

**CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS**

**FEBRUARY 2014**

**(i) PETITION – ‘SAVE REDWOOD CARE HOME’**

**Details of decision**

That the response attached as Appendix 1 be approved.

**Reasons for decision**

To respond to the petition.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care – 12 February 2014)

**(ii) CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY SERVICES, INDEPENDENT MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY (IMHA) AND ADVOCACY FOR PEOPLE IN TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE MISUSE PROBLEMS**

**Details of decision**

That following consideration of the results of the procurement process in Part 2 of the meeting, the award of a jointly funded contract be agreed.

**Reasons for decision**

The existing contracts will expire on 31 March 2014. A full tender process, in compliance with the requirement of EU Procurement Legislation and Procurement Standing Orders has been completed, and the recommendations provide best value for money for the Council following a thorough evaluation process.

The commissioning and procurement process has been completed on a co-design basis and service users have been involved throughout.

The contract will also deliver an improved service with strengthened performance measures and robust contract management. Adult Social Care will be the lead commissioners for the contract with support from Public Health commissioners ensuring a joined up managed process.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care – 12 February 2014)

**(iii) CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY SERVICES, INDEPENDENT MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY (IMHA) AND ADVOCACY FOR PEOPLE IN TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE MISUSE PROBLEMS (Part 2 report)**

**Details of decision**

That a contract be awarded to the provider named within the report for the provision of mental health advocacy services, Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA) and advocacy for people in treatment for substance misuse problems to commence on 1 April 2014 for three years plus a potential one year extension be agreed.

That a report be provided to the Adult Social Care leadership team within 18 months of the contract being in operation be agreed.

**Reasons for decision**

The existing contracts will expire on 31 March 2014. A full tender process, in compliance with the requirement of EU Procurement Legislation and Procurement Standing Orders has been completed, and the recommendations provide best value for money for the Council following a thorough evaluation process.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care – 12 February 2014)

**(iv) PETITION – TO OPEN A NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THAMES DITTON**

**Details of decision**

That the response attached as Appendix 2 be approved.

**Reasons for decision**

To respond to the petition.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning – 12 February 2014)

**(v) WEST BYFLEET INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS: EXPANSION**

**Details of decision**

That, following the period for final representations, the expansion of the infant and junior schools from two to three forms of entry from September 2015, be approved.

### **Reasons for decision**

The Local Authority has a statutory duty to ensure that there are sufficient school places in Surrey. There is a need for more primary places in Woking and this project is essential to meeting that need. Following the decision by the Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning to publish notices a four week period of representations was given for any further comments on the scheme. There have been no representations made so there are no reasons to reject the implementation of the proposal since notices were published.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning– 12 February 2014)

### **(vi) HURST PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

#### **Details of decision**

That Statutory Notices be published to the effect that:

- Hurst Park Primary School be enlarged by 1 form of entry (from 1 FE to 2 FE) on 1 September 2015
- The school be relocated to the former John Nightingale School site on Hurst Road, West Molesey.

That an associated building programme goes ahead to provide a new Hurst Park Primary school.

#### **Reasons for decision**

Based on the most recent forecast of pupil numbers, which projects the requirement for school places up to 2020 and beyond, two additional forms of entry in this planning area would meet the basic need. Expansion of existing schools is the logical and most financially prudent response to this issue.

Hurst Park Primary School is a popular and successful school which delivers a high quality education. It was rated as a good school by OFSTED at its last full inspection (May 2013). The provision of additional places at Hurst Park Primary School meets the Government's policy position to expand successful and popular schools, in order to provide quality places and meet parental preferences.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning– 12 February 2014)

### **(vii) PETITION – BADGER CULLING**

#### **Details of decision**

- (1) That the response to the petition be agreed as attached as Appendix 3.

- (2) That should any formal proposal which would involve the culling of badgers within Surrey be received, the Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and Environment would arrange to bring forward a discussion on the matter at a meeting of full Council.

**Reasons for decision**

To respond to the issues raised in the petition and put in place arrangements by which the Council can debate the matter should any proposal be received in future

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and Environment – 12 February 2014)

**(viii) REQUEST TO ADOPT A NEW ROAD AT BANSTEAD LEISURE CENTRE**

**Details of decision**

That, under the Scheme of Delegation, and in line with the County Council's current policy, the adoption of a new link road between Merland Rise and Cuddington Close to become publicly maintainable highway as set out in Annex 1 of the submitted report, be approved.

**Reasons for decision**

The request fully meets Surrey County Council's current policy on road adoption.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and Environment – 12 February 2014)

**(ix) AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR THE DELIVERY OF REAL TIME PASSENGER INFORMATION**

**Details of decision**

- (1) That the results of the procurement process (as set out in the report submitted as agenda item 6 in Part 2 of the agenda) be noted.
- (2) That the award of a contract to the supplier named and on the basis set out in the report submitted as agenda item 6 in Part 2 of the agenda be approved.

**Reasons for decision**

The existing contract will expire on 31 March 2014. A full tender process, in compliance with the requirement of EU Procurement Legislation and Procurement Standing Orders has been completed, and the recommendations provide best value for money for the Council following a thorough evaluation process.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and Environment – 12 February 2014)

**CABINET MEMBER RESPONSE TO PETITION**

**“Surrey County Council are proposing to close Redwood Care Home, a home for the elderly (most with dementia), based in Merrow with a dedicated care team.**

**At present there are 35 residents who will need to be re-homed which will be somewhere they don't know anyone and their families could find it harder to visit.**

**This is their home so why should they have to leave”**

Presented by Alison Hamilton, Burpham, Guildford (588 signatures).

