

Cabinet - Supplementary Papers – Member and Public Questions/Responses



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Tuesday, 29 May
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a Members' Questions

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The deadline for Member's questions is 12pm four working days before the meeting (22 May 2018).

b Public Questions

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The deadline for public questions is seven days before the meeting (21 May 2018).

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

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One report, in the form of a question, has been received from the Children

and Education Select Committee's Performance Member Reference Group regarding the Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service. The question and response are attached.

Joanna Killian
Chief Executive
Tuesday, 29 May 2018

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Members Questions

Question (1) Hazel Watson (Dorking Hills):

Can you give an indication as to when the learning review in relation to Ahmed Hassan, the Parsons Green bomber will be released?

Reply:

In answer to your question from the April Cabinet meeting, I indicated that the report of the learning review was being considered by the Home Office and that we would share the report if the Home Office and our local partners agreed. The Home Office has now agreed that, although the report will not be shared, a letter which has been prepared for the Home Affairs Select Committee about the learning from the Review will be published. At the time of writing this has not yet been published, but we are expecting it any day.

**Mr David Hodge CBE
Leader of the Council
29 May 2018**

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Public Questions

Question 1: John Thornely, Trustee, NewSPAL

Members of Cabinet will be aware that, for the third month running, Council officers have deferred seeking a decision from Cabinet on the future of the Surrey Performing Arts Library (SPAL).

Recent explanations from Councillors of this delay are opaque and do not give a clear picture of why Council officers now appear to be considering yet further arrangements.

Given the very significant public concern over this matter (as illustrated by the high level of public support for the proposals to take over SPAL submitted to the Council by the charity NewSPAL), this is giving rise to great concern by members of the Surrey performing arts community that the further arrangements now being considered by Council officers will not result in a secure future for SPAL.

Please would Cabinet make a clear statement to Surrey ratepayers as to exactly what has caused this delay to the decision on SPAL, confirm that this delay will not have negative impact on SPAL, and confirm the date when a report on the alternative proposals for the future of SPAL will be presented to Cabinet for decision?

Reply:

The Surrey Performing Arts Library SPAL is one of very few remaining specialist libraries in the UK in this field, illustrating the challenges of keeping a specialist library open in difficult times. Our objective has been to find a long-term solution for the SPAL that achieves savings whilst continuing to ensure the collection is accessible to users.

We are developing a proposal whereby we would continue to operate the collection more cost effectively by assimilating SPAL music and drama into the main stream library service supported by trained library staff. The option for an independent future for SPAL was part of our user consultation as a possible way of safeguarding SPAL's longer term future and we have been working with the trustees of NewSPAL regarding their proposition for the library.

There is a slight delay in finalising our proposals, whilst we are exploring options for interim arrangements for SPAL, particularly a recently identified opportunity for alternative relocation which needed technical property assessment in accordance with our duty of good governance.

We advised NewSPAL that we had to postpone the report from going to May Cabinet as the additional property information was not yet available and gave an assurance that this delay was solely in relation to interim arrangements for the library and not for any reason relating to longer term arrangements.

We anticipate the report will be presented to Cabinet shortly, once our assessments are complete.

Ms Denise Turner-Stewart
Cabinet Member for Community Services

29 May 2018

Amended:-

Cabinet, 26 June 2018 – Item 5

CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SELECT COMMITTEE'S PERFORMANCE MEMBER REFERENCE GROUP

Item under Consideration: CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

Date Considered: 8 May 2018

The Children and Education Select Committee's Performance Member Reference Group of 8 May 2018 held a meeting which was focussed on the inadequate performance of the Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS). At this meeting there was mention of an Interim Project Plan to improve CAMHS services and address the current backlog. Has the Cabinet Member for Children had sight of this plan and is the Cabinet assured that this plan is adequate to address the issues facing the effective delivery of CAMHS? And what processes will be in place to ensure that the implementation of the Interim Project Plan will be monitored?

Mr Tim Evans

Chairman of the Children and Education Select Committee's Performance Member Reference Group

RESPONSE:

I welcome the question as the delays associated with the current backlog are unacceptable.

I have seen the plan and have been briefed. I confirm I am fully briefed including an overview of the interim plan which has been agreed by SCC, the CCGs and SABP. In relation to monitoring the implementation, there is a joint project board in place, chaired by the Executive Director of Strategic Commissioning Surrey Heartlands CCGs. This board will oversee the interim plan which includes targets and trajectories to address the backlog. Officers will continue to brief Members on the implementation and monitoring of the plan.

The interim plan has a renewed focus on using early intervention services and supporting children, families, schools and GPs to use the range of services that are already provided through subcontracted partners. In order to deliver the interim plan and address the waiting list, additional resources are being secured through the Sustainable Transformation Partnership and the CCGs. This work will be supported by a review of case management criteria to reduce caseloads for clinicians to safe and manageable levels. I would like to stress the urgent and crisis referral pathway for children will still be in place during this period.

Mrs Clare Curran

Cabinet Member for Children

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