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Supplementary Agenda

4 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

a Members' Questions

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Member's questions and responses are attached.

c Petitions

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One petition of 1,348 signatories has been received. It requests that the Council; a) Halt the demolition of Longmead Adult Education Centre in Redhill, b). Retain the Edwardian character of the building, and c) Develop it into a community hub.

Response to the petition is attached.

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

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One report received from the Communities, Environment & Highways Select Committee in relation to Item 12 - Rethinking Waste – Surrey County Council's Waste Commissioning Strategy.

7 CABINET MEMBER UPDATE

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To note the report.

8 COVID-19 UPDATE

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13 - 22)

This paper is being presented under the General Exception Standing Order as it has not been possible to give 28 days' notice of decisions to be taken.

Further to the report to Cabinet on 26 May 2020, this report will set out; a) SCC Public Health latest , b) Test and Trace, c) Hardship Fund assistance given, d) Financial support to Care Homes, e) Grants to Surrey businesses and f) Restart/restore activity.

[Where necessary a waiver for call-in will be sought from the relevant Select Committee Chairman.]

9 COVID-19 DELEGATED AND URGENT DECISIONS TAKEN

(Pages
23 - 28)

To ensure transparency of decisions taken in response to COVID-19, Cabinet are asked to note the attached decisions taken since the last meeting.

Joanna Killian
Chief Executive
Monday, 15 June 2020

CABINET – 23 JUNE 2020**PROCEDURAL MATTERS****Members Questions****Question (1) Kay Hammond (Horley West, Salfords & Sidlow):**

How has the Covid-19 pandemic affected the Home to School Transport budget; and what challenges has the Children, Families, Lifelong Learning and Culture Directorate faced when supporting SEND pupils during the Covid-19 pandemic?

Reply:

I would like to thank Mrs Hammond for her question and for providing me with an opportunity to address some of the impacts that the Covid-19 pandemic has had on our home to school transport service, as well as the specific challenges it brought in supporting our children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families

From the outset of the pandemic, we were worried about the impact of Covid-19 on our school transport sector, and significant work has gone into securing its sustainability. We have funded our taxi firms, who have lost school transport income, at 50% of the usual route costs where journeys are not required. This enabled the sector to survive economically and we were then able to divert their capacity to carry out deliveries of essential items such as PPE, food and medicine to vulnerable families. This has meant some one-off cost reductions on home to school transport in this financial year, although it is uncertain at this stage how significant that will be given social distancing measures that may be required as more children return to school.

There is no doubt that these past 12 weeks have been particularly testing for our children and young people with SEND and their families. Changes in daily routines and more restricted access to the community resources that they rely on have caused greater stress and anxiety for these children and their families.

Last month in my update to Cabinet, I shared some of the very good work that we have been doing to support SEND pupils – including accessible and clear information on the Local Offer, online mental health support for parents, therapies delivered to children virtually, and multi-agency virtual ‘team around the family’ meetings. In the first two weeks of lockdown, our SEND teams identified and risk assessed 10,000 of our SEND pupils. This was an unprecedented exercise, which included bringing together information and decision-making across the council, our education sector and health colleagues. For those children who could stay at home, safety plans were developed with the families, and for those who needed to remain in specialist settings, contingency plans were put in place should the setting need to close.

We have used innovation and technology to reach out to very many children with SEND and their families, turning a challenge into an opportunity.

I am pleased to say that, with the support of the Council, more and more children with SEND are now returning to school. This is based on an individual assessment of each child’s needs which ensures that it is safe for them to return. We are supporting all of our educational settings with guidance and advice on how to maintain social distance and control infection, and where needed to acquire protective equipment, to provide an environment that is safe for more of our children with SEND.

Mrs Julie Iles
Cabinet Member for All Age Learning
23 June 2020

Question (2) Jonathan Essex (Redhill East):

In light of Surrey County Council's bid for the initial (phase 1) funding of £1.6 million pounds and forthcoming £6.8 million of phase 2 emergency walking and cycling improvements funding bid to government please can you provide:

- a) a detailed breakdown of what is proposed across the county and how much each of these elements has been supported by government funding;
- b) details of how the public will be consulted to provide input to phase 2;
- c) confirmation of whether this will include School Street pilots timed for the full reopening of schools in September; and
- d) the process and timescale for both phases of works to be delivered.

Reply:

The County Council is committed to making active travel work where possible. The County Council applied for the first tranche of government funding earlier this month. At time of preparing this reply, confirmation has not been received but we made a strong case to receive the full £1.696m. But this delay has not stopped active travel schemes from being implemented, with measures already in place in Farnham, Godalming and works planned for Reigate later this month. The measures introduced will be reflective of the evidenced need and location. For Farnham Town Centre the focus has been on increasing the space available to pedestrians using some of the shopping areas (photos included below). The County Council will also be applying for tranche two government funding and any other sources such as the LEPs.

Since you last asked a question on this subject at full Council in May, Officers have been engaging with their colleagues in the District and Boroughs and Divisional Members to determine what are the key priorities. There have been many ideas from the general public and interest groups – the current total of suggestions is approximately 700. Not all of these will be feasible or desirable, but you will appreciate the scale of the task to ensure all are reviewed. Officers are currently working on developing robust prioritisation criteria. At this time we do not have an agreed detailed breakdown across the County. This is being developed.

We will endeavour to undertake proportionate consultation for tranche 2 and make sure that stakeholders have the option to contribute. We are keen to hear the views of our residents so an online tool is being introduced shortly that will enable residents to engage with us on developing proposals and ideas. School streets proposals will be considered as part of the wider range of options.

