

STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Tuesday 30 March 2021 at 7.00 pm

Place: Remote Meeting

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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 Arthur Abdulin
Councillor Steve Bridger
Councillor Kate Chinn

Councillor Nigel Collin
Councillor Hannah Dalton
Councillor David Gulland
Councillor Colin Keane
Councillor Barry Nash

Yours sincerely



Chief Executive

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Public information

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This meeting will be held online and is open to the press and public to attend as an observer using free GoToWebinar software, or by telephone.

A link to the online address for this meeting is provided on the first page of this agenda and on the Council's website. A telephone connection number is also provided on the front page of this agenda as a way to observe the meeting, and will relay the full audio from the meeting as an alternative to online connection.

Information about the terms of reference and membership of this Committee are available on the [Council's website](#). The website also provides copies of agendas, reports and minutes.

Agendas, reports and minutes for the Committee are also available on the free Modern.Gov app for iPad, Android and Windows devices. For further information on how to access information regarding this Committee, please email us at Democraticservices@epsom-ewell.gov.uk.

Exclusion of the Press and the Public

There are no matters scheduled to be discussed at this meeting that would appear to disclose confidential or exempt information under the provisions Schedule 12A of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985. Should any such matters arise during the course of discussion of the below items or should the Chairman agree to discuss any other such matters on the grounds of urgency, the Committee will wish to resolve to exclude the press and public by virtue of the private nature of the business to be transacted.

Questions from the Public

Questions from the public are permitted at meetings of the Committee. Any person wishing to ask a question at a meeting of the Committee must register to do so, as set out below.

Up to 30 minutes will be set aside for written or oral questions from any member of the public who lives, works, attends an educational establishment or owns or leases land in the Borough on matters within the Terms of Reference of the Strategy and Resources Committee which may not include matters listed on a Committee Agenda.

All questions whether written or oral must consist of one question only, they cannot consist of multi parts or of a statement.

The question or topic may not relate to a specific planning application or decision under the Planning Acts, a specific application for a licence or permit of any kind, the personal affairs of an individual, or a matter which is exempt from disclosure or confidential under the Local Government Act 1972. Questions which in the view of the Chairman are vexatious or frivolous will not be accepted.

To register to ask a question at a meeting of the Committee, please contact Democratic Services, email: democraticservices@epsom-ewell.gov.uk, telephone: 01372 732000.

Written questions must be received by Democratic Services by noon on the tenth working day before the day of the meeting. For this meeting this is **Noon, 16 March 2021**

Registration for oral questions is open until noon on the second working day before the day of the meeting. For this meeting this is **Noon, 26 March 2021**

AGENDA

1. QUESTION TIME

To take any questions from members of the Public.

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 - 62)

This report presents the external auditor's Annual Audit Letter for the year ended 31 March 2020; the Housing Benefit Certification Letter for 2019/20; and the External Audit Plan for 2020/21. In accordance with audit regulations, these items must be presented to Committee.

4. EPSOM & EWELL BOROUGH COUNCIL'S DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION FRAMEWORK 2021-2024 (Pages 63 - 100)

This report provides details of the consultation undertaken on the Council's draft Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Framework and the final Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Framework 2021-2024 for approval.

5. VAT ON ELECTION EXPENSES (Pages 101 - 104)

This report seeks authorisation to use £50,903 from the Council's VAT reserve to fund the repayment to HMRC of over recovered VAT on the cost of holding elections.

6. LOCAL PLAN RESOURCES (Pages 105 - 116)

The report seeks approval for the additional resources required to have an up-to-date Local Plan in place by the Government deadline of December 2023.

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 117 - 120)

The Committee is asked to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the Special meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee held on 16 March 2021 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them.

8. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (Pages 121 - 122)

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 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.

9. REVIEW OF TOWN HALL ACCOMMODATION (Pages 123 - 130)

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 financial or business affairs of the Committee and third parties and the public interest in maintaining the exemption currently outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

10. RELEASE OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANT (Pages 131 - 138)

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11. POTENTIAL REGENERATION OPPORTUNITIES (Pages 139 - 146)

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12. 24 SOUTH STREET (Pages 147 - 178)

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