

CABINET

The following decisions were taken by the Cabinet on Tuesday, 23 October 2012 and will take effect on Thursday 1 November 2012 unless the call-in procedure has been triggered. **CALL-IN DEADLINE: 31/10/12.**

The following represents a summary of the decisions taken by the Cabinet. It is not intended to represent the formal record of the meeting but to facilitate the call-in process. The formal minutes will be published in due course to replace this decision sheet.

Any alternative options considered by the Cabinet are set out in the reports attached to the agenda.

County Members wishing to request a call-in on any of these matters, should contact the Senior Manager for Scrutiny or relevant Democratic Services Officer.

The Cabinet at its meeting on Tuesday 23 October 2012 considered the following matters and resolved:

- **PROCEDURAL MATTERS** (Item 4)

- **Petitions** (Item 4c)

- A petition containing 502 signatures was presented by Mrs Lynne Bates in opposition to the proposal for a visitors' centre to support the National Magna Carta 800th Anniversary Celebrations. It was agreed that the points raised by the petition would be considered during the discussion of agenda item 10 (Support National Magna Carta 800th Anniversary Celebrations) and a written response would be sent to the lead petitioner.

- **REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES, LOCAL COMMITTEES AND OTHER COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL** (Item 5)

- **Operation of Civil Parking Enforcement in Surrey** (Item 5a)

- A response to the Environment and Transport Select Committee was agreed as attached as **Appendix 1**.

- **2012/13 QUARTER TWO BUSINESS REPORT** (Item 6)

- 1. That the Quarter Two Business Report covering Residents Survey feedback, people performance, financial stewardship and individual Directorate performance be noted.
 - 2. That the progress made in implementing the One County One Team People Strategy 2012/17 be noted.
 - 3. That the progress made in implementing the One County One Team Fairness and Respect Strategy 2012/17 be noted.
 - 4. That the Leadership Risk Register as of 25 September 2012 be agreed.

- **Reason for Decisions**

To ensure effective business management of the County Council to deliver improved outcomes and value for money for Surrey residents, ensure proper implementation of the Council's One County One Team People Strategy 2012/17 and the One County One Team Fairness and Respect Strategy 2012/17 and proper consideration of Leadership Risk.

[The decisions on this item can be called in by the Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee]

- **SCHOOLS FUNDING REFORM: IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW FUNDING FORMULA FOR SURREY SCHOOLS 2013/14 (Item 7)**

1. That the proposed revisions to the schools' formula funding factors and transitional arrangements be approved in order to comply with new legislation.
2. That the transfer of £27m of Dedicated School Grant funding from core to deprivation funding to mitigate adverse impacts on schools catering for disadvantaged groups, as supported by the Schools Forum, be approved.
3. That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director Schools & Learning, in consultation with the Leader and the Cabinet Member for Children and Learning, to update and amend the formula as appropriate following receipt of DfE autumn term pupil data in December 2012, to ensure that total allocations under the formula are affordable within current resources.

Reason for Decisions

To ensure that the council's funding formula for schools complies with new regulations and that turbulence of funding at individual school level is minimised.

[The decisions on this item can be called in by the Education Select Committee]

- **BUDGET MONITORING FORECAST 2012/13 (PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 2012) (Item 8)**

1. That the projected revenue budget and the Capital programme direction be noted (as set out in Annex 1, Sections A and B of the report submitted).
2. That the work to agree business rates pooling with Surrey districts and boroughs (as set out in Annex 1, Section A of the report submitted) be noted and endorsed.
3. That it be agreed that the government grant changes be reflected in directorate budgets (as set out in Annex 1, Section C of the report submitted).
4. That the further quarter 2 financial information on treasury, debts reserves and balances and the Chief Financial Officer's delegated authority to write off £305,203 of debts this quarter (as set out in Annex 1, Section D of the report submitted) be noted.

Reason for Decisions

To comply with the agreed strategy of considering budget monitoring and any necessary actions on a monthly basis.

[The decisions on this item can be called in by the Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee]

- **OPERATION OF CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT (Item 9)**

1. That the introduction of new agency agreements in line with the terms specified within sections 13-18 of the report submitted be approved and the Assistant Director for Highways, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, be authorised to finalise details and implement the new agreements.
2. That Local Committees will have an oversight and monitoring role for on-street parking enforcement within their area.
3. That the Assistant Director for Highways, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, be authorised to enter into suitable alternative short term arrangements to ensure continuation of on-street parking enforcement in the event that such arrangements become necessary.

Reason for Decisions

To ensure the County Council effectively and efficiently manages on-street parking in Surrey.

