

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Strategy and Resources Committee on Tuesday, 30 March 2021

This notice was published 31 March 2021.

Decisions will come into force, and may be implemented, on the expiry of 5 working days from the date of this notice unless called in by the Audit, Crime & Disorder and Scrutiny Committee.

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 submitted or asked by members of the public.
2.	Declarations of Interest	No declarations of interest were made in relation to items of business to be discussed at the meeting.
3.	External Audit Update	Following consideration, it was resolved that the Committee: (1) Received the Annual Audit Letter for 2019/20 (2) Received the Housing Benefit Certification for 2019/20 (3) Received the External Audit Plan for 2020/21
4.	Epsom & Ewell Borough Council's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Framework 2021-2024	Following consideration, it was resolved that the Committee: (1) Reviewed the findings of the consultation undertaken on the draft Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Framework 2020-2024. (2) Approved the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Framework 2021-2024.

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5.	VAT on Election Expenses	<p>Following consideration, it was resolved that the Committee:</p> <p>(1) Agreed that £50,903 can be transferred from the VAT reserve to fund repayment to HMRC of over recovered VAT.</p>
6.	Local Plan Resources	<p>Following consideration, the Committee resolved:</p> <p>(1) To approve the increase in budget of £712,000, as set out in section 2.23.2 of this report, for additional activities identified in the preparation and adoption of a new Local Plan.</p> <p>(2) To approve the reallocation of resources and additional funding of £29,583 to complete existing workstreams as set out in sections 2.23.1 and 2 of this report.</p> <p>(3) To approve the use of New Homes Bonus Grant totalling £741,583 currently held in the Corporate Projects Reserve to fund the increased cost of delivering the Local Plan.</p>
7.	Minutes of Previous Meeting	<p>The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee held on 16 March were agreed as a true record and the Committee authorised the Chairman to sign them.</p>

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8.	Exclusion of Press and Public	Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Committee passed a resolution to exclude the public from the meeting for Part Two of the Agenda 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 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.
9.	Review of Town Hall Accommodation	The decision for this item is recorded in a separate (not for publication) restricted Decision Notice.
10.	Release of Restrictive Covenant	The decision for this item is recorded in a separate (not for publication) restricted Decision Notice.
11.	Potential Regeneration Opportunities	The decision for this item is recorded in a separate (not for publication) restricted Decision Notice.
12.	24 South Street	The decision for this item is recorded in a separate (not for publication) restricted Decision Notice.