



# SURREY

## COUNTY COUNCIL

### **Minutes of meeting**

#### **SURREY HEATH LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**Date:** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2004

**Time:** 7.00 PM

**Place:** Mytchett Community Centre, Mytchett.

### **Members present:**

#### **Surrey County Council [3]**

Mr Maurice Neighbour (Camberley East)

Mr Fred Chipperfield (Camberley West)

Mr John Phillips (Frimley Green & Mytchett)

#### **Surrey Heath Borough Council [3]**

Cllr Vivienne Chapman

Cllr Terence King

Cllr Patricia Pearce

All references to items refer to the Agenda for the meeting.  
The meeting was preceded by an Open Public Question Time. The notes of this are in Annex A.

### **Part 1. In Public - Part A.**

#### **79/04 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Fred Chipperfield nominated Maurice Neighbour as Chairman, this nomination was seconded by John Phillips. Maurice Neighbour was duly elected Chairman of the Surrey Heath Local Committee.

John Phillips nominated Fred Chipperfield as Vice-Chairman, this nomination was seconded by Maurice Neighbour. Fred Chipperfield was duly elected as Vice-Chairman of the Surrey Heath Local Committee.

#### **80/04 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from County Councillors Brian Coffin, Alan Peirce and Lavinia Sealy. Apologies also received from Borough Councillors Moira Gibson, Edward Hawkins and Keith Bush.

#### **81/04 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2004.**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

#### **82/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

#### **83/04 PETITIONS**

None notified.

#### **84/04 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None notified.

#### **85/04 MEMBER QUESTIONS**

None notified.

#### **86/04 REPORT ON PROFILING DATA FOR SURREY HEATH**

Jane Biscombe outlined some of the key messages from the report. In 2003 MORI were commissioned to do a Community Survey across Surrey. 91% of people surveyed in Surrey Heath are satisfied with Surrey Heath as a place to live.

Surrey Heath has the highest agreement with the statement "Surrey County Council deals with local issues well" (40%), the highest level of agreement with the statement "I am confident that Surrey County Council is able to handle major issues" (62%) and the highest level of agreement with the statement "Surrey County Council successfully lobbies national government on issues that affect me locally" (22%)

The Index of Multiple Deprivation 2004 shows that out of 149 Counties, Surrey is ranked at 146. This means that only three other Counties in England have lower levels of deprivation. The IMD also shows that Surrey Heath as an area is ranked 353<sup>rd</sup> out of 354 Borough or District areas in England

## RESOLVED

The Surrey Heath Local Committee:

1. commented on the Community Survey results,
2. discussed the variation in District / Borough results,
3. referred the discussion to Surrey County Council's Executive,
4. noted the IMD data for Surrey Heath.

## **87/04 ANNUAL REPORT ON COMMUNITY SAFETY**

Mike Abbott introduced the report and outlined the key points. All Local Authorities have a statutory duty to form a Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP). In Surrey Heath this partnership is made up of Surrey County Council, Surrey Heath Borough Council, Surrey Police, Surrey Police Authority, The Primary Care Trust and Fire and Rescue. The CDRP meets every two months and is currently working on the Community Safety Strategy 2005 – 2008.

Under the CDRP there is a Community Incident Action group (CIAG) which looks at named individuals. This group is responsible for working with identified individuals and for Antisocial Behaviour Orders (ASBOs). There is also a Joint Action group (JAG) which looks at places of concern within Surrey Heath and steps that can be taken to resolve issues in certain, specific areas.

The Chairman introduced Craig Denholm, Chief Superintendent, Surrey Police. CH Supt Danholm informed the Committee that although PCSOs do not have powers of arrest they do work closely with a Neighbourhood Specialist Officer (NSO) who does have full Police powers. The value of PCSOs lies in their ability to work with the community and foster positive relations and trust.

In order to address the violence issues in town centres, a senior member of Surrey Police is on duty on Friday and Saturday nights to ensure officers are deployed effectively.

## RESOLVED

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath:

1. Noted the update of Community Safety issues in the Borough,
2. Commented on any particular issues of concern arising from the report or the presentation.
3. The Local Director was authorised to contribute funding to the Safer Surrey Heath partnership (SSHP) shared fund.

## **88/04 ANNUAL REPORT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN SURREY HEATH – AGENDA ITEM ONLY**

The Chairman introduced Kay Wilson-White from Surrey Women's Aid and Julie Bone, the outreach worker for Surrey Heath.

Kay Wilson-White outlined the situation in Surrey Heath. The outreach service has worked with 145 families in Surrey Heath during 2003 – 2004. Men who call the helpline are referred on to specific organisations that can support them.

Mike Abbott informed the Committee that Surrey County Council had made a bid to a European research body for funds to study Domestic Violence in affluent areas. Surrey has high levels of affluence and higher than average DV levels.

RESOLVED

The Surrey Heath Local Committee noted the report.

### **89/04 ANNUAL REPORT ON TRADING STANDARDS**

The Chairman introduced Richard Nowacki, Policy and Information Officer – trading Standards - Surrey County Council.

