MINUTES OF THE ASSET MANAGEMENT AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING OF EASTLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 7:00PM AT CABLEWORKS BUILDING, TINNING WAY, EASTLEIGH.

Those Present: Cllr Paul Bicknell (Chair), Cllr Gaz Richardson (Vice Chair), Cllr Alex Clifton, Cllr Dan Eastham, Cllr Mark Harding, Cllr Michael Johnson, Cllr Ben Jones, Cllr Simon Payne, and Cllr L Sheppard

In Attendance: R Davies, Town Clerk
Tim Nash, Assets and Opens Space Officer
Andy Smith, Director Finance, Eastleigh Borough Council

16 / 26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED: That the committee **received** and **approved** the apologies for the reasons stated for Cllr Winstanley and Cllr Petty

17 / 26 REGISTER OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllrs Bicknell and Harding reiterated their standing declarations as Eastleigh Borough Councillors regarding the confidential session on asset transfers. They confirmed that they would participate with open minds and make decisions in their capacity as Town Councillors.

18 / 26 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last meeting held on the 8 July 2026 are a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chair with the word "October" added to item 27 / 28

19 / 26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one member of the public present, they did not wish to address the committee.

20 / 26 TO RECEIVE OFFICER REPORTS FOR ASSETS AND EVENTS

20 / 26 / 1 The Committee **received** and **noted** the Assets and Open Spaces Officer and agreed to send in questions via email for clarification

20 / 26 / 2 To receive the Allotment Officer report and agreed to send in questions via email for clarification

20 / 26 / 3 To receive a report from the Community Engagement Officer for the Christmas event and agreed to send in questions via email for clarification

RESOLVED: That the committee **received** and **approved** the motion brought by Cllr Clifton to ensure that Allotment holders are given 10 working days' notice for the report due to Asset Committee in November on the proposed costings for the period 1 October 2027 to 31 September 2028

Unapproved

21 / 26 TO RECEIVE A MOTION FROM CLLR BICKNELL

The Committee **received** and **approved** to investigate the implementation of sowing area/s of wildflowers, ready for the 2027 season, to start the process of building up a pollinator highway in the coming years across the Town Council area.

ACTION: A report and plan will be brought back to the Committee by the Officers for implementation in due course.

22 / 26 TO RECEIVE A BUDGET REQUEST FOR PLANNED MAINTENANCE FOR CABLEWORKS

RESOLVED: That the committee **received** and **approved** a budget facility of £22,500 for the maintenance work to Cable Works as identified in the building survey 1 April 2025

23 / 26 MARKET LICENCING

23 / 26 / 1 **RESOLVED:** That the council **received** and **approved** adoption by Eastleigh Town Council Part III of the Food Act 1984 which provides a modern statutory framework for the establishment and operation of markets by local authorities in response to the transfer of market operation from EBC

23 / 26 / 2 The Committee **noted** the draft market policy to be reviewed at the next committee meeting

24 / 26 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

RESOLVED: That the committee exclude the public and press for the discussion due to information which is of a confidential nature.

24 / 26 / 1 To receive for review information on community assets and approval of the proposal by the Assets Working Group for the next stages in the process The Committee received and discussed confidential information relating to the following assets proposed for transfer:

RESOLVED: That the committee **approved** to propose to Council 23 September the transfer of the Point (HP693105) under the terms of reference as agreed

RESOLVED: That the committee **approved** to propose to Council 23 September the transfer of Fleming Park (HP6691981, HP669077, HP669129, HP669189) under the terms of reference as agreed

RESOLVED: That the committee **approved** to propose to Council 23 September the transfer of Bishopstoke Hub (HP670885)

RESOLVED: That the committee **approved** to propose to Council 23 September the purchase of Leigh Road Car Park (HP693105) valued at £202,000 and request the Policy and Finance Committee meeting on 16 September consider the appropriate financial details for purchase.

RESOLVED: That the committee **approved** to propose to Council 23 September the purchase of Southampton Road Car Park (HP672643) valued at £29,000 and request the Policy and

Unapproved

Finance Committee meeting on 16 September consider the appropriate financial details for purchase.

25 / 26 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION TO END

RESOLVED: That the committee invite the public and press back into the meeting.

26 / 26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee **noted** that the date of the next meeting will be 7 October 2026

The Meeting closed at 9:25 pm

Chair .....

Date .....

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