

COMMITTEE DECISIONS TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH URGENCY PROCEDURE

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Wards affected:	(All Wards);
Appendices (attached):	None

Summary

This report provides the Council with notification of committee decisions taken in accordance with the urgency procedure contained in Annex 4.6 of the Operating Framework.

Recommendation (s)

The Council is asked to:

- (1) Note the decisions of the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee on 24 September 2024 and 20 November 2024.**

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 Annex 4.6 of the Operating Framework – Overview, Audit and Scrutiny sets out a procedure for scrutiny call-in of decisions made by the Council's policy committees. Paragraph 14.5.2 requires urgent decisions that are not subject to call-in to be reported to the Council with the reasons for urgency.

2 Meeting of Licensing & Planning Policy Committee, 24 September 2024

- 2.1 At its meeting on 24 September 2024, the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee (LPPC) considered an item relating to the Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system and the draft responses to the Central Government Consultation. This was item 4 of the agenda.
- 2.2 In the opinion of the Chief Executive and in accordance with Paragraph 14.2.2 of Annex 4.6 of the Operating Framework, the committee's decision on this item was considered to be urgent.

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- 2.3 The decision was considered to be urgent as the deadline to submit the response to the central Government Consultation on the proposed changes was 11.45pm on the date of the Committee Meeting, 24 September 2024. A delay to the implementation of the Committee's decision on this matter would therefore have meant the Council would not have been able to submit their consultation response prior to the deadline.
- 2.4 The government consultation opened on 30 July 2024, and the 24 September meeting of LPPC was the first available after the consultation opened, so it would not have been possible to take this item to an earlier committee.
- 2.5 The urgent nature of this decision was detailed in the decision notice for the meeting in accordance with Paragraphs 14.2.1 and 14.2.2 of Annex 4.6 of the Operating Framework. The decision notice was published on 25 September 2024.

3 Meeting of Licensing & Planning Policy Committee, 20 November 2024

- 3.1 At its meeting on 20 November 2024, the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee considered an item relating to the Proposed submission Epsom and Ewell Local Plan (Regulation 19). This was item 4 of the agenda.
- 3.2 In the opinion of the Chief Executive and in accordance with Paragraph 14.2.2 of Annex 4.6 of the Operating Framework, the committee's decision on this item was considered to be urgent.
- 3.3 The decision was considered to be urgent in order to meet the requirements of Section 100B of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) for the publication of the agenda for the meeting of Full Council on 10 December 2024.
- 3.4 The urgent nature of this decision was detailed in the decision notice for the meeting in accordance with Paragraphs 14.2.1 and 14.2.2 of Annex 4.6 of the Operating Framework. The decision notice was published on 21 November 2024.

4 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

4.1 Equality Impact Assessment

4.1.1 None.

4.2 Crime & Disorder

4.2.1 None.

4.3 Safeguarding

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4.3.1 None.

4.4 Dependencies

4.4.1 None.

4.5 Other

4.5.1 None.

5 Financial Implications

5.1 None.

5.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** None in relation to this Committee Decision paper.

6 Legal Implications

6.1 This report meets the requirement of Paragraph 14.5.2 of the of Annex 4.6 of the Operating Framework.

6.2 **Legal Officer's comments:** None arising from the contents of this report.

7 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

7.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** The following Key Priorities are engaged:

- Effective Council

7.2 **Service Plans:** The matter is not included within the current Service Delivery Plan.

7.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** None.

7.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** None.

7.5 **Partnerships:** None.

8 Background papers

8.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

Previous reports:

- [Report and Decision Notice of the meeting of Licensing and Planning Policy Committee, 24 September 2024 – Item 4 “Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system”](#)

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- [Report and Decision Notice of the meeting of Licensing and Planning Policy Committee, 20 September 2024 – Item 4 “Proposed submission Epsom and Ewell Local Plan \(Regulation 19\)”](#)

Other papers:

- [Annex 4.6 of the Operating Framework – Overview, Audit and Scrutiny](#)