

*County Council Meeting – 22 March 2011*

## **REPORT OF THE CABINET**

**The Cabinet met on 1 February and 1 March 2011. Members are reminded that all reports have been circulated with the agenda for that meeting.**

**In accordance with the Constitution, Members can ask questions of the appropriate Cabinet Member, seek clarification or make a statement on any of these issues without giving notice.**

**The minutes containing the individual decisions for the 1 February meeting are attached as an Annexe to this report. The minutes of the 1 March meeting will be circulated separately. Cabinet responses to Committee reports are included in or appended to the minutes. If any Member wishes to raise a question or make a statement on any of the matters in the minutes, notice must be given to Democratic Services by 12 noon on the day before the County Council meeting (Monday 21 March 2011).**

**For members of the public all non-confidential reports are available on the web site ([www.surreycc.gov.uk](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk)) or on request from Democratic Services.**

### **1. STATEMENTS/UPDATES FROM CABINET MEMBERS**

None received.

### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS ON POLICY FRAMEWORK DOCUMENTS AND THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION**

*1 March 2011*

#### **A CONSULTATION ON SURREY'S ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2012 FOR COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS**

1. The Cabinet at its meeting on 1 March 2011 considered the report on the admission arrangements for September 2012 for Surrey's Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools. The recommendations and reasons for recommendations considered by Cabinet are attached at Appendix 1. The full report is available as part of the 1 March Cabinet agenda on the County Council's website.
2. **The Cabinet RECOMMENDS that the County Council agrees the following Admissions Arrangements for September 2012 for Surrey's Community and Voluntary Controlled schools:**
  - (1) That the Tiered Sibling criterion for Thames Ditton Infants Schools is agreed for September 2012.
  - (2) That the introduction of feeder school criterion between Thames Ditton Infant and Junior schools is agreed for September 2012 so that priority for admission to Thames Ditton Junior School will be as follows:

1. Looked After Children
  2. Exceptional arrangements
  3. Siblings
  4. Children attending Thames Ditton Infant School
  5. Children for whom the school is the nearest to their home address
  6. Any other applicant
- (3) That a reciprocal sibling link is agreed between Merrow Church of England (Controlled) School and Bushy Hill Junior School for September 2012.
- (4) That the introduction of feeder school criterion between Eastwick Infant and Junior schools is not implemented for September 2012.
- (5) That the introduction of feeder school criterion between Earlswood Infant School and Brambletye Junior School and associated reciprocal sibling link is agreed for September 2012 so that priority for admission to Brambletye Junior School will be as follows:
1. Looked After Children
  2. Exceptional arrangements
  3. Children attending Earlswood Infant School
  4. Siblings
  5. Children for whom the school is the nearest to their home address
  6. Any other applicant
- (6) That the proposed changes to PANs for September 2012 be agreed as follows:
- i) \*Oatlands School to increase its PAN from 60 to 90
  - ii) St Andrew's CofE Primary to increase its PAN from 52 to 60
  - iii) \*Boxgrove Primary School to increase its PAN from 60 to 90
  - iv) Eastwick Infant School to increase its PAN from 75 to 82 to allow for 7 children within the school's Special Needs Support Centre
  - v) Banstead Junior School to increase its PAN from 70 to 80
  - vi) \*Shortwood Infant School to increase its PAN from 27 to 30
  - vii) \*Spelthorne Junior School to increase its PAN from 70 to 60
  - viii) Hale School to decrease its Junior PAN from 20 to 2
  - ix) \*Maybury Infant School to decrease its PAN from 40 to 30
- (7) That the number of preferences under Surrey's coordinated scheme for secondary admissions 2012/13 be increased from three to six.
- (8) That the Coordinated Admission Schemes for 2012/13 be agreed as set out in Annex 2e of the submitted report.
- (9) That Surrey's Relevant Area for admissions is agreed as set out in Annex 3 of the submitted report.
- (10) That the admission arrangements for Surrey's Community and Voluntary Controlled schools for September 2012 be agreed with the exception of:

- i) **Annex 2a**, Section 8, Paragraph c) i) - the admission arrangements for George Abbot School (see Recommendation 11)
- ii) **Annex 2a**, Section 11 – amendment to how reverse sibling will apply when a parent is applying for a Reception and a Junior school place (see Recommendation 12)
- iii) **Annex 2b** - the sibling link for Downsway with St Mary’s CofE Junior School (see Recommendation 13)

