



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE  
(EPSOM & EWELL)**

**EPSOM TOWN CENTRE – STREET FURNITURE**

**7 MARCH 2011**

**SUMMARY**

A report on reviewing street furniture in Epsom Town Centre was presented to the 8 December 2010 meeting of the Local Committee. The Local Committee was asked to approve the creation of a working group to choose a style of street furniture for Epsom Town Centre.

Funding for an initial package of measure can be met from Section 106 contributions already held. It is anticipated that £20k can be used, but it is envisaged that continuous improvements will be possible year on year once a style is agreed and as finance becomes available from developments or other sources.

The Local Committee at its meeting on 7 June 2010 [item 15/10] approved the Terms of Reference for Task Groups. Any Task Groups should be given Terms of Reference to be renewed on an annual basis. This report seeks the approval for the Review of Street Furniture for Epsom Town Centre Task Group Terms of Reference

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Local Committee (Epsom and Ewell) is asked to:**

- (i) Approve the Review of Street Furniture for Epsom Town Centre Task Group Terms of Reference [annexe A]

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS:** Local Committee report in December 2010 [item 11].

## Review of Street Furniture for Epsom Town Centre Task Group

### Terms of Reference

#### Membership:

##### Surrey County Council

C Cllr Chris Frost

C Cllr Colin Taylor

Alan Flaherty, Highways Dept.

Robert Austen –Epsom Protection Society

##### Epsom & Ewell Borough Council

Cllr Neil Dallen

Cllr Jean Smith

Cllr Alison Kelly

Anthony Evans, Planning Dept

#### Substitutes:

Delegated by member of Task Group

#### Frequency of Meetings:

As required

#### Lifespan of Task Group

The Group will meet to discuss proposals and make recommendations to the Local Committee, SCC Highways, and EEBC Planning Department in line with Plan E for as long as required to rationalise street furniture in Epsom Town Centre.

#### Reporting mechanism:

The Task Group will make recommendations to the SCC Local Committee [Epsom & Ewell], and the EEBC Planning Department about the way forward.

#### Officer support:

SCC & EEBC as appropriate

#### Consultation:

With residents, the business community, Surrey Police and SCC Highways.

#### Aims and Objectives:

To consider proposals to rationalise street furniture in Epsom Town Centre to improve the street scene and determine a planning identity. The town centre of Epsom is in need of a consistent street furniture style. At present there is an eclectic mix of bollards, seats, litterbins and street lighting. A street scene strategy would enhance the image of Epsom Town Centre.

Funding for an initial package of measures can be met from Section 106 contributions already held in SCC Highways. It is anticipated that £20k can be used immediately, but envisaged that continuous improvements will be possible year on year once a style is agreed and as finance becomes available from developments or other sources.

The four cornerstones of the issues that need addressing are:

- Plan E has highlighted the need to make Epsom more attractive for residents
- Greater need to encourage people to shop in Epsom Town Centre rather than nearby shopping areas such as Kington and Sutton
- A way to make the public realm appear more attractive to use matching street furniture and any chosen 'theme' may be emulated when the new lighting columns are installed as part of the PFI contract in Epsom.
- Choose a style of street furniture.

**Output:**

The intended output of the Task Group is to choose a style that complements the centre in consultation with local businesses and residents.

- Choose a style either contemporary similar to the Station Approach area with stainless steel guardrail, cycle stands, modern street lighting columns
- Choose a traditional style with wooden and cast iron seating, cast iron bollards, and litter bins.
- Choose a conventional style with functional aspect to seats, litterbins and market place feeder pillars.
- Agree an agreed action plan for a way forward on this project.