Mr Nowacki informed the Committee that the main issues in Surrey Heath were cold calling and underage sales. Subsequent to receiving funding from the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership 42 off-licenses in Surrey Heath were visited by trading standards officers. This was followed by two days of 'undercover' test purchasing. Ten off licences were visited and test purchases were attempted and on one occasion alcohol was sold to an underage volunteer teenager.

Trading Standards have taken 26 calls concerning Surrey Heath residents and intervened on 6 occasions. The total of the work cost to these residents was approximately £35000.

Trading Standards are also working closely with Borough Councils on the new licensing regulations. Trading Standards would welcome opportunities to work closely with Borough and District Councils over this issue. Trading Standards would also welcome opportunities to work in Self-Reliance areas in Surrey Heath.

RESOLVED

The Surrey Heath Local Committee agreed to:

1. Help Trading Standards combat the menace of 'uninvited workmen' preying on the elderly by encouraging other agencies to carry our campaign material
2. Encourage other agencies / individuals to pass any information to us which may prevent the sale of age restricted goods to underage teenagers

### **90/04 MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS**

Members approved the allocations in the report. Members also approved an allocation from John Phillip's personal allocation of £750 towards events run by the Friends of Frimley Lodge Park. Members also approved an allocation of £2,500 from the Capital Budget towards the Royal Air Forces Association.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath:

1. Noted the breakdown in the Annex,
2. Decided which proposed allocations it wishes to approve

### **91/04 FORWARD PLAN**

RESOLVED

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath approved the forward plan of committee reports and suggested any additions

## **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

### **92/04 LOCAL COMMITTEE PROTOCOL**

This report was for information only.

### **93/04 TASKS COMMISSIONED BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE**

This report was for information only.

## Part B – Transportation.

### **94/04 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

As in 80/04.

### **95/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

### **96/04 PETITIONS**

A petition was received from Gareth Fern, Deepcut, concerning the adverse impact of traffic management measures on Bellew Road and Blackdown Road, Deepcut. The main concerns are safety and the deterioration of the carriageway in these two unadopted roads.

### **97/04 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Public questions were received from Mr Ian Miller, Lightwater. The questions and answers were distributed to the meeting. These can be found in Annex B of these minutes. No further questions on this subject will be taken by the Local Committee.

### **98/04 MEMBER QUESTIONS**

None.

### **99/04 LTP TASK GROUP**

Maurice Neighbour and Fred Chipperfield were nominated as the County Council's Task Group Members. Nominations from Borough were requested as soon as reasonably possible. The Borough Council will forward the names direct to the Local Transportation Director.

## **RESOLVED**

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath:

- i) approved the formation of a Task Group to review the District's Integrated Transport scheme priorities and programmes within the LTP, formulate a bid for 2005/06 and an outline 5 year programme for LTP2 covering 2006/07 to 2010/11.
- ii) Agreed that the Task Group reports its recommendations to the Local Committee in September.
- iii) Agreed that the Task Group be formed of the Chairman, one County Council Member and two Borough Council Members.
- iv) Agreed that the Task Group meets at the LTS office on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2004 at 10am.

#### **100/04 JOINT ROAD SAFETY ACTION PLAN FOR SURREY HEATH DISTRICT**

Graham Hodgson distributed a revised annex to this report.

#### **RESOLVED**

The Surrey Heath Local Committee approved the Surrey Heath LTS Road Safety Action Plan as set out in the attached Annex.

#### **101/04 A319 / BENNER LANE TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – AGENDA ITEM ONLY**

A report on this subject will be brought to the Local Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2004.

#### **102/04 ALMA DETTINGEN - DEEPCUT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME – AGENDA ITEM ONLY**

A report on this subject will be brought to the Local Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2004.

#### **103/04 A322 SPEED LIMIT PETITION RESPONSE**

Members discussed the report and noted the need to wait for the revised Speed Management and Limit Policies.

#### **RESOLVED**

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath noted receipt of the petition and agreed to undertake a further speed assessment of the A322 Guildford Road when the revised Speed Management and Limit Policies have been approved.

#### **104/04 A322 TASK GROUP MEETING REPORT**

Consultation will be carried out on the new scheme proposed.

#### **RESOLVED**

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath noted the report.

#### **105/04 WATERY LANE, CHOBHAM, VEHICLE RESTRICTION ORDER**

This lane has been subject to some inappropriate vehicular use to the detriment of the carriageway. This causes problems for horse riders in this lane.

#### **RESOLVED**

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath

- i) approved the advertising of a Traffic Regulation Order, pursuant to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to the effect that all motor vehicles will be prevented from using the section of Watery Lane, Chobham, as shown in Annex A,
- ii) approved that the Local Transportation Director in conjunction with the Chairman of Surrey County Council's Local Committee in Surrey Heath and the Local Member consider any sustained objections,
- iii) and that if there are no sustained objections, the Order be made.

**106/04 HEATHERIDGE SCHOOL, HEATHERSIDE - KERB BUILD OUT AND CROSSING POINTS**

Members welcomed this scheme as part of the safe Routes to Schools in this area.

