



SURREY

COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting

SURREY HEATH LOCAL COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday 10th March 2005

Time: 7.00 PM

Place: Kings International College, Camberley

Members present:

Surrey County Council [6]

Mr Maurice Neighbour (Camberley East)
Mr Fred Chipperfield (Camberley West)
Mrs Lavinia Sealy (Chobham & Bisley)
Dr B J Coffin (Heatherside & Parkside)
Mr Alan Peirce (Windlesham)
Mr John Phillips (Frimley Green & Mychett)

Surrey Heath Borough Council [3]

Cllr Moira Gibson
Cllr Vivienne Chapman
Cllr Terence King

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.

24/05 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Borough Councillors Keith Bush, Patricia Pearce and Edward Hawkins.

25/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – 27th January 2005

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

26/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

27/05 PETITIONS

None

28/05 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None

29/05 MEMBER QUESTIONS

None

30/05 ANNUAL REPORT ON EDUCATION

Report 7a – Educational Attainment

John Ambrose, Local Education Officer, attended to outline the report.

There was an amendment to the report. "Since last year, results have generally improved in line with other districts and boroughs, with the exception of English," in section 1.7 on page 3 should read "Since last year, results have generally improved in line with other districts and boroughs, with the exception of English, which has improved significantly".

Admissions and budgets continue to be the main issues, there will be a consultation on admissions later in 2005. Governor recruitment is also a major issue across Surrey.

Local schools are very appreciative of the allocations from members over past years.

Members asked that in future school specific information should be included in a shorter, less bland report. It was noted that all schools performance data is in the public domain and was not included in this report as it was thought inappropriate to focus on specific schools.

Key worker housing policies have had limited effect on staffing levels, preferential mortgages have had more of an impact.

Members asked that the admissions consultation included community consultation, not just existing parents at schools.

KS 4 performance is based on GCSE results, the performance in Surrey Heath at KS4 may be low due to young people undertaking more vocational courses.

RESOLVED

Members identified ways in which their support of schools, and/or pupil groups, could facilitate further improvements to education within the borough.

Report 7b – Children’s Services

Beverley Clarke, Team Manager – North West Surrey Multi-professional Team (MPT), outlined the report.

Head teachers are concerned about behaviour in school at KS 3 and 4. Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) provision is currently being reviewed to offer a short-term, flexible approach. Surrey Heath schools have a high level of attendance.

All professionals in the MPT were doing a similar role before the MPT was set up. The value added is local service and benefits and flexibility that come from joint working.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath:

- (i) provided comment and feedback on the issues identified in the report and the operation of the service;
- (ii) identified opportunities for further information exchange and engagement with the service.

County Councillor Lavinia Sealy left the meeting.

31/05 ANNUAL REPORT ON ADULTS AND COMMUNITY CARE

Mike Geernaert, Area Director North-West Surrey, outlined the report.

Thanks were given to the Local Committee for their support of the taxi voucher scheme.

Most staff have moved to the new Absolute office in Frimley. Remaining staff will be moving to Quadrant House in Woking at the end of the year. Signage for the new office is in hand.

RESOLVED

The Surrey Heath Local Committee commented on the contents of the report.

32/05 CONSULTATION ON THE SOUTH EAST PLAN

Les Andrews, Principal Planner - Economic Planning Policy, detailed the report.

Following consultation the South East Plan (SEP) will be sent to the Government Office of the South East (GOSE) for publication. Objections need to be put across strongly.

Members were concerned that SERA (South East Regional Assembly) is losing validity and that SERA members have low morale. Members were concerned at the level of proposed housing and commented on the lack of infrastructure investment to support proposed housing and the impacts of other areas e.g. Hampshire. Also health provision at Surrey hospitals has not been taken into account.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee endorsed the contents of this report to the Executive and made such other comments on the SEP to be conveyed to the Executive as it considered appropriate.

33/05 MEMBERS’ ALLOCATIONS

RESOLVED

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath:

1. Noted the Note the breakdown in the Annex,
2. Approved the reallocation made by Fred Chipperfield.

34/05 FORWARD PLAN

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

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

35/05 TASKS COMMISSIONED BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE

This report was for information only.

Non- Executive Business

36/05 ALLEGED PUBLIC FOOTPATH BETWEEN RED LION ROAD AND BROOM LANE CHOBHAM

The Rights of Way budget will meet the costs associated with this report.

