

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET  
HELD ON 23 OCTOBER 2012 AT 2.00 PM  
AT COUNTY HALL**

These minutes are subject to confirmation by the Cabinet at its next meeting.

Members:

*Mr David Hodge (Chairman)	*Mrs Kay Hammond
*Mrs Mary Angell	*Mrs Linda Kemeny
*Mrs Helyn Clack	Ms Denise Le Gal
*Mr John Furey	*Mr Peter Martin (Vice-Chairman)
*Mr Michael Gosling	*Mr Tony Samuels

\* = Present

**PART ONE  
IN PUBLIC**

**136/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]**

Apologies for absence were received from Ms Denise Le Gal.

**137/12 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 25 SEPTEMBER 2012 [Item 2]**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2012 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**138/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]**

There were no declarations of interest

**139/12 PROCEDURAL MATTERS [Item 4]**

**(a) MEMBERS' QUESTIONS [Item 4a]**

There were no Members' questions.

**(b) PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 4b]**

There were no public questions.

**(c) PETITIONS [Item 4c]**

A late request had been received to present a petition at the meeting. The Chairman agreed that the petition would be considered as it related to a matter which was on the agenda for the meeting. The petition, which contained 502 signatures, was presented by Mrs Lynne Bates in opposition to the proposal for a visitors' centre to support the National Magna Carta 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. Mrs Bates addressed the Cabinet on the objections contained within the petition, relating to the design and scale of the proposed visitors' centre and its impact on the existing open space and surrounding infrastructure, and requested that the proposals be scaled back to a temporary or lower cost structure.

It was agreed that the points raised by the petition would be considered during the discussion of Minute Item 145/12 (Support National Magna Carta 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations) and a written response would be sent to the lead petitioner (attached as **Appendix 1 to these Minutes**).

**(d) PART 2 REPRESENTATIONS [Item 4d]**

No representations had been received in relation to items on the agenda which were due to be discussed in private.

**140/12 REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES, LOCAL COMMITTEES AND OTHER COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL [Item 5]**

**(a) OPERATION OF CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT IN SURREY [Item 5a]**

A response to the Environment and Transport Select Committee was agreed as attached as **Appendix 2 to these minutes**.

**141/12 2012/13 QUARTER TWO BUSINESS REPORT [Item 6]**

The Cabinet acknowledged the success that Surrey County Council had achieved during the second quarter of 2012/13.

Key points highlighted by Cabinet Members included:

- The survey of residents had returned some of the highest scores so far, including 96% of those asked were satisfied with their neighbourhood as a place to live and high scores for value for money
- The Superfast Broadband agreement with BT would see Surrey become the best connected county in the UK for fibre optic broadband by 2014
- Surrey's hosting of Olympic and Tour of Britain cycling events had been a widely recognised success with an estimated one million people having lined the roads of Surrey to watch over the summer
- 155 businesses had taken up the council's offer of support to get young people into apprenticeships. The council would also be continuing its own internal apprenticeship scheme to help young people in the county
- The council had developed an excellent relationship with the new clinical commissioning groups and would be continuing to support GPs in gaining NHS accreditation. Work was also continuing to integrate the wider public health role into the council's ways of working
- Surrey, working in partnership with its highways contractor May Guerney, had turned a previously poor position on road maintenance into a high performing area and done so with speed and alacrity. Key performance indicators had been met for the fifth month in a row and both council officers and May Guerney deserved to be complimented for their work
- Recycling rates in the county were increasing and showed the benefits of close working with Boroughs and Districts
- A tremendous job had been carried out across a range of council services to ensure that additional school places were delivered on time. The work of the Cabinet Member, Education, the individual schools, Finance, Property and others had demonstrated the shared commitment to, and benefits from, working as one team
- GCSE results in Surrey had reflected the national picture with those assessed in January doing well and in some cases receiving better marks

than those assessed in the summer. The council had been in contact with the Department for Education and would continue to work at the national level to ensure fairness for all Surrey students

- Two community partnered libraries were now up and running and more were in progress
- The Winter Service Delivery Plan had been well received and Surrey was seen to have prepared well for winter conditions.

The Chairman noted that the performance achieved by the council was the best that he had seen so far. Whilst noting that there would be no room for complacency, the Chairman paid tribute to the efforts of staff across the council and in particular the policy team.

#### **RESOLVED:**

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.

