

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE held at the Council Chamber, Epsom Town Hall on 17 June 2025**

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### **PRESENT -**

Councillor Neil Dallen (Chair); Councillor John Beckett (Acting Vice-Chair) and Councillor Rachel King (as nominated substitute for Councillor Councillor Hannah Dalton); Councillors Kate Chinn, James Lawrence, Jan Mason, Lucie McIntyre and Humphrey Reynolds

In Attendance: Councillor Alison Kelly and Councillor Bernie Muir

Absent: Councillor Hannah Dalton

Officers present: Jackie King (Chief Executive), Andrew Bircher (Assistant Director of Corporate Services), Cagdas Canbolat (Director of Corporate Services (S151)), Piero Ionta (Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer), Will Mace (Corporate Governance & Strategy Manager), Mark Shephard (Head of Property and Regeneration), Victoria Potts (Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration), Tim Richardson (Democratic Services Manager) and Damian Adams (Consultant)

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### **1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **2 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

During the Committee's debate on item 2 of the agenda (Preferred Supplier of leisure services at the rainbow leisure centre), the Committee considered that due to the sensitivity of the information contained within Appendix 1 to the report, an exclusion of the Press and Public would be necessary in order to enable effective debate on the matter in question.

The Chair proposed a motion that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 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.

The Committee unanimously agreed the motion as set out by the Chair.

### 3 PREFERRED SUPPLIER OF LEISURE SERVICES AT THE RAINBOW LEISURE CENTRE

The Committee received a report detailing the outcome of the procurement exercise which had taken place to find an operator for the Rainbow Leisure Centre for the next 10 years. The contract with the current operator, Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL) was due to expire at the end of September 2025, without an option to extend. An invitation to tender was published in 2024 to secure an operator for the next contract period. The procurement exercise had finished, and the report made a recommendation to the Committee, in accordance with our Contract Standing Orders, for the award of contract to the Preferred Supplier.

The following matters were considered:

- a) **Councillor Briefings.** A Member of the Committee expressed that the most recent briefing for councillors regarding the leisure centre contract had been held for members of the Committee on 25 March 2025, and that subsequent to this the membership of the Committee had changed at the Council's Mayor Making meeting in May 2025.

The matters that were considered by the Committee in relation to this item following the exclusion of the Press and Public is recorded in a separate (not for publication) restricted minute.

Following consideration, the Committee unanimously agreed to:

- (1) **Approve the proposal to appoint the Preferred Supplier for the delivery of leisure services at the Rainbow Leisure Centre (Option A), as identified through the procurement process and in accordance with the Council's Contract Standing Orders.**
- (2) **Approve the award of the contract to the second placed bidder, should the contract be unable to be finalised with the Preferred Supplier; and if the same should happen with the second placed bidder, the contract awarded to the third placed bidder.**
- (3) **Nominate and authorise the Assistant Director of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Director of Corporate Services and Head of Legal Services to take all necessary steps to bring into effect the recommendations resolved by this Committee.**

*The meeting began at 8.45 pm and ended at 9.10 pm*

COUNCILLOR NEIL DALLEN (CHAIR)