The timescale for tranche 1 is that works should start within 4 weeks of the government confirming funding and be completed in 8 weeks. The details for tranche 2 are yet to be confirmed. The County Council is committed to delivering these schemes as quickly as possible, but it is important to take the time needed to get the right solution.



Matt Furniss
Cabinet Member for Transport
23 June 2020

Question (3) Jonathan Essex (Redhill East):

Please can you provide an update of the work of youth workers during the Covid-19 lockdown, including detached youth work, and plans for reopening of youth centres and full support to young people as part of Surrey's recovery plan?

Reply:

Some youth workers have also been supporting the delivery of vital support for vulnerable young people at risk of family breakdown alongside the emergency duty team.

Support provided by the Targeted Youth Support Service and Safeguarding Adolescents Teams has continued during restrictions although in most cases this has been virtual using a variety of methods to engage young people both 1:1 and in virtual groups. The engagement methods have included use of telephone and video calls: young people have been very positive about the use of video calls and this is something we may continue where appropriate in the future. All requests for support made through the single point of access for young people have continued to be allocated to services throughout the restrictions.

The work to address the issues that contribute towards serious youth violence and exploitation has continued during the restrictions including how the use of technology can assist with ensuring progress continues to be made against the councils strategy regardless of Covid-19 restrictions.

The youth centres that also act as a location to support vulnerable learners are starting to return for that use only. The next phase of recovery will then enable provision that supports people to return to work such as breakfast and after school clubs. One of the youth centres is currently being used as foodbank for the local community.

All of the youth centres are being risk assessed using the current social distancing guidelines. The current guidelines would not enable multiple user groups, groups of people coming together (other than for education or childcare) or hot desking. As restrictions are eased this will be reviewed and where appropriate other services will resume.

We are also aware that the voluntary sector has where ever possible continued to support young people virtually and there are also examples of the voluntary sector working alongside the police to engage young people in the community.

The Universal Youth Offer consultation was extended until the end of June with a public webinar planned for the 24th June to replace the engagement events that had to be cancelled. To date more than 400 online questionnaires have been completed, 262 people attended engagement events and more 1200 young people took part in the 'Our Voice Matters' survey.

Whilst we are still operating in uncertain times and having to adapt to new ways of working, it is likely that the numbers of young people in need of support may increase in the coming months. We will continue to work with partners to identify potential trends and needs and adapt our approaches where necessary.

Mrs Mary Lewis
Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Families
23 June 2020

Question (4) Jonathan Essex (Redhill East):

In line with government guidance I understand that the intention is for weekly testing of care workers working in care homes. Please can you confirm whether we also propose to carry out weekly testing of all care home residents (as previously proposed by government) and for care workers and residents in receipt of regular care visits in their own homes, including retirement complexes.

Reply:

Whole care home testing (including asymptomatic residents and staff) is accessed via the National Testing Portal and any adult care home is eligible to request testing through this route. The Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) have advised that all care homes should be re-tested on a weekly basis. The national team are currently exploring testing capacity and developing the national re-testing policy, informed by the SAGE guidance. In instances of a new outbreak in a care home, Public Health England will request testing of symptomatic residents and further whole care home testing can be requested through the national portal.

Locally, we can support care homes to access the national testing offer through referral of priority care homes via the Director of Public Health, directly to the National Testing Portal and have been using local intelligence and data (both quantitative and qualitative) in order to prioritise care homes. As soon as we have a national steer on the policy for retesting, we will support care homes locally to access this via the national testing programme, as appropriate.

Mrs Sinead Mooney
Cabinet Member for Adults & Health
23 June 2020

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Longmead Petition Response

The Petition

“We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to 1. Halt the demolition of Longmead Adult Education Centre in Redhill 2. Retain the Edwardian character of the building; and 3. Develop it into a community hub.”

Submitted by David Sayer, Stefania Maulucci and Cllr Jonathan Essex

The Response

As part of regeneration of the town centre, Surrey County Council is developing two sites it owns, at Colebrook, Noke Drive, and Longmead in Holland Close. The proposals for both two sites are linked and phased in terms of their development.

The proposal is to create a new modern community hub in Colebrook and deliver a significant number of residential units in the town centre. The first phase of this regeneration is to relocate the service currently located in Colebrook (Surrey Choices) to release this site for development.

We have decided to relocate Surrey Choices to Longmead, where access and proximity to the town centre is similar to its existing site at Colebrook, so does not materially disadvantage the service or its clients. This would be a temporary move that would allow Surrey Choices to operate prior to a subsequent move to a permanent home.

In order to accommodate the service on the Longmead site, and to facilitate the future development, it was decided to demolish the existing building - the former Adult Education Centre. Its layout is no longer fit for purpose, and it is not configured to be an efficient and flexible space. The cost of bringing the building up to a habitable standard was significantly higher than the proposed alternative, making it economically unviable. It was, therefore, decided to demolish the building. As the building is not listed a demolition consent was obtained under a Permitted Development Order in June 2019. There were no objections received during the 6-week challenge period post-decision, nor any other objections in the past year, prior to May 2020.

As Surrey Choices will only occupy the site on a temporary basis, modular building units will provide the main accommodation required. In addition to this modular building, SCC will also provide a polytunnel to support horticultural activities and sales, a log cabin (also for horticultural use), and 44 parking spaces. Parking will be shared with SCC staff from Consort House.

Once the community hub in Colebrook is ready, Surrey Choices will vacate Longmead, which will then be redeveloped in accordance with the RBBC local plan for housing. As part of the Colebrook development, SCC has secured a £3m grant from Homes England towards the development. The grant will be lost if Colebrook cannot be delivered within agreed timescales – the funding must be drawn down by March 2021.