#### **142/12 SCHOOLS FUNDING REFORM: IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW FUNDING FORMULA FOR SURREY SCHOOLS 2013/14 [Item 7]**

New regulations require local authorities to re-design their schools' funding formula on a more simplistic basis, with the aim being to ensure greater national consistency. Surrey is a relatively low funded authority and, in order to target funds effectively, has had a relatively complex funding formula. The Cabinet considered amendments to the council's schools funding formula, to be submitted to the Education Funding Agency, necessary to comply with the regulations and also to mitigate unavoidable turbulence at individual school level.

It was noted that the reduction in funding factors that could be considered from 37 to 9 would affect Surrey's ability to respond to local conditions. Smaller and rural schools would lose out under the new proposals and this could have a significant impact on some schools in Surrey. The Department for Education had stated that no school should lose more than 1.5% over the first two years and had indicated that it was likely that this might be extended. The Leader of the Council had written to the Secretary of State to highlight the

impact that this policy could have on Surrey schools, pointing out that some schools could potentially lose 20% of their funding.

The support of local schools and the Schools Forum, who had agreed with the increase in deprivation funding and the maintenance of support for special needs provision, had been crucial to the council's efforts to limit the negative impacts of this national policy. Local primary and secondary schools had worked together, even where this might mean that secondary schools lose some money in order to support primaries. The Leader and Cabinet Members expressed their gratitude to the Schools Forum and local schools for the way in which they had worked together on this issue.

Surrey was noted to have good schools with very well run finances. The proportion of schools running deficits was very small compared to the picture nationally. The Cabinet expressed concerns on the impact that this policy could have in the long term on some of the county's smaller, well loved and well maintained schools. Discussions with the Department for Education would continue on this matter.

#### **RESOLVED:**

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.

#### **143/12 BUDGET MONITORING FORECAST 2012/13 (PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 2012) [Item 8]**

The council had set a very tough 2012/13 budget and five year Medium Term Financial Plan. In doing so it had always recognised that these challenging savings would not be easy to achieve and the council now forecast an overspending on services totalling £0.9m, or 0.05% of the total budget. This forecast was due to emerging activity and volume pressures, particularly within Adult Social Care, Children's Services and Highways. These pressures were not preventing the council from meeting its financial plan and services continued to apply stringent management action plans to meet their budget targets.

A risk contingency provision of £9m, which the council had established as part of its sound and robust budget planning, would be used in part to off-set the forecasted service overspending. Allowing for the use of the contingency earmarked as a precaution against the costs of increased demand for services, the net forecast underspending was £3.5m, or 0.2% of the total budget.

The council's Medium Term Financial Plan had set a target of £71.1m of savings and efficiencies for the 2012/13 financial year. A review of all efficiencies had identified a recurrent shortfall of £5.1m. The impact of this shortfall on next year's budget was being assessed and would be presented to the Cabinet in December. Adjustments would also be made to the capital budgets for future years to reflect the early delivery of some schemes.

Cabinet Members noted the benefits of the council's multi-year savings programme. Sound financial planning had enabled the council to meet rising demand in areas which were most affected by the recession such as children's services and adult social care, bring forward highways maintenance schemes and meet the demands of the schools programme.

#### **RESOLVED:**

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.

#### **144/12 OPERATION OF CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT [Item 9]**

The Cabinet considered proposals for how the County Council would manage the future enforcement and administration of civil parking enforcement within Surrey. Following consultation with the Boroughs and Districts it had been proposed that the County Council enter into long term on-street parking enforcement agency agreements with those councils which were willing to undertake the function. The Local Committees would be given a formal oversight and monitoring role to oversee this area. The Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment reported that each of the eleven borough and

district councils in Surrey had indicated their agreement in principle with the proposed arrangements.

Much improvement had been made in the operation, management and financial viability of civil parking enforcement since the County Council first took over this responsibility from Surrey Police. Deficits in enforcement budgets had been addressed and should not resurface. The clear financial arrangements put in place should ensure that operational deficits did not return and that savings were made for residents. It was proposed that any surpluses generated would be distributed between the local committee, the enforcement agent and the County Council on the basis of a 60/20/20 split, although it was noted that this was open to negotiation.