RESOLVED

The Committee agreed that public footpath rights are recognised over the route A-B on drawing 3/1/81/H53 and that the application for a MMO under sections 53 and 57 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to modify the Definitive Map and Statement is approved. The route is to be known as Public Footpath no. 212 (Chobham).

Part B – Transportation.

37/05 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

As in 24/05. County Councillors Lavinia Sealy and Alan Peirce and Borough Councillor Moira Gibson gave their apologies for this part of the agenda.

38/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

39/05 PETITIONS

None.

40/05 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Two. These are detailed in Annex B.

41/05 MEMBER QUESTIONS

Two questions were received from County Councillor Fred Chipperfield.

- 1 The Zebra crossing in Park Road has still not been completed and is a risk to local people.

Graham Hodgson, Local Transportation director, will report back to Cllr Chipperfield before the next meeting.

- 2 The lamp columns in Gordon Road are rusty and local residents are concerned, when can they be replaced?

Graham Hodgson outlined the lamp column funding regime. If columns are dangerous then they will be removed but not replaced. The existing budget only allows for a very limited number of lamp column replacements, however the PFI will see the investment of £68m for replacement columns across the County between 2006 and 2011

42/05 LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN ALLOCATION AND LOCAL ALLOCATION

Surrey has a 9% budget reduction against an average reduction Countrywide of 13%. Maintenance funding can only be used for signing, footway and surface dressing works.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath:

- i) noted the total Integrated Transport budget for 2005/06 of £440,000 plus the anticipated 'carry forward' from 2004/05 of £410,000 for the District and subject to confirmation of the out turn.
- ii) noted the total Local Allocation budget for 2004/05 of £100,000 plus the anticipated 'carry forward' of £60,000 subject to confirmation of the out turn.
- iii) Agreed that the management of the Local Allocation budget be vested with the Local Transportation Director in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee or in their absence by their delegated representatives
- iv) and that the scheme priorities, as set out in Annex A were agreed and progressed within the available budgets and resources.

43/05 SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL / SURREY POLICE JOINT ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY

RESOLVED

The Surrey Heath Local Committee approved the revised Surrey Heath LTS Road Safety Action Plan as set out in the attached Annex, pages 1 and 2.

44/05 SURREY HEATH DISTRICT SPEED MANAGEMENT MEASURES 2005/06

It may be possible to have a mobile phone advice day on 21/07/05. Members and members of the public can raise sites of concern with the Local Transportation Service.

RESOLVED

The Surrey Heath Local Committee in Surrey Heath approved:

- I. the list of sites for use of the speed posters in 2005/06 as shown on Annex 1 and the provisional program as shown in Annex 4
- II. the list of sites for use of the Speed Indication Device in 2005/06 as shown on Annex 2
- III. the list of sites for use of the 'Speed Visor' signs in 2005/06 as shown on Annex 3

45/05 BROADWAY ROAD BRIDGE, WINDLESHAM, STRENGTHENING PROGRAMME

RESOLVED

The Surrey Heath Local Committee approved the scheme shown on drawing 3246/102,106,107,109, 301 and authority was given for the acquisition of land and promotion of any necessary planning applications and orders.

46/05 MAINTENANCE REVENUE BUDGET

RESOLVED

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath:

1. noted the Highway Maintenance Revenue Allocation for the Surrey Heath district.
2. agreed the functional breakdown of the allocation as set out in ANNEXE 1,
3. agreed that the Local Transportation Director, in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee, may vire up to 100% of the revenue maintenance budget, between

indicative allocation levels, as agreed by The Executive, in order to respond to local conditions, whilst retaining County Council's policies and standards.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

47/04 SECTION 14 (1) and (2) DELEGATED POWERS

This report was for information only.

48/04 TASKS COMMISSIONED BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE (TRANSPORTATION)

This report was for information only.

The Committee gave their thanks to Cllr Neighbour for Chairing the Local Committee over the past year.

The meeting finished at 8.54 pm

Chairman.

Open Public Question Time notes.
Surrey County Council's Local Committee in Surrey Heath
27th January 2005 – 6.30 pm St Martin's Church, Camberley

Prior to open questions, Cllr Neighbour informed the meeting of the success of the House of Horrors project run by Surrey County Council's Trading Standards. Cllr Neighbour also informed the meeting that Jim Whyte from Carwarden House School and Mr John Looby from the Old Dean had both received Awards for Volunteering from Surrey County Council.