On 4 June The Victorian Society informed SCC that an application has been made to Historic England to ‘spot list’ the building in Longmead. Due to the nature and circumstances – imminent demolition of the building – Historic England is fast tracking this application. This process can, however, still take several months and thus cause a significant delay to the wider Redhill development programme.

4c The consequences of this process could be:

- Significant delays for the development of Colebrook site;
- Loss of the £3m Homes England grant and of affordable housing as a direct result;
- Lack of a suitable, alternative location for Surrey Choices to relocate to within Redhill;
- No allocated funding to make the existing Longmead building habitable, with the estimated cost of reinstating the building being between £1.5m-£2.5m, given it has been vacant for a more than a decade.

SCC decided to suspend demolition works on the site when made aware that Historic England was to consider the request to list the building. Historic England held an Initial Assessment meeting on 11 June. It is understood that it is considered unlikely at this stage that the building will be taken forward to a full assessment, given it is considered to be a plain and late example of its type. Until that decision is confirmed, however, SCC will not recommence any works, and has taken steps to ensure the fabric does not deteriorate unnecessarily as a consequence of the works that have already been carried out. These works were in accordance with the Permitted Development Order and commenced prior to the notification that a request for listing had been made.

The Council's proposals for the two linked sites in the Redhill area will provide significant benefits within the locality, including maintaining an important service provided by Surrey Choices and creating affordable housing that will otherwise be undeliverable. Saving a life expired building that does not have significant architectural merit will prevent these benefits from being realised.

Mr Mel Few
Cabinet Member for Resources
23 June 2020

CABINET – 23 JUNE 2020**COMMUNITIES, ENVIRONMENT & HIGHWAYS SELECT COMMITTEE****Item under consideration: Rethinking Waste – Surrey County Council's Waste Commissioning Strategy****Date Considered: 18 June 2020**

- 1 The Cabinet Member for Environment & Climate Change, the Executive Director – Environment, Transport & Infrastructure and other officers appeared before the Select Committee to seek their views on the development of a new Waste Commissioning Strategy.
- 2 The Select Committee sought information on the lessons learnt from the current council arrangements particularly around contracting methods, the development of infrastructure including the Eco-Park and the relationship of this strategy with the council's climate change commitments. Members raised concerns about repeating the length of contract awarded under the PFI agreement again emphasising the need for a flexible contract in the future.
- 3 Members highlighted the need for the council and its partners to prevent the creation of waste, citing the example of food waste, in the first place via behavioural change in Surrey residents. They also stressed value for money requirements to be present in any strategic outcomes.
- 4 There were questions asked about the existing use of Community Recycling Centres and the future capacity required to meet demand in the county. Members went on to suggest that infrastructure in Surrey be developed to process residual waste.
- 4 The Select Committee agreed that the council's climate change commitments and the contribution the council's management of waste can have on meeting the council's 2050 carbon net zero target should feature in the strategy.
- 5 The Select Committee was supportive of the need to develop a strategy particularly in light of the changing local and international context for waste commissioning. Members suggested a number of amendments to the proposed outcomes of such a strategy as can be seen below. The Select Committee agreed to support the development of the strategy further by creating a Member Reference Group to feed back on, and offer challenge on the emerging proposals for Surrey.

Recommendations:

The Select Committees agreed the following:

1. The Cabinet Member considers the development of Surrey based infrastructure to deal with residual, food waste and composting as part of the Waste Commissioning Strategy setting out reasons why or why not it should be commissioned
2. That the Cabinet Member provide assurances that the recommendations made by the Waste Task Group in September 2019 and reported to Cabinet

in October 2019 are inputted into the development of the new Waste Commissioning Strategy

3. The Select Committee will convene a Member Reference Group to offer feedback and challenge to officers on the development of the strategy

Membership: Mike Goodman, Ken Gulati, Fiona White, Jonathan Essex, Andy Macleod (chair), John O'Reilly (ex-officio)

The Select Committee also made the following amendments to the Cabinet report recommendations (text in bold)

It is recommended that the Committee:

- a) approves the development of a Waste Commissioning Strategy;
- b) approves the proposed outcomes for the Waste Commissioning Strategy, to:
 1. Meet Surrey County Council's Waste Disposal Authority (WDA) statutory duties.
 2. Maximise the financial sustainability of waste management in Surrey. **(this outcome must include cost efficiency measures)**
 3. Reduce the carbon impact of waste collection and disposal. **(this outcome must incorporate the Surrey Climate Change Strategy action points and also measurements on the impact on emissions of increasing reuse and waste reduction rates significantly)**
 4. Maximise the integration of waste management in the county.
- c) approves the programme proposed for the development of the strategy and procurement of the waste disposal contract; and
- d) within this programme, approves the review of the variable elements of the funding mechanism through which the county council funds the Surrey Environment Partnership and the Waste Collection Authorities.

John O'Reilly
Chairman of the Communities, Highways & Environment Select Committee

Cabinet - 23 June 2020

Cabinet Member Update

Mr. Matthew Furniss, Cabinet Member for Transport

I am pleased to be able to share with you some of the work that we have been doing to support our transport and highways system. Covid-19 and the resulting lockdown have created challenges, but also unlocked new opportunities to promote low and zero carbon modes of transport, enabling us to be proactive in tackling the climate emergency.

Cycling

The Council has been seeking ways to boost the uptake of cycling as a long-term positive legacy of Covid-19 recovery. The Cabinet has agreed to provide £200,000 extra funding to support even more cycle training across schools in Surrey in future years, bringing total funding to £510,000. Last year, Surrey County Council provided cycle training to over 16,000 young people in Surrey's schools. This helps to deliver the council's objective of 'more cycling more safely', as cycling is good for the health of individuals, reduces congestion, air pollution and climate change.