**RESOLVED**

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath approved the scheme as shown on the attached drawing no. 45420005/3 shown on Annex 1, for construction and implementation at the earliest opportunity.

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**107/04 SECTION 14 (1) and (2) DELEGATED POWERS**

This report was for information only.

**108/04 TASKS COMMISSIONED BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE (TRANSPORTATION)**

This report was for information only.

The meeting finished at 8.57 pm

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Chairman.

Open Public Question Time notes.

Surrey County Council's Local Committee in Surrey Heath.

29<sup>th</sup> April 2004 – 7 pm Kings International College, Camberley

1. John Smith – Benner Lane.

The Local Committee report dated 28<sup>th</sup> April 2004 lists four letters of objection. Were more received?

Reply from Graham Hodgson – Local Transportation Director

More letters were received but only four of the letters received were letters of objection.

2. John Smith – Benner Lane.

The Police have condemned the scheme, why is it going ahead?

Reply from Graham Hodgson – Local Transportation Director

The Police had indicated concerns but these have now been addressed.

3. John Smith – Benner Lane.

Accidents occur every few weeks or so on the A322, why is traffic diverted through unsuitable roads?

Reply from Graham Hodgson – Local Transportation Director

The Police are responsible for diversions due to accidents and as such I am unable to comment.

4. Howard Hyde, Deepcut.

Is the traffic calming for Deepcut bridge Road out of time in terms of the Section 106 agreement?

Reply from Graham Hodgson – Local Transportation Director

Yes, however, the developers have indicated that they will fund the traffic calming scheme even though it is technically out of time.

5. Howard Hyde, Deepcut

Are the Committee aware of the fatalities on the roads between Deepcut and Chobham?

Reply from Graham Hodgson – Local Transportation Director

The Local Transportation Office is made aware of all fatalities on roads in Surrey Heath.

6. Mr Redding, Sturt Road, Frimley Green.

There is a directional sign outside my house. It can't be seen properly by drivers as it is on the wrong side of the road. Can it be moved? The Local Transportation Office have already said that there is not enough room on the other side of the road.



Reply from Graham Hodgson – Local Transportation Director  
The Local Transportation Office can look in to this and check the amount of room available. However, there is no reason to doubt the initial assessment.

7. Philip Fenton, Camberley.

The proposed developments at Lakeside school are inappropriate. There are facilities available locally and the provision of a floodlit pitch will just attract antisocial behaviour, on-road parking, noise and light pollution.

Reply from Fred Chipperfield – County Councillor for Camberley West.  
I am opposed to this proposed development also and will be taking it forward.

8. Richard Crow, Benner Lane.

Can I have a copy of the consultation letter that was sent out?

Reply from Graham Hodgson – Local Transportation Director  
Yes.

9. Richard Crow, Benner Lane.

Has the further consultation taken place?

Reply from Graham Hodgson – Local Transportation Director  
Yes, by letter drop.

10. Richard Crow, Benner Lane.

Is the recent consultation statistically valid?

Reply from Graham Hodgson – Local Transportation Director  
The affected residents were targeted and so results will be statistically valid. Consultations are carried out with reference to standard consultation methodologies.

11. Richard Crow, Benner Lane.

The speed of traffic through the village is a problem, has this been measured?

Reply from Graham Hodgson – Local Transportation Director  
Volume and speeds were measured both before and during the trial closure.

12. Caroline White, Deepcut..

Whatever scheme is agreed for Bellew and Blackdown Road, it will be paid for by public funds.

Reply from Graham Hodgson – Local Transportation Director  
It is anticipated that the developer will fund the traffic schemes. Should this not be the case, then consideration would have to be given to funding such costs from the LTS budget.

**Item 19      Public Question Time**

Questions received from Mr Ian Miller, Lightwater.

**Question 1.**

Is the £3,000 unspent residue for feasibility survey in Lightwater to be used specifically for this traffic survey or not?

Answer from Jane Biscoombe – Local Committee and Partnership Officer  
Members Allocations may only be spent for the purpose for which they were allocated. Therefore, this £3,000 was only for the Transportation Service to spend on this Lightwater survey. This has now been completed. There was an underspend of £218.89. This has been transferred back to Mr Alan Peirce for reallocation in this financial year.

**Question 2.**

Borough Councillors mention “Three Pedestrian Refuges, central Lightwater” as being in the list of approved schemes. Are the Borough Councillors aware of the Scott Wilson report plus previous surveys carried out by the previous “Consultants” looking at traffic problems in Lightwater?

Answer from Cllr Maurice Neighbour, Chairman of the Local Committee.  
The Local Committee can only answer questions relating to Surrey County Council general policy (Standing Order 63.1). Questions about individual Members should be put to the Member /s concerned.

**Question 3.**

When is the final report on the Lightwater Traffic situation to be presented to the inhabitants of this area?

Response from Graham Hodgson – Local Transportation Director – Surrey Heath.  
It is anticipated that the consultation on proposals for Lightwater would be progressed by July/August.