statement by the Committee, prior to its presentation to full Council and subsequent publication on the Council's website.

7. **ASHLEY CENTRE CAR PARK SAFETY FENCING** (Pages 83 - 86)

The report requests the agreement of additional funding to complete the Ashley Centre car park safety fencing scheme, subject to Environment and Safe Communities Committee supporting the request for additional budget.

8. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS REVIEW (Pages 87 - 126)

The Financial Regulations form part of the Constitution and ensure that there are adequate rules to govern the Council's financial affairs. This report proposes amendments to the Financial Regulations.

9. **EMILY DAVISON STATUE** (Pages 127 - 130)

This report seeks approval for £20,000 of s106 funding be made available for the Council to make a contribution towards the funding of the Emily Davison statue within Epsom Town centre.

10. REVENUE BUDGET 2019/20 (Pages 131 - 140)

This report sets out estimates for income and expenditure on services in 2019/20.

11. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20 (Pages 141 - 152)

This report summarises the proposed 2019/20 capital programme for Strategy & Resources Committee. Approval is sought for the programme to be submitted to Council in February 2019.

12. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 153 - 158)

The Committee is asked to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee held on 27 November 2018 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them.