Additionally, work on supporting the local economy and prioritising active travel through the establishment of pop-up cycle lanes is being undertaken in Farnham, Reigate and Banstead, Leatherhead and Dorking. By supporting 'active travel' schemes like these, we can promote health and wellbeing whilst moving towards a greener future for the county.

Electric Buses

In February, the government opened two new bidding opportunities for ultra-low emission buses. We have responded with two exciting propositions to help support our goal of becoming a carbon-neutral county:

- The first is for an all-electric bus town focusing on Farnham and radiating out to the surrounding communities of Bourne, Rowledge, Shortheath, Wrecclesham, Sandy Hill, Hale, Weybourne and Badshot Lea. Our bid has a total value of £11 million and has been developed in partnership with operator Stagecoach. It will be supported by measures to make buses run to time, along with more real time passenger information to help residents.
- The second bid is to the Rural Mobility Fund, for new Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) services in the rural areas of Mole Valley. The proposal aims to support residents living in rural areas to access key services. It has been developed in partnership with the District Council. The new service will provide an enhanced DRT service with a range of mobility tools, e.g. app-based approach, enabling passengers to book, pay and track their transport journeys online. It will be available up to 16 hours per day, 7 days a week. We anticipate significantly improved accessibility to support strong modal shift from private cars to public transport.

Final decisions from Government are likely in late Summer. We already have nine all-electric zero emission buses operating in Surrey at our four Guildford Park and Ride sites. These two bids alongside other emerging plans for more ultra-low emissions buses highlight the council's

unwavering commitment to deliver on our climate change ambitions, with the work vital in helping bus services and our economy to recover post Covid-19.

Highways

In good news, an evaluation of the introduction of average speed cameras on the A217 between Banstead crossroads and the M25 has shown that there has been increased compliance with the speed limit along the whole length covered by the enforcement cameras. This reduction in speeding has coincided with a halving in the total number of personal injury collisions. The number of serious injury collisions has reduced by more than three quarters. As well as the reduction in road injury, this has reduced the amount of congestion and has helped to improve the journey time reliability on this key strategic route. The council are planning to install average speed cameras on the A320 St Peter's Way, Chertsey and A31 Hogs Back (eastbound) in the coming month where we expect that there will be similar benefits.

Improving information for Residents

Highways & Transport are improving the accessibility of information on our website in order to make the most of digital technology to help Surrey and its residents thrive. This has included an enhanced GIS map showing works that are planned for the current year and those being considered for the future. I recently led a presentation by officers to fellow councillors demonstrating the benefits of the new map and online reporting. The map and other Service information can be found on our [Roads and Transport](#) webpages. There is also a map illustrating our LED Street Lighting changes which can be accessed [here](#).

Lane Rental

We are also preparing to lodge a bid with the Department for Transport to implement a 'Lane Rental Scheme', a new way of incentivising companies who conduct works on our highways to be less disruptive and more expedient. Lane Rental encourages utility companies and the County Council to find innovative ways to make support the flow of traffic on the busiest and most congested roads flow at peak times during roadworks. To do this, there would be extra charges for works which cause delay at rush hour, but not for those which keep traffic moving or are only running during off peak hours. This will help to avoid peak time disruption and congestion, without penalising the organisations which need to access our road space to deliver vital infrastructure improvements. Reducing congestion will boost air quality, helping to create a greener future for our county.

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**CABINET****DATE: TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2020****REPORT OF: MR TIM OLIVER, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL****LEAD OFFICER: MICHAEL COUGHLIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR TRANSFORMATION, PARTNERSHIPS AND PROSPERITY****SUBJECT: COVID-19: SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL - UPDATE****SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

Surrey County Council has a vitally important role in leading the local response to COVID-19, to save lives, protect the NHS, ensure our residents are protected wherever possible and crucial council services continue to operate in these unprecedented times.

As the national and local situation develops rapidly, the purpose of this report is to set out the latest Public Health information about COVID-19, and update Cabinet on the strategic and sensitive issues arising from the extensive response and recovery work going on across Surrey.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Cabinet are asked to:

1. Note the latest public health situation nationally and in Surrey with regard to COVID-19 and the latest information regarding the government's Test and Trace programme,
2. Note the financial support being provided to social care providers and Care Homes,
3. Note the support being provided to local businesses through a range of grants, guidance and signposting,
4. Note the activity underway across the county to restore and restart services, activities and the economy, as national lockdown measures are eased,
5. Agree a contribution of £200,000 to the Community Foundation Surrey Coronavirus Support Fund to provide additional financial support to the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector, match-funded where possible.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The county and council continue to face unprecedented challenges due to the COVID-19 crisis. In addition to response activity, attention is turning to the re-starting, restoration and recovery of services and day-to-day life, as lockdown measures are eased nationally.

The recommendations set out in this report ensure Cabinet are apprised of the work going on across the council to protect, sustain and support our residents and communities and the economy of Surrey.