[The decisions on this item can be called in by the Environment and Transport Select Committee]

- **SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL MAGNA CARTA 800TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS (Item 10)**

1. That all recommendations in the model resolutions 1-20, which includes the proposal for a National Holiday on 15th June 2015 to celebrate the 800th anniversary, be supported and endorsed.
2. That a total £5m contribution to the funding for a new visitor centre, with £3m of additional match funding to be raised externally, be approved in principle subject to appropriate project governance and management being put in place, the agreement of which be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Community Services and the 2012 Games in consultation with the Leader of Council and the Assistant Chief Executive.

Reason for Decisions

The sealing of the Magna Carta in Runnymede is a major part of Surrey's heritage and cultural identity and the 800th anniversary will be an occasion of national and international prominence and significance. There will be strategic leadership from the County Council, working with partner organisations and stakeholders from across the County, to ensure that the focus of this celebration is Runnymede. Through the opportunity of the 800th anniversary, this important historic event will be fully promoted and celebrated for the benefit of residents and visitors now and in the future.

[The decisions on this item can be called in by the Communities Select Committee]

- **LEADER / DEPUTY LEADER / CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST CABINET MEETING (Item 11)**

That the decisions taken by the Leader, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members

since the last meeting, as set out in **Appendix 2**, be noted.

Reason for Decisions

To note the decisions taken by Cabinet Members under delegated authority.

- **SURREY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE SPECIALIST RESCUE AND CONTINGENCY CAPABILITY** (Item 12)
 1. That the commencement of negotiations with the identified service provider in order to agree pilot contractual arrangements that limit, as far as reasonably practicable, the liability of the Council be approved.
 2. That the allocation of funding from the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund to enable the arrangement to run on a pilot basis for one year as detailed within the Part 2 annex be approved.
 3. That a report be brought back to Cabinet within 6 months of the commencement of the pilot contract, assessing the costs and benefits of the arrangements, taking account of developing partnership opportunities and emerging national practice in this area.

Reason for Decisions

To enable the Surrey Fire Authority to meet the requirements laid out in legislation to enable SFRS to undertake its mission to save life, relieve suffering and protect property and the environment and have in place suitable business continuity arrangement to achieve these outcomes so far as is reasonably practicable in the event of industrial action by one or more of the relevant representative bodies, or another business continuity event.

[The decisions on this item can be called in by the Communities Select Committee]

AND IN PART 2

- **SURREY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE SPECIALIST RESCUE AND CONTINGENCY CAPABILITY** (Item 14)
 1. That the proposed pilot contractual arrangements be approved as detailed within the Part 2 annex.
 2. That the redirection of funding from the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund be approved to enable the arrangement to run on a pilot basis for one year commencing January 2013.

Reason for Decisions

The provision of contingency crewing has proved to be problematic for most Fire and Rescue Authorities, due to both the cost and the quality of service being offered. The delivery of this provision as an integral part of the provision of specialist rescue capability is an innovative approach which offers the potential to explore income generating possibilities in the future.

[The decisions on this item can be called in by the Communities Select Committee]

- **PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS: Woking Priority Homes (Item 15a)**

That the commitment to working with Woking Borough Council to deliver the Woking Priority Homes Project by entering into legal agreements that will commit the County Council to sell land at Moor Lane, Woking at a sum that accords with its statutory requirement under S123 Local Government Act 1972, subject to final approval by the Strategic Director for Change and Efficiency in consultation with the Leader, be confirmed.

Reason for Decisions

To achieve a sale of land in support of the County Councils Medium Term Financial Plan and provide support to Woking Borough Council's Woking Priority Homes Project.

[The decisions on this item can be called in by the Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee]

CABINET RESPONSE TO ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT SELECT COMMITTEE

Operation of Civil Parking Enforcement in Surrey

- a) That the introduction of new agency agreements be supported in line with the terms specified within the report. However, the Committee expresses concern at the 60/20/20 split of surplus and asks for clarification of its justification and purpose.
- b) That the Assistant Director, in consultation with the Cabinet Member, be authorised to enter into suitable alternative short-term arrangements to ensure continuation of on-street parking enforcement.
- c) That the ability for Local Committees to have a formal scrutiny role for on-street parking enforcement within their area be supported.

Reply

On-street parking is important for our residents and ensuring we provide a high quality and effective service is one of my key priorities. Therefore I am grateful for the thoughtful and thorough consideration the Environment and Transport Select Committee has given to the Operation of Civil Parking Enforcement both at their meeting in September and prior to this through the parking task group.