**RESPONSE**

The service provider Shaw Healthcare is consulting on the proposal to close Redwood Care Centre slightly earlier, at the end of March rather than the scheduled end of the contract in July. The service is provided by Shaw healthcare not Surrey County Council.

Shaw healthcare's actions were taken on the basis that they believed they were unable to provide an ongoing quality service to safeguard residents' welfare, as required in their contract. This arose from, inter alia, their continued inability to attract and retain staff of a suitable calibre; resulting in the Care Quality Commission's Inspection report on Redwood instituting Enforcement Action on Shaw.

Redwood is currently failing to meet some essential standards and remain financially viable, there is a balance of risk between prolonging the process of closure and securing the ongoing welfare and quality of the home as both residents and staff choose to leave. Shaw will need to balance this risk against the ability to sustain a quality service care from remaining experienced staff

We are working with Shaw towards a proposed closure programme that reflects best practice guidelines for home closures. Since 9 January a staff member from Adult Social Care has been on site to meet with residents and their families several times a week including evenings and weekends. ASC now have a member of staff there who is available to meet with residents and relatives after work and at weekends at a mutually convenient time. Shaw have allocated ASC some office space at Redwood and there is a sign on the notice board listing times that ASC staff are on site and contact details of ASC staff.

All residents now have allocated key workers who have also been on site to discuss individual care needs with individuals and their families and review any change in needs. Friendship groups have also been mapped to minimise any distress that may be caused by separating friendships groups.

There has also been regular contact with many family members to answer their individual queries, discuss their options and support them in looking at a new care home and in some cases organising a move to a new provider

At the start of the consultation, there were 38 residents there are now 29 residents. Another six residents expected to move to a new home week commencing 10 February.

The ongoing welfare of the residents at this time is our primary consideration and our staff are supporting residents throughout this process.

**Mr Mel Few**  
**Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care**  
**12 February 2014**

**CABINET MEMBER RESPONSE TO PETITION**

**“We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to open a new secondary school in Thames Ditton.”**

Presented by Louise McDonagh, Thames Ditton

Further details from petition creator:

With current and projected increases in school-age populations in the Thames Ditton Area, Hinchley Wood School is already struggling to admit children currently in the catchment area. This means we are now in need of a good quality school, within reasonable travel distance to serve our community.

**RESPONSE**

We monitor the demand for school places carefully and have had several meetings with all parties regarding the sufficiency of secondary school places in Elmbridge, particularly in the south part of the Borough. Our present forecast data indicates that there are sufficient places in the borough overall; for 2014 these will be provided by Esher High School, Heathside, Hinchley Wood, RES and The Cobham Free School. We have also planned for additional places to be available from 2015 onwards in line with our forecast data.

Surrey County Council is also concerned that its secondary schools are large enough to provide the breadth of curriculum and subject options required by young people in order to equip them for the future. This means that our secondary schools need to be at least six forms of entry (i.e. 180 students per year group) to be viable and possibly even larger than this in future. Where we only need one or two additional forms we would always look to expand existing successful schools in the first instance.

We are keeping a close eye on the situation in Elmbridge and will adjust our strategy if and when we feel there is a need. However as local authorities can no longer promote new community schools any new secondary school would have to be an academy or Free School.

**Mrs Linda Kemeny  
Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning  
12 February 2014**

**CABINET MEMBER RESPONSE TO PETITION**

**“We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to agree that it will not allow any future badger cull to take place on any of its land and will do everything within its powers to prevent the culling of badgers within the Surrey area.”**

Signatures: 1,826

Submitted by Mr Jim Sewell.

Further details from petition creator:

The current culling of badgers in Somerset is not only a hit or miss affair, it's leading to farmers taking action in inhumane ways. The scientists have admitted that badger culling will not solve the problem, as badgers are territorial and will move in to other setts, if they are made vacant by the cull. This will effectively serve to spread bovine Tb, not prevent it. Many fit, healthy badgers are being randomly killed, whilst other ill animals are left in situ. There is no logic to this cull... We, the under-signed, want SCC to know that we want no part in this slaughter.

**RESPONSE**

Bovine TB has is a serious problem for farmers with over 28,000 cattle slaughtered in England last year.

Government policy has been to trial the use of culling and vaccination in the worst affected areas to try and prevent further spread and eradicate the disease.

Culling is one part of a wider approach to tackle the disease which already includes tougher movement controls for cattle, better biosecurity on farms and work to develop effective and useable cattle and badger vaccines. The target is to eradicate the disease in England within 25 years.

The Government are currently reviewing the impact of the current Badger Culling Trial in the South West, using an Independent Panel of Experts. The Panel will review the safety, effectiveness and humaneness of controlled shooting.

The findings of the Panel are expected to report to the Minister in the spring 2014. DEFRA are also due to publish responses to the consultation on a draft "Strategy for Achieving Officially bovine TB Status for England" together with the complementary report of the Citizen Dialogue which included stakeholder workshops, public workshops and public online engagement.

These reports will inform any future Government decision on any wider roll out of badger control in those parts of England most severely affected by the disease.

This is extremely unlikely to include Surrey as incidence is thankfully very low in Surrey compared to elsewhere. Surrey has one of the lowest incidence of

this disease nationally and there are no current proposals to carry out any cull of badgers in the county.

In the circumstances the views expressed in the petition are noted and will be taken into account should there be any need for the council to respond to any future culling proposals. However if the Council does need to consider such a response it is important that it considers all the evidence and the views of all interested parties, including residents and businesses affected by any such decision. It would be wrong make such a decision when the evidence is not yet available, and when in any event there are no proposals to extend culling to Surrey in the foreseeable future.

**Mr John Furey**  
**Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and Environment**  
**12 February 2014**

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