

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE held at the Council Chamber, Epsom Town Hall on 19 June 2024

PRESENT -

Councillor Hannah Dalton (Acting Chair); Councillor Robert Leach (Acting Vice-Chair); Councillors John Beckett (as nominated substitute for Councillor Neil Dallen), Kate Chinn, James Lawrence (as nominated substitute for Councillor Alison Kelly), Lucie McIntyre, Phil Neale and Kim Spickett (as nominated substitute for Councillor Alex Coley)

Absent: Councillor Alex Coley, Councillor Neil Dallen and Councillor Alison Kelly

Officers present: Victoria Potts (Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration), Piero Ionta (Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer), Mark Shephard (Head of Property and Regeneration) and Tim Richardson (Democratic Services Manager)

1 APPOINTMENT OF ACTING VICE CHAIR

The Committee agreed to appoint Councillor Robert Leach as Acting Vice Chair for the meeting.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3 HOOK ROAD CAR PARK AND SGN SITE - MUTUAL EASEMENT

The Committee received a report proposing the Council and the developer of the SGN Site enter into a mutual deed of easement to facilitate, through potential future redevelopment, the enhancement of future public realm and connectivity across the Hook Road Car Park and/or SGN Site.

The following matter was considered:

- a) **Access.** In response to a question from a member, the Head of Property and Regeneration informed the Committee that there was no issue with access to the majestic wine site as a result of the proposals within this report.

Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:

- (1) Agree to the Council entering a mutual deed of easement with the developer of the SGN Site to grant reciprocal access rights over each site's road infrastructure.**
- (2) Agree the mutual deed of easement is conditional (i.e. will not be completed or take effect) until the developer of the SGN Site is granted planning permission.**
- (3) Agree the mutual deed of easement be granted at nil premium to reflect the mutual benefit to each landowner as described in this report.**
- (4) Note that the Head of Property & Regeneration, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Chief Legal Officer, has express authority to take all necessary actions further to the above decisions being made that commit resources, as is necessary and appropriate.**

The meeting began at 7.30 pm and ended at 7.35 pm

COUNCILLOR HANNAH DALTON (CHAIR)