My reply below is in the same order as the recommendations endorsed by the Select Committee

a) The County Council, working with our Agents (Districts & Boroughs) have made substantial improvements in reducing the financial deficit generated from on-street parking. It must be recognised that parking enforcement is not a mechanism for generating income and based on the financial outturns for 2011/12 the future surpluses for most areas will be low, if anything at all. The intention is for the bulk of any surplus (60%) to be allocated to the Local Committee who will be able to use this for the betterment of their residents as the Committee determine a priority (provided it complies with the legislation governing how it can be used). Therefore, if for sound reasons a Local Committee chooses to introduce additional on-street charging and this results in a financial surplus, the majority of this will be used as per the wishes of the Local Committee. If the Local Committee wish to ring fence this to the specific division or location where it is generated this is something they will be able to do.

20% will be provided to the enforcement agent as recognition of the risk they have accepted in underwriting any deficit and to provide a further incentive for operational efficiency. If they so choose, the agent (District or Borough) could ask the Local Committee to determine how their "share" is to be used. If the County Council were to enter into an arrangement with the private sector, there would be an element of profit within any contractual relationship.

The final 20% will return to the County Council. On-street parking is a County Council function and ultimately the County Council is responsible for ensuring the service is provided. Any surpluses returned to the County Council will be used to support the general highways budget, including the County Council's parking team.

The Cabinet report provides the flexibility for the split to be amended to suit any local negotiations, but before this is agreed the relevant Local Committee Chairman will be consulted.

b) This is noted and it is hoped that long term arrangements can be entered into as per our intended timeframe. However, we need to have the flexibility to ensure continued service in the event that one of our agents chooses to not be involved.

c) The Cabinet report makes specific reference to the oversight and monitoring role of the Local Committee. It is my view that the role of the Local Committee is essential to ensure the parking enforcement service meets the needs of an area. Operational management will be the responsibility of our agents but the Local Committee will have a structured role in monitoring performance and be presented with clear performance data. The County Council's parking team will be working with our agents and the Local Committee to agree formal arrangements which best suit the relevant Local Committee.

John Furey
Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment
23 October 2012

CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

OCTOBER 2012

(i) A24 LEATHERHEAD ROAD, ASHTEAD SPEED LIMIT ASSESSMENT

- (1) That the Mole Valley Local Committee request to reduce the speed limit to 30mph on the A24 Leatherhead Road between the Knoll roundabout and The Warren be not endorsed.
- (2) That the recommended outcome proposed by officers in the report to the Local Committee be approved. (Appendix 1 of the submitted report)

Reasons for decision

A 30mph speed limit does not comply with the Speed Limit Policy and is not supported by the Police or Officers.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment – 10 October 2012)

(ii) A245 WOODLANDS LANE / WOODLANDS ROAD / RANDALLS ROAD AND C131 OAKLAWN ROAD

- (1) That the Mole Valley Local Committee request to reduce the speed limit on the A245 Woodlands Lane/Woodlands Road/Randalls Road to 40mph be endorsed;
- (2) That the Mole Valley Local Committee request to reduce the speed limit on the C131 Oaklawn Road to 40mph be endorsed; and
- (3) Measures such as improvements to signing and Vehicle Activated Signs be introduced, where appropriate, to help achieve compliance with the reduced speed limits.

Reasons for decision

Whilst a 40mph speed limit does not comply with the Speed Limit Policy, it is supported by Police officers and the introduction of additional measures be suggested to help achieve driver compliance with the reduced limits.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment – 10 October 2012)

(iii) SPEED LIMIT A245 WOODLANDS LANE, STOKE D'ABERNON / A245 WOODLANDS ROAD, LEATHERHEAD / A245 RANDALLS ROAD, LEATHERHEAD

That the speed limit on the A245 Woodlands Lane / A245 Woodlands Road / A245 Randalls Road be reduced from the national speed limit (60mph) to 40 mph, from the junction with Cobham Road / Stoke Road to the existing 30mph termination point approximately 200 metres south-east of the access road to Leatherhead Crematorium.

Reasons for decision

The current county policy permits a 50mph for this type of road. However, following Elmbridge Local Committee's recommendation to reduce the existing national speed limit (60mph) to 40mph, support has also been received from Surrey County Council's

Safety Camera Partnership and Surrey Police. A reduction in speed limit and additional signing should assist in reducing the number of personal injury collisions.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment – 10 October 2012)

(iv) SPEED LIMIT A244 LEATHERHEAD ROAD / WARREN LANE, OXSHOTT

(1) That the 30mph speed limit on A244 Leatherhead Road be extended from the existing 30mph termination point near the junction with Spinneycroft, south-eastwards to a point approximately 520 metres northwest of the roundabout at Oaklawn Road;

(2) That the 30mph speed limit on A244 Warren Lane be extended from the existing 30mph termination point northwards to the junction with Heath Road.