Cllr Neighbour thanked outgoing Councillors Brian Coffin and John Philips for their work over the last 35 and 8 years respectively. Cllr Neighbour also thanked all members of the Committee and the Officers that had contributed to it over the last year.

1. Sue Cartwright, Mytchett, Frimley Green and Deepcut Society

What is happening with the Deepcut traffic calming? There has been no action.

Reply from Graham Hodgson – Local Transportation Director

We understand this frustration as we have this too. We are still waiting for information from the developers. Development Control at Surrey County Council have written to the developers and set up a meeting with them.

2. Sue Cartwright, Mytchett, Frimley Green and Deepcut Society

Is there nothing you can do to speed this along?

Reply from Graham Hodgson – Local Transportation Director

This is only part of the S 106 agreement. I will update at the next meeting.

3. Murray Rowlands

Can anyone tell us why Local Government has failed local people in the very bad deal with South West Trains (SWT) over their new timetable?

Reply from Graham Hodgson – Local Transportation Director

I cannot answer this directly and will have to confer with my colleagues in Passenger Transport. I will reply to you after the meeting.

4. Murray Rowlands

A child in Frimley has not had education for the last few months. Home tuition has not been offered.

Reply from Mike Abbott, Local Director

This has been raised with Education colleagues. A holding reply has been sent and a full reply will be sent to the child's parents. We cannot comment on individual children in a public meeting.

5. Mr Stevens,

Does Surrey County Council provide any funding to local museums in respect of local history being on the National Curriculum?

Reply from John Philips, County Councillor for Frimley Green and Mytchett.

Yes, we do provide grants centrally and I have allocated £1,000 to the Surrey Heath Museum this year.

6. Mr Pavey

In the consultation leaflet from SERA about the South East Plan it doesn't give an option for less than 25,000 houses. What do I do?

Reply from Mike Abbott, Local Director

Tick the lowest level box and send this through as a comment. If you put your own box in it will not be counted.

7. Borough Councillor Duncan Clarke

Is Surrey County Council doing a review of parking allocations for the planning of Flats in the future?

Reply from Graham Hodgson – Local Transportation Director

This is a central Government directive and as such SCC has no power.

8. Sue Cartwright, Mytchett, Frimley Green and Deepcut Society

Why don't the local buses go into Frimley Park Hospital?

Reply from Graham Hodgson – Local Transportation Director

When the building works are completed. We will look into the possibility of altering the bus stop to allow full size buses to use it.

Item 17

Questions from Mr Ian Miller, Lightwater

1. In an answer from the Local Area Committee Chairman dated 9th July 2004 he stated that “there will be a public consultation exercise” – this regarding the result(s) of the traffic and safety survey carried out in Lightwater last year. When is this exercise to take place?

Reply from Graham Hodgson, Local Transportation Director

At the time of the previous question and response (9 July 2004), it was anticipated that a public consultation exercise would be undertaken following closely the traffic survey carried out in Lightwater for the village scheme. This has not happened due to other priorities of work requirements and higher priorities of schemes requiring attention. Currently a planned date has not been programmed. Bearing in mind the small size of the Transportation Team, this situation has not been avoidable.

2. In an answer from the Surrey County Council leader (Mr. Nick Skellett) dated 8th October 2004 he stated that “A consultative leaflet has been prepared so that a residents’ survey can be conducted in the near future. The costs are to be funded from Cllr Peirce’s allocation. This will be a postal survey, and in view of this, a judgment has to be made about whether to send this out in a few weeks and risk getting caught up in the Christmas period or to wait until January. This will be decided locally”. When will this decision be made since I can find no record of planned future action on this subject nor a sighting of the consultative leaflet?

Reply from Graham Hodgson, Local Transportation Director

Preparatory work on the consultation leaflet for the village centre scheme has been undertaken which was, at the time of Mr Skellett’s letter, planned for distribution late in 2004 or early 2005. Again other priorities have interfered with progress. Currently it is anticipated that the consultation will be progressed by the summer of this year. There are some design problems still to be resolved before a complete and achievable scheme can be put forward for public response.