Public Health Update

1. Further to the report on Surrey's response to COVID-19 to Cabinet on 26 May 2020, this information provides an update on the impact in Surrey and the activity underway across the county, following the declaration of a 'Major Incident' for the COVID-19 outbreak on Thursday 19 March 2020.
2. On 19 June 2020 the Government lowered the COVID-19 alert level from Level 4 to Level 3, which means that the COVID-19 epidemic is still in general circulation, however transmission is no longer high or rising exponentially, enabling a gradual reduction of restrictions and social distancing measures.
(<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/update-from-the-uk-chief-medical-officers-on-the-uk-alert-level>). This is an extremely fluid situation, therefore up-to-date information about the current numbers of COVID-19 cases in the UK and Surrey can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>.
3. As at 16 June 2020, the total number of confirmed cases of Coronavirus worldwide (COVID-19) has reached 7,924,527 and the total number of deaths is 434,367 (World Health Organisation WHO). The first case of COVID-19 in United Kingdom was reported on 31 January 2020 and to date 6,866,481 people have been tested, of whom 296,857 have tested positive.
4. The latest data from the Office of National Statistics (ONS) states that there have sadly been 47,387 deaths in England and Wales involving COVID-19. This figure is based on deaths in all settings between up to 5 June 2020 and includes cases where COVID-19 is suspected but no test has taken place.
5. In Surrey, the first death registered which involved COVID-19 was on 14 March 2020. Between 14 March and 5 June 2020 (the last day for which we have available data), we have sadly had 1,069 registered deaths involving COVID-19. Because residents can take up to 14 days or more to register deaths, these numbers could go up.
6. In Surrey the total number of confirmed cases is 2,975. At present, this means Surrey is ranked 6th out of 150 counties and unitary authorities in England for total number of confirmed cases. When we present this information as a proportion of total population however, this changes to 87th out of 150.
7. In May, the government introduced five tests as part of the plan for adjusting the lockdown. Since then the Prime Minister has announced further lockdown easing measures, including allowing groups of up to six people to meet outdoors and the formation of a 'support bubble' with one other household in certain circumstances. A series of measures have also been put in place in England from Monday 1 June in three core areas – schools, retail, and social contact, and from the 15 June people are being asked to wear a face covering on public transport. The message from the government is to stay at home as much as possible but to be alert and to adhere to social distancing guidance when outside.

Test and Trace

8. The NHS Test and Trace service was launched on 28 May 2020 as part of the government's recovery strategy. Its primary objectives are to control the COVID-19 rate of reproduction (R), reduce the spread of infection and save lives.

9. Local authorities are required to work with partners to build on existing health protection plans, to put in place measures to identify and contain outbreaks and protect the public's health, and specifically to develop a Local Outbreak Control Plan by the end of June.
10. A draft Local Outbreak Control Plan has been produced in collaboration with key stakeholders and will be further developed to address gaps; confirm roles and responsibilities; carry out capacity planning and identify funding implications. This will also include a communications and engagement plan; data and intelligence to support daily monitoring; and local testing capabilities.
11. Local authorities are also required to have a public-facing board led by council members to communicate openly with the public. The Surrey Local Outbreak Engagement Board (LOEB) has been established and held its initial meeting on June 18th. This board is chaired by the Leader of Surrey County Council and is a sub-board of the Surrey Health and Wellbeing Board.
12. Additionally, a Health Protection Operational Group (HPOG), responsible for strategic oversight of health protection regarding COVID-19 has been established in Surrey and held its initial meeting on 15 June. Reporting to the LOEB, its primary roles are the ongoing development and delivery of the Local Outbreak Control Plan; to work with the relevant Local Resilience Forum (LRF) Cells; and make recommendations to the LOEB on allocation of resources.
13. National government funding of £300m is being provided to local authorities in England. On 10 June it was announced that the funding is based on the 2020/21 Public Health Grant allocation, and for Surrey County Council it will be £3,477,690 paid in one instalment in June 2020. Surrey County Council is one of 11 authorities that are part of the Good Practice Network (GPN), set up to share learning and best practice, under the auspices of the National Outbreak Control Plans Advisory Board.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

14. Ensuring that carers and other front-line workers are provided with sufficient and appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) remains a priority for the Local Resilience Forum (LRF).
15. Organisations providing front line services including care continue to signal a demand for PPE that exceeds supplies received from central government. The County Council has procured supplies on behalf of the LRF, including bulk purchasing in order to ensure stocks are in place in the short term, and obtained at a price which reflects better value for money. To date, £4.5m has been spent or committed on PPE and included in our Delta financial returns to government.
16. We now need to put in place a sustainable operation for the provision of PPE across the County, which is affordable on an ongoing basis, but that crucially looks to ensure that:
 - Stocks are in place to support providers in extremis, for example where they have immediate and short-term requirements for additional PPE
 - We are prepared for a 'second wave' or major outbreak within the County in relation to PPE provision
17. As part of this work, we will need to establish the extent to which the County Council's procurement expertise and consolidated buying power can be used to assist provision of PPE, and the areas to which the cost will ultimately fall upon the

County Council rather than providers or other agencies themselves. A recommended approach will be brought forward to July's Cabinet for approval.

Continued support via the community helpline

18. Customer Services continue to focus resources on helping vulnerable residents during the COVID crisis. The Community Helpline set up in March has handled over 8,500 calls, 408 online forms and 99,262 web visits to date, and is operational 7 days per week. Feedback from residents has been overwhelmingly positive. Staffed mainly by Customer Services, and working closely with District and Borough colleagues and the National Shielded Helpline, we are continually reviewing the nature of our offer based on the changing needs of our residents. The helpline will play a role in supporting the Test and Trace programme going forwards.

