Strategy and Resources Committee 15 July 2025

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS AND CHAIR OF THE SHAREHOLDER SUB-COMMITTEE

Head of Service: Piero Ionta, Head of Legal and Monitoring

Officer

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Wards affected: (All Wards);

Urgent Decision?(yes/no) No

If yes, reason urgent decision

required:

Not applicable

Appendices (attached): None

Summary

To agree the appointment of Members and a Chair to the Shareholder Sub Committee for the 2025-26 Municipal Year.

Recommendation (s)

The Committee is asked to:

(1) Appoint Members and a Chair for the Shareholder Sub Committee as required by its Terms of Reference, and set out in paragraph 3.4 of this report.

1 Reason for Recommendation

1.1 This report requests the Committee to appoint Members and a Chair of the Shareholder Sub Committee for the 2025-26 Municipal Year, in accordance with the Sub Committee's Terms of Reference.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Council established a Local Authority Property Investment Company (EEPIC) at an Extraordinary Meeting on 19 September 2017.
- 2.2 At that meeting, Council ratified Strategy and Resources Committee's decision to establish a Shareholder Sub Committee to discharge the functions of the Council as the Shareholder in the Company.

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3 Risk Assessment

- 3.1 The Terms of Reference of the Sub Committee are attached included in Appendix 3 of the Council's constitution.
- 3.2 The Sub Committee comprises five members and is required to comply with the Political Balance Rules in Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. Accordingly, four members of the Sub Committee are to be appointed by the Residents' Association Group and one member appointed by one of the Minority Groups. The proportionality calculation allocates the seat to either the Liberal Democrat Group or the Labour Group.
- 3.3 The Head of Legal and Monitoring Officer has been notified that the Liberal Democrat Group does not wish to submit a nomination for a seat on the Shareholder Sub-Committee for 2025/26. Accordingly, the allocation of seats for 2025/26 will be Residents' Association Group: 4 seats, Labour Group: 1 seat.
- 3.4 The Committee is asked to appoint the Membership and the Chair of the Sub Committee. In accordance with the wishes of the relevant Groups, it is proposed that the following nominated Members are appointed:
 - 3.4.1 Councillor Neil Dallen (Chair) (Residents' Association Group)
 - 3.4.2 Councillor John Beckett (Residents' Association Group)
 - 3.4.3 Councillor Kate Chinn (Labour Group)
 - 3.4.4 Councillor Hannah Dalton (Residents' Association Group)
 - 3.4.5 Councillor Humphrey Reynolds (Residents' Association Group)

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
 - 4.3.1 None.
- 4.4 Dependencies
 - 4.4.1 None.

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- 4.5 Other
 - 4.5.1 None.

5 Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no specific financial implications for the purposes of this report.
- 5.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments**: None arising from the contents of this report.

6 Legal Implications

6.1 **Legal Officer's comments**: There are no legal implications 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 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.
- 7.6 Local Government Reorganisation Implications: None.

8 Background papers

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

Previous reports:

 Restricted report and Minutes of meeting of Council, 19 September 2017.

Other papers:

• <u>Terms of reference of the Shareholder Sub Committee, Constitution of Epsom and Ewell Borough Council, Appendix 3</u>