Reasons for decision

The current County policy permits a 50mph for this type of road. However, following Elmbridge Local Committee's recommendation to reduce the existing 40 mph to 30 mph, strong support has also been received from Surrey County Council's Safety Camera Partnership and Surrey Police. A reduction in speed limit would aid in the introduction of the mobile enforcement site and allow drivers to better regulate their speed before entering the village.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment – 10 October 2012)

(v) APPROVAL TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO ALLOW MOBILE PHONE PAYMENT OF PARKING CHARGES

That a framework contract to commence in November 2012 for a period of 3+1 years to the company, as detailed in the report be approved.

Reasons for decision

A full tender process in compliance with the requirement of EU Procurement Legislation and Procurement Standing Orders has been completed, and the recommendation provides best value for money for the Council following a thorough evaluation process.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment – 10 October 2012)

(vi) THE DOWNS GYPSY SITE

That Option 1, as detailed in the report and, as the least risk and, potentially lowest and ascertainable cost option be approved.

Reasons for decision

This is the quickest and least risk option, with a known cost, for closing The Downs.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment – 10 October 2012)

(vii) EXPANSION OF ST DUNSTANS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL TO 3 FORMS OF ENTRY FROM SEPTEMBER 2013

That this project be approved and delivered based on the revised estimated cost, as detailed in the submitted report, provided that competitive tenders are obtained and fall within this revised value.

Reasons for decision

The scheme delivers a value for money expansion to a school that supports the Authority's statutory obligation to provide additional school places for local children. The expansion at St Dunstan's is already in the approved capital programme for school basic need with allocated funding. The revised estimated cost, as detailed in the submitted report, is considered reasonable given the essential statutory and business requirement. Approval to proceed is required now so that building can commence as soon as possible in order to deliver the required new places by September 2013.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Assets and Regeneration Programmes – 11 October 2012)

(viii) EXPANSION OF THE MARIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, WOKING

- (1) That the business case for the expansion of The Marist VA Primary School be approved.
- (2) That the expenditure for a specified sum set out in the submitted report, be approved to develop working drawings and specifications and seek competitive tenders for the work in advance of the grant of planning permission on the basis that these costs may prove abortive if planning permission is not granted..
- (3) That the delivery of the scheme to a maximum value, as set out in the submitted report, be approved, to allow the Diocese to award a contract and undertake the works, subject to the grant of planning permission.

Reasons for decision

The scheme delivers a value for money expansion of the school that supports the Authority's statutory obligation to provide much needed additional school places for local children in Woking. Release of the funding will be required so that building work can commence as soon as possible if and when planning approvals are given in order to deliver the new accommodation by September 2013.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Assets and Regeneration Programmes – 11 October 2012)

(ix) A PROPOSAL TO PERMANENTLY EXPAND THE MARIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM 1.5 FORMS OF ENTRY (315 PUPILS) TO 2 FORMS OF ENTRY (420 PUPILS) FROM SEPTEMBER 2013

That the proposal to permanently expand The Marist Catholic Primary School from 1.5 to 2 forms be approved. This approval would be conditional on planning permission being granted by Woking Borough Council for the increase in pupil numbers on the site to 420 as well as Surrey County Council approving the plans for the extension to the existing building.

Reasons for decision

The expansion proposal will address pressure for primary places in Woking, including specific pressure for Catholic places, and is supported by the feedback received from the consultation.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Children and Learning – 12 October 2012)

(x) LINGFIELD GUEST HOUSE TRUST

1. That a Scheme be submitted to the Charity Commission in order to seek approval to vary the terms of the Trust.
2. That the scheme includes provision for the following board of trustees to be set up to include a representative from each of the following - Surrey County Council, Lingfield Parish Council, Tandridge District Council and Dormansland Parish Council, currently represented on the Lingfield Guest House Advisory Committee and in addition the proposed Board of Trustees should include one representative from the Surrey Historic Buildings Trust and four Independent lay people (not councillors) who should be drawn from the local community.
3. That £50,000 funding for refurbishment works for the Guest House flat be approved with immediate effect.

Reasons for decision

To give local people an opportunity to provide for more efficient and effective use of the Trust's resources and thereby benefit the charity.

(Decision of Leader of the Council – 15 October 2012)

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