Financial support to social care providers and Care Homes

19. The council has put in place an extensive range of financial support measures for Adult Social Care (ASC) providers to ensure market stability during this phase of the pandemic. The main offers of support include:
- Unconditional goodwill grant payments totalling £9m to all ASC providers that SCC commissions services from, equivalent to an extra 10% to cover additional costs providers are incurring in the period from April – June.
 - Home Based Care providers have received a 3-month payment in advance based on planned levels of care prior to the virus.
 - A 10% premium for all new home care packages supporting hospital discharges.
 - Services such as day care and outreach are being funded at previous levels even if the service is reduced or no longer being provided due to the pandemic.
 - The creation of a Joint Central Placements Team to efficiently source Older People nursing, residential and home-based care placements following hospital discharge across Surrey's whole health and social care system to support the new national discharge guidance.
20. On 13 May the government announced £600m of additional COVID-19 funding for ASC in the form of a ring-fenced Infection Control Grant. SCC will receive £19.2m of this funding. 75% has to be distributed to all care homes in Surrey that meet the grant conditions based on the number of registered beds in each home. SCC has greater discretion about how to spend the 25% to support infection control across Surrey's ASC system. Discussions are ongoing with the Surrey Care Association and other strategic partners about how to prioritise this funding to best effect within the remit of the grant conditions.
21. The Infection Control Grant is to be paid to SCC in two equal instalments. The first instalment was received on 27 May and 75% of this has been distributed to care homes as per the grant conditions. The remaining 25% will be allocated out imminently as soon as plans for how to spend this money have been confirmed. The second instalment is due to be paid in July and will be distributed in the same way to all providers that SCC has evidence to show are continuing to comply with the grant conditions.

Restart/restore activity

22. A multi-agency Recovery Coordinating Group (RCG), has been established within the Surrey Local Resilience Forum structure to coordinate the re-initiation and restarting of services and activities across the County in order to restore the

humanitarian, economic, environmental and infrastructure well-being, conditions and resilience of Surrey by:

- Restoring essential services that have been disrupted as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and associated response measures (e.g. lockdown and social distancing)
- Ensuring the effective transition to a 'steady state', with clear responsibilities identified for the continuation of services
- Capturing longer term areas of possible 'regeneration and transformation' as well as lessons learned and referring them on to the relevant body/authority.

23. Examples of the work undertaken through a number of multi-agency, themed Sub-Groups, include:

Place, Travel and Transport

- The safe opening up of Community Recycling Centres and open spaces as well as restarting maintenance and improvement works on the highway,
- Planning and preparation around the opening of leisure centres, community centres, libraries etc.
- Promoting and enabling increased active travel through provision of additional space for pedestrians and cyclists (see below)
- Working with public transport providers around service capacity within the current restrictions, with 70% of commercial routes and 50% of supported routes back in operation (albeit at reduced passenger capacity due to social distancing requirements)
- Working to support homeless people in temporary accommodation, to prevent them from returning to living on the streets, including establishing a multi-agency working group to co-ordinate the necessary activity,

Active travel/Highways measures

24. The Government has established a £250m Emergency Active Travel Fund, with £225m for local authorities. The fund is aimed at supporting interventions that create a safer environment for walking and cycling, providing an alternative to public transport and enabling people to travel while remaining socially distanced.

25. Funding is being provided in two phases. Surrey's indicative allocation is £8.5m (£1.7m for phase 1 and £6.8m for phase 2). Funding allocations are indicative and dependent on the council demonstrating that it has plans which can be implemented quickly to support cyclists and pedestrians.

26. The initial phase of funding will be used for various smaller scale measures which could include closing roads to through traffic, segregated cycle lanes and improvements to footways. A comprehensive range of schemes is being developed by County Council Highway Officers, in consultation with Members, the relevant District/Borough Council and where appropriate Town or Parish Councils.

27. Priority schemes to enhance pedestrian facilities in Farnham, Godalming and Shere have already been delivered. Notwithstanding inevitable initial teething issues, the feedback has been positive. Later this month pedestrian/cycle improvements are due to be installed in Reigate, with other measures swiftly following across the County, with a focus on larger-scale, longer term schemes funded by the second phase £6.8million allocation.

Economy and Retail

28. Having regard to national schemes of support for businesses and those administered regionally through the Local Enterprise Partnerships, Districts and Borough Councils have been responsible for administering:
- c£206m of grants available to Surrey businesses, via the Small Business Grants Fund and the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grants Fund.
 - c£179m of 100% business rates reliefs to the Retail, Leisure, and Hospitality sector as well as Nursery provider's throughout Surrey.
 - c£10.3m of Local Authority Discretionary Grants Fund, to accommodate certain small businesses previously outside the scope of the business grant funds scheme.
29. District and Borough Councils have also received grant funding to help meet COVID-19 pressures, some of which will have indirectly benefited businesses, such as £12.2m non-ring-fenced emergency funding (with decisions made locally on how best to meet pressures arising from COVID-19) and £1m for measures to assist re-opening high streets safely, to establish a safe trading environment for businesses and customers.
30. In addition, the Economy and Retail Sub-Group have worked with the Place, Travel and Transport Sub-Group to plan and coordinate the re-opening of non-essential retail from Monday 15th June and continue to do so in respect of those further sectors of the economy re-opening no sooner than 4 July, e.g. leisure, hospitality, etc.
31. The Group are also liaising with local businesses, business associations, DWP and the Surrey LEPS to develop an emerging understanding of the levels of unemployment across the County and in key sectors (e.g. aviation) as well as identifying growth sectors and liaising with education, skills and training providers with the aim of better matching future training opportunities with areas of need.

