

Cabinet

**Date & time**

Tuesday, 25
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2.00 pm

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1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 4 FEBRUARY 2014

The minutes will be available in the meeting room half an hour before the start of the meeting.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests from Members in respect of any item to be considered at the meeting.

Notes:

- In line with the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, declarations may relate to the interest of the member, or the member's spouse or civil partner, or a person with whom the member is living as husband or wife, or a person with whom the member is living as if they were civil partners and the member is aware they have the interest.
- Members need only disclose interests not currently listed on the Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
- Members must notify the Monitoring Officer of any interests disclosed at the meeting so they may be added to the Register.
- Members are reminded that they must not participate in any item where they have a disclosable pecuniary interest.

4 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

4a Members' Questions

The deadline for Members' questions is 12pm four working days before the meeting (*19 February 2014*). A copy of any questions received will be available to view on the Surrey County Council website (www.surreycc.gov.uk/committeepapers) following the deadline.

4b Public Questions

The deadline for public questions is seven days before the meeting (*18 February 2014*). A copy of any questions received will be available to view on the Surrey County Council website (www.surreycc.gov.uk/committeepapers) following the deadline.

4c Petitions

The deadline for petitions was 14 days before the meeting, and no petitions have been received.

4d Representations received on reports to be considered in private

To consider any representations received in relation why part of the meeting relating to a report circulated in Part 2 of the agenda should be open to the public.

5 REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES, TASK GROUPS, LOCAL COMMITTEES AND OTHER COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

6 ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2015 FOR SURREY'S COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS AND COORDINATED SCHEMES

(Pages 1
- 112)

Following the statutory consultation on proposed changes to Surrey's admission arrangements for September 2015, Cabinet is asked to consider the responses and make recommendations to the County Council on admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools and Surrey's coordinated schemes for September 2015.

This report covers the following areas in relation to school admissions:

- Auriol Junior School (Stoneleigh, Ewell) - Recommendation 1
- Reigate Priory School (Reigate) – Recommendation 2
- St Ann's Heath Junior School (Virginia Water) – Recommendation 3
- Meadowcroft Infant School (Chertsey) and St Ann's Heath Junior School (Virginia Water) – Recommendation 4
- Thames Ditton Infant and Thames Ditton Junior schools (Thames Ditton) – Recommendation 5
- Admission criteria for two year olds applying for nursery - Recommendation 6
- Esher CofE High School (Esher) – Recommendation 7
- St Andrew's CofE (Controlled) Infant School (Farnham) – Recommendation 8
- Published Admission Number for Year 3 at The Dawnay School (Great Bookham) – Recommendation 9
- Published Admission Number for Reception at North Downs Primary School (Brockham) – Recommendation 10
- Own admission authority schools to be used in the assessment of 'nearest school' – Recommendation 11
- Out of County schools not to be used in the assessment of 'nearest school' – Recommendation 12
- Published Admission Numbers for other community and voluntary controlled schools – Recommendation 13
- Admission arrangements for other community and voluntary controlled schools – Recommendation 14

7 CHANGES TO FIRE ENGINE DEPLOYMENT IN THE NORTH OF REIGATE AND BANSTEAD BOROUGH

(Pages
113 -
214)

In March 2013, Surrey County Council Cabinet approved Surrey Fire and Rescue Service's (SFRS) proposal to operate a chain of single fire engine stations running through the boroughs of Epsom and Ewell (E&E) and Reigate and Banstead (R&B). With this move, SFRS proposed to rebalance its resources in the area to ensure their efficient use and continuity of fire cover for local communities and county wide against the Surrey Response Standard.

Part of the plan was to create a new fire station within the Burgh Heath area; however no site could be secured in this area. SFRS are therefore asking Cabinet to approve the provision of a new fire station within a wider

area (a three mile radius) around Burgh Heath. Until this permanent site is identified SFRS intend to relocate to a temporary location within the same area, which will still deliver an improvement in the response standard as defined by the supporting map in Annex 1. This is in order to enable SFRS to meet its response targets, which has become an operational imperative due to a reduction in the reliability of the fire cover in that part of the County due in part to London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority closing Purley Fire Station for a period of 18-24 months from summer 2014.

[The decisions on this item can be called in by the Communities Select Committee]

8 SUPPORTING ECONOMIC GROWTH

(Pages
215 -
246)

In February 2013 Cabinet identified economic growth as a key priority for the county council, both to secure an increase in the size and value of the economy and to generate employment. The report set out how the county could benefit considerably from greater influence over national programmes and devolved funding to support local economic growth. It also identified how the council would apply the One Team ethos in working with district and borough councils, businesses and other public sector partners across Surrey to drive forward economic growth.

