

Minutes of the Meeting of the STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE held on 29 April 2021

PRESENT -

Councillor Eber Kington (Chairman); Councillors Arthur Abdulin, Steve Bridger, Kate Chinn, Nigel Collin, Hannah Dalton, David Gulland, Colin Keane and Barry Nash

Officers present: Kathryn Beldon (Chief Executive), Judith Doney (Head of Digital and Service Transformation), Amardip Healy (Chief Legal Officer), Brendan Bradley (Chief Accountant), Siobhan Gavigan (Revenues Manager), Alex Awoyomi (Trainee Solicitor) and Tim Richardson (Committee Administrator)

88 QUESTION TIME

No questions were submitted or asked by members of the public.

89 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made in relation to items of business to be discussed at the meeting.

90 NNDR EXPANDED RETAIL DISCOUNT AND NURSERY DISCOUNT 2021-22

The Committee received a report seeking adoption of a local scheme for the administration of the Expanded Retail Discount and Nursery Discount to Business Rates payers.

The following matters were raised by the Committee:

- a) **Interest on Government funding:** Following a question from a Member, the Officer confirmed that of the discounts made by Epsom and Ewell Borough Council would be claimed back from the Government at the end of the year, the Council is unable to claim interest due to the way in which the Government's NNDR funding works.
- b) **Properties from last Government scheme:** Following a question from a Member, the Officer confirmed that there were no changes from the properties the Council had in the previous Government scheme.
- c) **Thanks to Revenues and Benefits Team:** The Committee wished to place on record its thanks to all members of the Revenues and Benefits Team in their on-going work for local businesses and the Council, with a request that this be Minuted.

Following consideration, it was resolved unanimously that the Committee:

- (1) Agreed that the scheme set out in Annex 1 to the report be adopted as the method of awarding the Expanded Retail and Nursery Discount to Business Rates payers in Epsom & Ewell, with effect from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.**

91 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes and Restricted Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee held on 30 March 2021 were agreed as a true record and the Committee authorised the Chairman to sign them.

The meeting began at 7.00 pm and ended at 7.14 pm

COUNCILLOR EBER KINGTON (CHAIRMAN)