Health and Social Care

32. Comprehensive and well-established Recovery groups and activity within Surrey Heartlands and Frimley are leading partnership work across the Surrey health system, which, while much response activity dealing with Covid-19 continues, has focused in the immediate term on the following:
- Restoration of services including the use of independent sector hospitals for additional capacity as demand expressed for cancer treatment and urgent surgery is continuing to increase towards pre-Covid-19 levels,
 - Increasing confidence of and encouraging residents to seek medical support when required to ensure timely diagnosis, whilst encouraging those that can self-manage or receive appropriate support from a pharmacy etc to do so.
 - Addressing the increase in mental health referrals in both adults and children, particularly from those in crisis for the first time.
 - Developing a partnership between care homes and linked GPs, as well as virtual ward rounds.

Community, Voluntary and Faith sector (CVFS)

33. The CVFS Sub-Group have been contributing to the development of a broad Community Impact Assessment that will enable the assessment and analysis of the impacts and implications of Covid19 in different population groups, as well as by

theme (e.g. mental health,) and geographical location, so recovery actions can be more effectively targeted.

34. The Sub-Group are also:

- addressing capacity issues within the community, voluntary and faith sector and providing support, as well as linking new volunteers to appropriate groups providing support to the community, e.g. foodbanks and telephone befriending.
- working on how to harness the increased community spirit and large numbers of new local support groups established.
- liaising with faith leaders around the longer-term emotional and psychological impacts of bereavement and the most appropriate community memorials.

35. Work supporting Children and Younger People is being managed through existing and well-established multi-agency partnership arrangements – work areas include schools, domestic abuse, provision of services for vulnerable children and young people, looked after children and CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services).

County Council assistance for the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector

36. Since the onset of the pandemic, voluntary, community and faith groups have faced significant challenges. The demand on their services has increased whilst many of their key income generating avenues have been depleted, placing them in a difficult and unsustainable position. To help the sector, the council put together a package of support including a three month rent free period for VCFS tenants in council buildings and the establishment of a Hardship Fund (grants of £5,000 and over) to support organisations experiencing financial hardship.

37. The level of demand from the VCFS for the Hardship Fund has not been as high as first anticipated. At the time of writing the panel has received 33 applications, 15 of which have been successful with a total of £228,602 awarded. The smallest amount of funding requested was for £5,000 with £70,542 being the largest. Funding has been awarded to support groups that have suffered a loss of income due to the suspension of fundraising activities, or tenants not being able to pay rent. It has also been awarded where a group has seen an increase in demand, including where this was a previously unmet need, and to meet costs associated with working from home as a result of social distancing measures.

38. The SCC Hardship Fund will close at the end of June and thought has been given to how best to support the VCFS over the longer term. It is difficult to predict exactly what the long-term impacts of COVID-19 will be, but following ongoing conversations with the VCFS and an initial impact assessment, it is clear that it remains a challenging environment, and that fundraising and income generating avenues continue to be impacted with expected further pressures due to the likely recession.

39. The Community Foundation Surrey (CFS) have established a second phase of their own Coronavirus Support Fund. They are recognised across the sector and Surrey as a leading and well-established Charitable body, with an extensive network and positive relationships with many CVFS bodies and a good understanding of the communities' needs and issues, as well as having sound financial systems for attracting funding and expertise in dispersing grants. It is therefore recommended that a contribution of £200,000 be made to CFS, for the purposes set out in their Coronavirus Support Fund.

40. Discussions will be held with the CFS to explore the opportunity to use the contribution to create a match-funded arrangement, resulting in a benefit significantly greater than £200,000 to support the VCF sector.

RISK MANAGEMENT AND IMPLICATIONS:

41. Risk implications are stated throughout the report and COVID-19 related risks are managed through the Strategic Coordination Group governance structure.

SECTION 151 OFFICER COMMENTARY

1. In March and April 2020 the council received a general allocation of £47m from the COVID-19 Response Fund, to cover the costs and loss of income associated with the pandemic. Since then we have been indicatively allocated additional grants which are ring-fenced to deal with specific COVID-19 public health responses.
2. Any plans on how to spend the £19.2m of Infection Control Fund allocated to the council must meet the conditions set out in the grant determination. All of the funding will have to be spent by September 2020. Any unspent grant is at risk of clawback.
3. We have also been indicatively allocated £8.5m (£1.7m for phase 1 and £6.8m for phase 2) of the Emergency Active Travel Fund. A bid for the phase 1 funding has been submitted. However, there are number of challenges associated with delivering the projects, with this funding, if the bid is approved. For example, the work to deliver the projects need to start within 4 weeks of receiving funding and be completed within 8 weeks of commencing.
4. Test and Trace funding of £3.5m will be payable in one instalment in June. At the time of writing, the funding has not been received. Internal Audit sign off is required to validate its use in line with the conditions set out in the grant determination. A failure to comply with the grant conditions may result in funding being withheld, reduced, suspended or require the repayment of the whole or part of the grant.
5. To date we have awarded £0.229m of funding to the VCSF through the Hardship Fund set-up in response to the increased demand for services. If agreed, the £200,000 contribution to the Community Foundation Surrey Coronavirus Support Fund, to provide additional financial support to the VCSF, will be funded from COVID-19 Response Fund.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – MONITORING OFFICER

6. The various initiatives described in the report have been the subject of specific legal advice and support in formulating and implementing the Council's response to the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure they are in accordance with the Council's powers, duties and responsibilities. There are no further specific legal implications arising in the report.

EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY

7. The national picture for COVID-19 is shifting rapidly, and with new guidance coming from the government daily, we are continuing to assess the equality implications for residents and staff.