The council has made considerable progress on this over the last twelve months. This report takes forward the approaches identified in February 2013 and identifies activity that is underway to maximise the levels of investment in Surrey including:

- ensuring that Surrey County Council's priorities are reflected in the development of the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) strategic economic plans and securing additional investment in the county;
- strengthening the local authority role in Local Enterprise Partnership governance;
- engaging business opinion through Surrey Connects, in particular understanding Surrey's key growth and globally competitive sectors to achieve and sustain growth; and
- enhancing collective working across Surrey with district and boroughs and with business on economic growth, including through Surrey Future and the Employment and Skills Board, in particular to make the case for additional investment in strategic infrastructure.

The role of the LEPs has evolved considerably in the last twelve months and the partnerships have become increasingly important in supporting local economic growth. LEPs have been invited to negotiate Local Growth Deals with Government, through which they can secure funding for capital schemes, including transport and infrastructure, as well as seeking greater influence over national growth programmes. Surrey is split between two LEPs and the county council has worked actively with both partnerships in the development of their Strategic Economic Plans and will continue to play a key role as they enter into negotiations with Government.

[The decisions on this item can be called in by the Environment and Transport Select Committee]

- 9 MONTHLY BUDGET MONITORING REPORT** (Pages 247 - 250)

To consider the budget monitoring report of the council's financial position at the end of period 10 – January of the 2013/14 financial year.

Please note that the annexes to this report will be circulated separately prior to the Cabinet meeting.

[The decisions on this item can be called in by the Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee]

- 10 FORMATION OF WOKING JOINT COMMITTEE** (Pages 251 - 288)

It is proposed to create a Joint Committee of Surrey County Council (SCC) and Woking Borough Council (WBC) which will be the first of its kind to be established in Surrey. The objectives of the Joint Committee will be to improve outcomes and value for money for residents and businesses in Woking by strengthening local democracy and improving partnership working through joint decision making. SCC Cabinet (and Full Council) approval is sought to establish the Joint Committee, to agree to delegate recommended functions to the committee and to agree the Constitution and Standing Orders under which the committee will operate. WBC will be seeking approvals from its own Executive and Full Council through February 2014.

[The decisions on this item can be called in by the Communities Select Committee]

- 11 SCHOOLS EXPANSION PROGRAMME FROM SEPTEMBER 2014** (Pages 289 - 294)

There is significant demand for new school places within Surrey, resulting from increases in the birth rate and inward migration into the County, which are addressed through the County's five year 2013-18 Medium Term Financial Plan.

Lyne and Longcross Infant School and St John the Baptist School have been identified within the programme as requiring expansion through the provision of permanent adaptations and additions to their existing facilities, to meet the demand for school places in the Chertsey and Woking areas.

Approval is sought for the expansion of Lyne and Longcross School from a 1fe infant school to a 1fe primary school, adding 120 junior places at the school by 2015. Approval is also sought for funding on phase 1 of the expansion of St John the Baptist Catholic Secondary School comprising works to provide 3 additional classrooms, 2 studio spaces, a small office and changing rooms as a result of converting the existing gymnasium. A new sports hall and Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) will be provided immediately opposite the existing gym to replace that provision by 2015. The Published Admission Number of the school will not increase until phase 2 of the project is complete (expected by 2018). At that point the school will admit 240 at year 7 providing 300 additional secondary school

places in the Borough.

Detailed financial information for each school is set out in part 2 of the agenda (items numbers 21 and 22 respectively)

[The decisions on this item can be called in by either the Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee or the Children and Education Select Committee]

**12 EXTENSION OF GRANT AGREEMENT FOR WELFARE BENEFITS
ADVICE INFORMATION AND SUPPORT**

(Pages
295 -
326)

This report seeks approval to extend the Grant Agreement for Welfare Benefits Advice, Information and Support for two years from 1 April 2014.

A one year grant agreement for the provision of Welfare Benefits Advice Information and Support was awarded in April 2013 after a competitive bidding process. The agreement included the option of extending for a further two years.

This report demonstrates why the recommended extension of the agreement delivers best value for money for Surrey County Council.

An annex containing exempt information is contained in part 2 of the agenda (item 18).

[The decisions on this item can be called in by the Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee]

**13 BLOCK CONTRACT WITH HILLCREST CARE FOR 20 INDEPENDENT
FOSTERING PLACEMENTS**

(Pages
327 -
342)

The County Council has a statutory duty to provide suitable alternative accommodation for children that become Looked After either under Section 20 or 31 of the Children Act 1989. These placements include approved Foster Placements or with Residential Care. These placements will be provided within the Council's own in-house resources or via the Independent Sector.

As part of this provision Surrey County Council (SCC) has a block contract for 20 placements with Hillcrest Care Services Ltd (Hillcrest). This provider is an Independent Fostering Agency (IFA) providing independent foster carers. Last year Cabinet Member approval was given to extend this Block Contract with Hillcrest for a further year until 31 March 2014.

In 2013 Procurement and Commissioning reviewed the contract with Hillcrest and assessed the options regarding future delivery (beyond March 2014). Thorough review of the contract as well as future commissioning intentions resulted in a recommendation that a new 3-year contract is awarded to Hillcrest. Details of the options analysis are contained in Sections 16 to 20 of this report.