(11) That the admission arrangements for George Abbot School for September 2012 be changed to those that applied prior to the Schools Adjudicator’s determination in October 2010 so that priority for admission to George Abbot School will be as follows:

1. Looked After Children
2. Exceptional arrangements
3. Siblings
4. Children for whom the school is the nearest to their home address
5. Any other applicant

(12) That the wording on how the reverse sibling criteria will apply when a parent is applying for a Reception and a Junior school place be amended from:

‘At the initial allocation for these schools the Year 3 applicants will be dealt with first, before the Reception applicants’;

to:

‘At the initial allocation, when a parent is applying for both a Reception and a Junior school place, neither child will be treated as a sibling under the sibling criterion until after the offer day. At that time, if a place has been offered to only one child, the waiting list position for the other child will be adjusted to reflect the fact that they expect to have a sibling in the school or a school on a shared or adjoining site at the time of admission’.

(13) That the sibling link for Downsway with St Mary’s CofE Junior School be removed for September 2012.

(14) That no changes be made to the admission arrangements of the following schools, but that a further analysis be carried out ahead of consultation on admission arrangements for 2013 to identify if changes are necessary in the light of the comments that were received:

- Farnham Heath End
- Rodborough School
- Warlingham School

## **B SURREY TRANSPORT PLAN**

1. Surrey County Council as a Local Transport Authority is required by legislation (Local Transport Act 2008 and Transport Act 2000) to produce a Local Transport Plan (LTP). Surrey's first LTP was submitted to Government in July 2000 and dealt with the period 2001/02 to 2005/06. The second Plan was published in 2006 and relates to the years from 2006/07 to 2010/11. The third Plan must in place by the time the current plan expires in April 2011.
2. The Surrey Transport Plan is available in the Members' Reading Room and on the County Council's website.
3. Next steps are set out below:

### April 2011

- Publication of initial Surrey Transport Plan documents on the County Council website.

### From April 2011

- Produce implementation plans for each of the 11 district/boroughs.
- Complete the review of additional strategies that make up the Surrey Transport Plan including, road safety, asset management, accessibility, cycling, walking and other passenger transport strategies.
- Develop for Cabinet, options for future levels of integrated transport expenditure for the financial year 2012/13 and beyond, as required to support the economy and reduce carbon emissions, in line with Surrey Transport Plan objectives for effective, reliable, safe and sustainable transport, whilst retaining necessary investment in maintenance.

### Ongoing / Annual

- Annual roll-forward of 3-year delivery programmes.
- Annual allocation of Local Transport funding settlement.
- Obtain alternative sources of funding from the Local Sustainable Transport Fund, the Regional Growth Fund, Major Schemes funding, developer funding and the like.
- Phased review/update of strategies.
- Programme management and progress reporting.
- Incorporate LTP policy approach into the 11 Local Development Frameworks.
- Maintenance and updating of the customer focussed public website.

## **4. The Cabinet RECOMMENDS that the County Council:**

- (1) Approves the Surrey Transport Plan, for publication on the Surrey web site on 1 April 2011.
- (2) Agrees that authority be delegated to the Assistant Director, Strategy, Transport and Planning, in discussion with the Cabinet Member for

Transport, to make any final changes that may be necessary to allow publication of the plan on 1 April 2011.

- (3) Notes the next stages of work on the Plan as outlined in paragraph 3 above, which will include additional necessary strategies and developing options for future levels of integrated transport expenditure for the financial year 2012/13 and beyond.
- (4) Thanks the Members of the Surrey Transport Plan Task Group for their work in developing the Plan thus far.
- (5) Approves the retention of the Task Group to steer development of the remainder of the plan and the implementation programmes.

### **3. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION**

*1 March 2011*

#### **A CABINET DECISIONS CALLED IN – PUBLIC VALUE REVIEW OF LIBRARY SERVICES**

1. At its meeting on 1 February 2011 the Cabinet agreed:
  - (1) To work with parish councils, local charities, community groups and organisations, with the aim of inviting interest to establish community partnership at selected libraries, and co-designing and developing a Surrey model for locally managed and partnered libraries, and that a progress report be submitted to Cabinet following the consultation period.
  - (2) That local committees lead in driving the community partnering approach for libraries forward.
  - (3) To consult with existing users of the mobile library borrowers and equality advisory groups, to co-design a sustainable and value for money service including consideration of appropriate and affordable support to enable borrowers to continue to access library services, with a focus on using e-technology, community transport and voluntary driver schemes. This requires a proportion of savings to be redirected to providing alternatives. The actual cost will be unknown until consultation is completed, but initial estimates suggest a maximum total annual cost of £109,000 is required between 2012-13. It is expected that this sum would reduce by 15% per annum in 2013-14 and 2014-15. In 2012-13 net annual saving would be £330,000.
  - (4) That withdrawal of the mobile library service be agreed. Thereafter annual savings of £439,000 in library controllable expenditure savings and £7,000 in annual corporate savings (insurance and parking) would be achieved.
  - (5) That implementation of the action plan should start immediately, led by Peter Milton, Head of Cultural Services.