8. The Test and Trace programme will be crucial for managing complex cases, such as care home outbreaks, so protections for older and disabled people are strengthened. The programme will also be crucial for protecting residents who are more at risk from Covid-19 such as residents from black and minority ethnic groups.
 9. The Community Helpline is vital for supporting vulnerable residents as the Covid-19 crisis progresses. Its support role for the Test and Trace programme means its operation takes on added importance.
 10. The Infection Control Fund for ASC will be vital in supporting the council and care providers to strengthen measures to prevent infection and protect some of the most vulnerable older and disabled residents in Surrey's population.
 11. Investing in active travel will be particularly beneficial for some of our residents who may be more vulnerable to poor air quality or be involved in a road traffic accident, such as children, older people and residents with health conditions such as heart and respiratory problems.
 12. Although the Hardship Fund is due to close at the end of June, the council's contribution to the CFS's Coronavirus Support Fund will ensure that VCFS organisations who support residents from protected groups, and are experiencing financial difficulties, will be able to access support to continue providing vital services to those residents.
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Consulted:

- Cabinet Members
- Corporate Leadership Team and other staff

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SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**CABINET****DATE:** 23 JUNE 2020**REPORT OF:** N/A**LEAD OFFICER:** JOANNA KILLIAN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE**SUBJECT:** SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO COVID 19
– URGENT DECISIONS TAKEN BY OFFICERS UNDER
STANDING ORDER 54 AND COVID RELATED
DELGATED DECISIONS**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

To note the officer delegated decisions taken in response to COVID-19.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that Cabinet note the decisions taken by officers as set out in the annex.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To inform the Cabinet of decisions taken by officers under delegated authority.

DETAILS:

1. The Council is responding to the COVID-19 major incident and therefore needs to make urgent decisions to ensure that residents are protected. Urgent decisions taken under Standing Order 54 are attached.
2. Delegated decisions will be reported to the next available Cabinet meeting for information.
3. The Audit and Governance Committee will monitor the use of the new meetings protocol and make recommendations on any required amendments to the protocol to ensure that Members remain informed in relation to council decision making.

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Annexes:

Annex – Delegated Decisions taken

Sources/background papers: None

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Record of decision taken under delegated powers by a council officer



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| Title: | Disbursement of Infection Control Grant Funding |
| Divisions Affected: | All divisions |
| 'Key Decision: | Yes |
| Reason Key: | Affects two or more Divisions |
| Decision taken under delegation by virtue of: | Cabinet decision 31 March 2020 Min ref: 41/20 |

Summary

On 22nd May the Department for Health & Social Care (DHSC) published details of the ADULT SOCIAL CARE INFECTION CONTROL FUND RING-FENCED GRANT 2020.

£600m of funding is being paid to local authorities to pass onto care providers to spend on a range of stipulated measures to help control the spread of the COVID-19 infection in care home and other care settings.

Surrey County Council (SCC) is receiving £19.178m of funding.

SCC is required to pay 75% of this funding (£14.384m) directly to all care homes in Surrey on a 'per registered care bed' basis in line with the stipulated grant conditions (see enclosed DHSC Grant Circular for more information). Key among these conditions is for each care home to register on the national Capacity Tracker and complete it on a consistent basis.

SCC has discretion over how to allocate the remaining 25% (4.794m) across care providers in Surrey to support infection control measures. Surrey's Adult Social Care (ASC) is working closely with the Surrey Care Association and other partners to agree the best use of this funding within the grant conditions.

Grant funding is being paid to SCC in two equal instalments. The first instalment was paid on 27th May 2020. The second instalment is due to be paid in July 2020, although this is dependent on the government being satisfied that the first instalment has been spent in line with the specified grant conditions.

This paper is to confirm SCC's use of the first 75% of Infection Control Grant funding as per the grant conditions.

A further paper will be prepared to confirm use of the remaining 25% of funding.

Decision madeDecision made:

It was agreed that SCC would distribute 75% of the Infection Control Grant funding it receives from DHSC directly onto all care homes in line with the grant conditions stipulated in the DHSC grant circular.

Reasons for Decision:

To support COVID-19 infection control in Surrey's care homes and ensure SCC is compliant with DHSC's grant conditions.

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| Decision taken by: | Leigh Whitehouse – Executive Director for Resources and Section 151 Officer Sinead Mooney – Cabinet Member for Adults Mel Few – Cabinet Member for Finance |
| Decision taken on: | 9 th June 2020 |
| To be implemented on: | The first set of payments to pay the first instalment of each care provider's share of 75% of SCC's total Infection Control Grant funding will be made on 10 th June 2020 to all care homes that have registered on the national Capacity Tracker. Further first instalment payments will follow for all other care homes as soon as they have registered on the national Capacity Tracker. Care providers will receive their second instalment of this funding in July once SCC has been paid the funding by government as long as they are clearly compliant with the grant conditions. |

Alternative options considered

SCC is distributing funding to care homes as stipulated by the government's grant conditions and so there are no alternative options.

Summary of any financial implications

There are no direct financial implications to SCC as all of the money paid out to care providers will be funded out of the Infection Control Grant funding SCC receives from DHSC.

Payment of this funding to care providers is intended to help sustain and improve infection control in ASC care settings across Surrey. This will provide crucial support to vulnerable residents and at the same time should lead to indirect financial benefits for SCC.




Declarations of conflicts of interest

None

Consultation/Process Followed

Decision taken in consultation with the Surrey Care Association, other local partners, the Executive Directors for Adult Social Care, the Executive Director for Resources, the Cabinet Member for Adults and the Cabinet Member for Finance.

Background Documents

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| Cabinet report 31 st March 2020 setting out the council’s response to Covid-19. |  SCC Response to COVID-19 |
| Department of Health and Social Care Infection Control Grant Circular |  DHSC Grant Circular |
| Surrey Care Home Plan Cover Letter |  Surrey Care Home Support Plan Cover |

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