

### STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Tuesday 29 September 2015 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 Neil Dallen (Chairman) Councillor Clive Woodbridge (Vice-Chairman) Councillor Tony Axelrod Councillor Richard Baker Councillor Rekha Bansil Councillor Kate Chinn Councillor Eber Kington Councillor Omer Kokou-Tchri Councillor Keith Partridge Councillor Mike Teasdale



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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. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 5 - 30)

The Committee is asked to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committees held on 24 March 2015 24 June 2015 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them.

#### 4. 2014-2015 FINAL ACCOUNTS - AUDIT FINDINGS (Pages 31 - 144)

This report covers Grant Thornton's audit findings and presents the Financial Statements for 2014/15 following the external audit of the accounts.

## 5. **POST DMA IMPLEMENTATION PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE** (Pages 145 - 150)

On 23 March 2015 the Council agreed to a restructuring of the senior management team to implement recommendations of the Local Government Association following their Decision Making Accountability Review of the organisation. At that time the Chief Executive committed to a review and report back of the progress of the implementation of those recommendations. This report outlines progress in a number of areas to date and further areas for development

#### 6. BUDGET TARGETS 2016-17 (Pages 151 - 154)

This report updates the financial forecast and recommends financial targets for preparing the draft budget for 2016/17 and financial planning for 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 as recommended by the Financial Policy Panel.

#### 7. CORPORATE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE POLICY (Pages 155 - 174)

We have a statutory requirement to regularly review our Health, Safety and Welfare Policy. The current policy dates from May 2012.

This report outlines main content of the Council's revised Health, Safety and Welfare Policy including details of the Council's commitment to, management of and arrangements for the effective implementation of Health, Safety and Welfare controls.

The policy also identifies clear responsibilities for health, safety and welfare which includes officers as well as Members of the Council.

#### 8. UPDATE OF CRM PROJECT (Pages 175 - 182)

This report updates the Strategy and Resources Committee in relation to the Customer Relationship Management (CRM) project and related projects, as Members were asked to receive a further progress report including a medium term plan to exploit the new software.

#### 9. REPLACEMENT OF COURT RECREATION GROUND BOWLS PAVILION (Pages 183 - 188)

The report outlines the current situation regarding additional funding agreed via delegated authority for replacement bowls pavilion and the VAT situation

#### 10. EPSOM COMMON LOCAL NATURE RESERVE: PATH RESTORATION CAPITAL PROJECT (Pages 189 - 194)

A report requesting permission to use up to £85,440 of external funding received from the developers of the former West Park Hospital for the restoration of the circular bridleway on Epsom Common Local Nature Reserve. Specifically, in relation to the Oil Pipeline Agencies requirement for the fuel pipeline to be protected where the restored bridleway and the entrance to Stew Ponds Car Park cross the pipeline.

#### 11. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL): PROPOSED GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS (Pages 195 - 208)

The Council introduced the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) on 1 July 2014. The Council is responsible for the collection, distribution and spending of CIL monies. This report outlines and seeks endorsement for governance arrangements to ensure CIL monies are appropriately managed in accordance with the Regulations. The report also seeks approval of the Regulation 123 List which identifies the types of infrastructure the Council will spend CIL monies on.

#### 12. AN OVERVIEW OF THE EPSOM AND EWELL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (Pages 209 - 216)

The Council is in the process of preparing a Borough-wide Economic Development Strategy. This report serves as precursor to the more detailed Draft Strategy, providing Members with an overview of the project and the key interventions and outcomes that are likely to be included as part of the Strategy

#### 13. OUTSTANDING REFERENCES (Pages 217 - 220)

This report lists the references to officers outstanding as at 29 September 2015

#### 14. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (Pages 221 - 222)

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 paragraph (s) 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.

# **15. PROPOSED EAST SURREY BUILDING CONTROL PARTNERSHIP** (Pages 223 - 264)

This report has not been published because the meeting is likely to be closed to the press and public in view of the nature of the business to be transacted/nature of the proceedings. The report deals with information relating to the business affairs of the Council and the public interest in maintaining the exemption currently outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.