- (6) That progress be reported on a quarterly basis to the PVR Steering Board and the Safer and Stronger Communities Select Committee.
  - (7) That the recommendations set out in the implementation action plan, attached to the submitted report, be agreed.
2. The Cabinet decision in respect of the library service public value review, particularly in relation to the community partnership approach at selected libraries and the withdrawal of the mobile service had been subsequently called-in by the Safer and Stronger Communities Select Committee.
  3. The Safer and Stronger Communities Select Committee met on 22 February 2011 and received a number of petitions, residents' questions and Member questions. A number of local Members whose divisions were affected by the plans also spoke to the committee.
  4. The Chairman of the select committee presented the committee's report to Cabinet and requested that Cabinet abandon current plans for community partnership or closure of the eleven identified libraries pending further analysis of alternative options to community partnership. She drew Cabinet's attention to the main concerns raised by local Members and residents, which were set out in paragraphs 4 and 12 of the report.
  5. The Cabinet considered the report of the Safer and Stronger Communities Select Committee, together with a petition in respect of Bagshot library and Member and resident representations, in reviewing its original decision. The Deputy Leader made a statement explaining the drivers for change within the library sector and acknowledged that difficult decisions had to be made in order for Surrey to continue to have a modern and sustainable library service. He also advised that the Public Value Review of Library Services had taken into account various criteria when devising the Surrey Model of Community Partnered Arrangements for the service.
  6. In the light of the above and after considering all the points made by Cabinet Members, the Cabinet agreed that its original decision, as set out in paragraph 1 above, be confirmed.

## **B CABINET DECISIONS CALLED IN – SURREY VOLUNTARY ACTION NETWORK CONTRACT (SVAN)**

1. At its meeting on 1 February 2011 the Cabinet agreed:
  - (1) That the change of funding from individual grants to a single contract to provide support and development services to Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector (VCFS) groups in Surrey be approved.
  - (2) That approval be given to negotiate with SVAN the award of a one year contract extendable for up to three years, which will be subject to a 30% saving in April 2012 and an annual review by the County Council Procurement Review Group.

2. The Cabinet decision in respect of the Surrey Voluntary Action network contract, particularly in relation to the serious disquiet over the changes to the contract raised by the Woking Association of Voluntary Service, had been subsequently called-in by the Safer and Stronger Communities Select Committee.
3. The Safer and Stronger Communities Select Committee met on 22 February 2011 and held a productive discussion with representatives from SVAN, officers and the Cabinet Member.
4. The Chairman of the select committee presented the committee's report to Cabinet and requested that Cabinet:
  1. gave more time to negotiating the SVAN contract, with the aim of having a contract in place by 1 April if possible. During the additional negotiating period, the Cabinet should:
    - a. Take steps to provide legal advice on the prospect of conflict of interest;
    - b. Ensure SVAN's mediation processes are followed, taking place as soon as possible (in light of 1 April target).
  2. continued in its efforts to find a collective solution including Woking CVS. However, efforts to find a collective solution should not prejudice agreement on revised arrangements.
5. In reviewing its original decision, the Cabinet considered the report of the Safer and Stronger Communities Select Committee, together with a statement tabled by the Cabinet Member for Community Services and the 2012 Games which proposed an additional recommendation,
6. In the light of the above, the Cabinet agreed that the decision taken at its meeting on 1 February 2011 be confirmed, as set out in resolutions (1) and (2) below, with the addition of resolution (3):
  - (1) That the change of funding from individual grants to a single contract to provide support and development services to Voluntary Community Faith Sector (VCFS) groups in Surrey be approved.
  - (2) That approval be given to negotiate with SVAN the award of a one year contract extendable for up to three years, which will be subject to a 30% saving in April 2012 and an annual review by the County Council Procurement Review Group.
  - (3) That efforts to find a collective solution that includes Woking CVS be continued. However, efforts to find a collective solution should not prejudice efforts by the majority of SVAN members to enter into a single contract from 1 April 2011.

11 March 2011

Dr Andrew Povey  
*Chairman*

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