



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE  
(Epsom and Ewell)**

**EPSOM TOWN CENTRE  
STREET FURNITURE REVIEW**

**5 MARCH 2012**

**KEY ISSUE**

To reconsider the decision made by Local Committee in December 2011 to use the colour green for the street furniture theme in Epsom Town Centre

**SUMMARY**

The Local Committee met in December 2011 and gave approval to measures to improve the street scene in Epsom Town Centre. The committee agreed to implement a green colour scheme for street furniture. This was contrary to recommendations made by the Task Group set up to review street furniture. The Task Group has asked that the decision of committee is reconsidered to change the colour theme from green to black.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Local Committee is recommended to:

- i) Agree that the choice of street furniture colour for the Town Centre should be changed from green to black.

## **1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Local Committee approved the setting up of a Working Group to review the street scene in Epsom Town Centre in December 2010.
- 1.2 The Working Group consisted of County Members, Borough Members, Borough Planning Officers, County Highway Officers, Police Safety Officer and representatives of Swail House, and Epsom Civic (formerly Preservation) Society.
- 1.3 The aim of the group was to consider improvements to the street scene and to determine a planning identity. A number of meetings and site visits have taken place during 2011 to establish the style of street furniture that would best suit Epsom. Terms of Reference for the Group were established and agreed at the Local Committee in March 2011.

## **2 ANALYSIS**

- 2.1 The Task Group considered the different styles of street furniture in the town and the different colour options for bollards, seats and litter bins. The existing green colour had been difficult to maintain over many years and various shades of green could be seen around the town. Black was chosen by the Task Group for the street furniture colour theme.
- 2.2 The Terms of Reference were agreed by Local Committee and included the commitment that there should be a distinctive image that lets people know they have entered the Town Centre.
- 2.3 Given the views of the Task Group and particularly the Civic Society and Conservation Officer, black was considered to be the preferred option.

## **3 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The cost of providing a green or black colour is exactly the same. It was agreed by the Task Group that black was easier to maintain than green over a long period and this was one reason why black was preferred.

## **4 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 None for the purpose of this report.

## **5 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 None for the purpose of this report.

## **6 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 The Task Group was formed to review street furniture for Epsom Town Centre and has made recommendations to use black as the predominant colour for seats, litter bins, bollards and guardrail.

- 6.2 The Task Group has now worked for over a year in establishing a Street Furniture Strategy for Epsom Town Centre and a great deal of thought and debate went into the recommendations made to the Local Committee in December 2011. For the Task Group the preferred colour scheme for the town centre was black.
- 6.3 Members of the Task Group do not feel that proper consideration was given to the choice of colour when the Local Committee came to making a decision on the Street Furniture Review in December 2011.
- 6.4 The Task Group members have asked that the choice of colour is reconsidered and that Local Committee change their decision to approve green to black.

## **7 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 The Task Group strongly recommend black as the preferred colour theme for Epsom Town Centre as it meets the Terms of Reference that were established when the Group was set up by Local Committee.

## **8 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

- 8.1 When a colour choice is agreed, work will commence of providing the new street furniture and decluttering of the town centre.

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