This report details the reasons why Surrey County Council wishes to award a new contract to Hillcrest. An annex containing exempt financial

information is contained in Part 2 of the agenda (item no.19)

[The decisions on this item can be called in by the Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee]

14 ICELANDIC BANK DEPOSIT

(Pages
343 -
346)

This report concerns the outcome of the sale of the priority claim of the Council as a Landsbanki depositor/creditor. The Local Government Association (LGA) has successfully negotiated an offer on behalf of all interested authorities (totalling 86), resulting in a minimum 70 authorities selling at the same time with the remaining 16 having considered the offer with their outcomes currently unknown. This report relates to the £10m Landsbanki deposit. It does not relate to Glitnir depositor claims as those claims have been paid in full, albeit with £1.6m still held in Iceland due to the current imposition of capital controls.

In its meeting of 22 October 2013, Cabinet authorised, on the Council's behalf, the Local Government Association (LGA) and its legal representatives to arrange an auction of the council's claim for its deposit with Landsbanki (now known as LBI hf) managed by Deutsche Bank. It authorised the Leader or Cabinet Member for Business Services, in consultation Chief Finance Officer and the Monitoring Officer, to make a final decision on the sale price and to report back to the council with an update on the outcome of the auction.

[The decisions on this item can be called in by the Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee]

15 AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR THE DELIVERY OF THERAPY SERVICES TO SURREY SCHOOLS

(Pages
347 -
370)

At present, both Surrey County Council (SCC) and the National Health Service (NHS) in Surrey enter into contracts with providers of paediatric therapy services in Surrey to provide services to Surrey children with special educational needs and disabilities who attend Surrey schools.

The provider organisations are Virgin Care Services Limited (VCSL) and Central Surrey Health Limited (CSHL). The county council and the NHS in Surrey have agreed to move as soon as possible to a joint commissioning arrangement.

As the SCC contracts terminate on 31 March 2014 and the NHS contracts also terminate on 31 March 2017, April 2017 is the agreed date to commence joint commissioning.

This report recommends awarding new SCC contracts to cover the period 2014 – 2017 from which time the joint commissioning arrangement will be in place.

An annex containing financial information is contained in Part 2 of the agenda (item 20).

[The decisions on this item can be called in by the Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee]

- 16 LEADER / DEPUTY LEADER / CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST CABINET MEETING** (Pages 371 - 382)

To note any delegated decisions taken by the Leader, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members since the last meeting of the Cabinet.

17 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information under the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

PART TWO - IN PRIVATE

- 18 EXTENSION OF GRANT AGREEMENT FOR WELFARE BENEFITS ADVICE INFORMATION AND SUPPORT** (Pages 383 - 384)

This is a part 2 annex relating to item 12

Exempt: Not for publication under paragraph 3

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- 19 BLOCK CONTRACT HILLCREST CARE FOR 20 INDEPENDENT FOSTERING PLACEMENTS** (Pages 385 - 386)

This is a part 2 annex relating to item 13.

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- 20 AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR THE DELIVERY OF THERAPY SERVICES TO SURREY SCHOOLS** (Pages 387 - 390)

This is a part 2 annex relating to item 15.

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[The decisions on this item can be called in by the Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee]

- 21 LYNE AND LONGCROSS COFE INFANT SCHOOL: EXPANSION** (Pages
391 -
398)

Confidential information relating to item 11.

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[The decisions on this item can be called in by either the Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee or the Children and Education Select Committee]

- 22 ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL** (Pages
399 -
408)

Confidential financial information relating to item 11.

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[The decisions on this item can be called in by either the Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee or the Children and Education Select Committee]

23 PUBLICITY FOR PART 2 ITEMS

To consider whether the item considered under Part 2 of the agenda should be made available to the Press and public.

David McNulty
Chief Executive
Friday, 14 February 2014

QUESTIONS, PETITIONS AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The Cabinet will consider questions submitted by Members of the Council, members of the public who are electors of the Surrey County Council area and petitions containing 100 or more signatures relating to a matter within its terms of reference, in line with the procedures set out in Surrey County Council's Constitution.

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1. Members of the public can submit one written question to the meeting. Questions should relate to general policy and not to detail. Questions are asked and answered in public and so cannot relate to "confidential" or "exempt" matters (for example, personal or financial details of an individual – for further advice please contact the committee manager listed on the front page of this agenda).
2. The number of public questions which can be asked at a meeting may not exceed six. Questions which are received after the first six will be held over to the following meeting or dealt with in writing at the Chairman's discretion.
3. Questions will be taken in the order in which they are received.
4. Questions will be asked and answered without discussion. The Chairman or Cabinet Members may decline to answer a question, provide a written reply or nominate another Member to answer the question.
5. Following the initial reply, one supplementary question may be asked by the questioner. The Chairman or Cabinet Members may decline to answer a supplementary question.

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