The Chairman of the Environment and Transport Select Committee, Mr Steve Renshaw, addressed the Cabinet on the distribution of surpluses. He welcomed that the distribution split was open to negotiation but questioned the reasoning behind the proposed ratio and stated his opposition to any cross subsidy between borough and district areas. The Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment welcomed the comments which had been received from the Select Committee but disagreed with the suggestion that all surpluses should be retained entirely within the borough or district area. It was important that there was some flexibility, provided by the 20% provision, to enable assistance with general road maintenance in the county.

**RESOLVED:**

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.

**145/12 SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL MAGNA CARTA 800TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS [Item 10]**

The sealing of the Magna Carta in Runnymede is a major part of Surrey's heritage and cultural identity. The 800th anniversary in 2015 will be an occasion of national and international prominence and significance and the County Council, working with partner organisations and stakeholders from across the county, will provide strategic leadership to ensure that the focus of this celebration is Runnymede. The opportunity of the 800th anniversary will

be taken to ensure that this important historic event is fully promoted and celebrated for the benefit of residents and visitors both now and in the future.

The Cabinet considered a range of national celebratory activities proposed by the national Magna Carta 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Organising Committee and its support in principal for a £5m contribution to the funding of a new Magna Carta visitor centre proposed by Runnymede Borough Council. £3m of additional match funding would also need to be raised externally for the project. The visitor centre represented a real opportunity to provide a long lasting benefit to the county in terms of tourism, boosting the local economy and raising awareness of the worldwide historical significance of the area.

Cabinet Members noted the petition which had been presented earlier in the meeting and the concerns which had been raised about the potential impact of a new visitor centre. The County Council would support Runnymede Borough Council in looking to ensure that any potential negative impacts on residents and the location are minimised via the design and planning process.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That all recommendations in the model resolutions 1-20, which includes the proposal for a National Holiday on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 to celebrate the 800<sup>th</sup> 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.

**146/12 LEADER / DEPUTY LEADER / CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST CABINET MEETING [Item 11]**

The Cabinet noted the delegated decisions taken by Cabinet Members since the last meeting of the Cabinet.

**RESOLVED:**

That the decisions taken by the Leader, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members since the last meeting, as set out in **Appendix 2 to these minutes**, be noted.

**Reason for Decisions**

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

**147/12 SURREY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE SPECIALIST RESCUE AND CONTINGENCY CAPABILITY [Item 12]**

The Fire Authority is required by law to provide a fire and rescue service and to put in place business continuity arrangements to ensure that this can continue to be provided in a range of circumstances. Surrey Fire and Rescue Service Business Continuity plans were presented to Cabinet in November 2011. Since that time the Service has been working to ensure that, as far as reasonably possible, there would be no gap in business continuity in the event of industrial action and that it could continue to undertake its mission to save life, relieve suffering and protect property.

This work had led to the development of proposals which would not only address the long standing capability gap in the event of industrial action but would also deliver additional support in terms of specialist services and equipment. The Cabinet, as the Fire Authority for Surrey, therefore considered entering into an innovative contract (the details of which were considered in private in Part 2 of the meeting) for the provision of specialist emergency response capability and the associated emergency response contingency crews. This would be funded as a one year pilot through internal reserves.

**RESOLVED:**

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.

**148/12 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC [Item 13]**

**RESOLVED:**

That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt



information under the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

**149/12 SURREY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE SPECIALIST RESCUE AND CONTINGENCY CAPABILITY [Item 14]**

Further to the item considered in Part 1 of the meeting (minute reference: 147/12), the Cabinet considered the contractual and financing arrangements for the provision of contingency crewing and specialist rescue capability pilot.

**RESOLVED:**

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.

**150/12 PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS [Item 15]**

**(a) WOKING PRIORITY HOMES [Item 15a]**

The County Council owns land south of Woking known as the Westfield Smallholding Estate. The County Council had received a request from Woking Borough Council to enter into discussions to make available part of the Estate in order to implement a PFI Project, known as Woking Priority Homes, which will create a significant number of affordable homes.

**RESOLVED:**

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.

**151/12 PUBLICITY FOR PART 2 ITEMS [Item 16]**

**RESOLVED:**

That non-exempt information relating to the Surrey Fire and Rescue Service Specialist Rescue and Contingency Capability and Woking Priority Homes items considered in Part 2 of the meeting may be made available to the press and public as appropriate.

Meeting closed at 3.50 pm

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**Chairman**

**CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES AND THE 2012 GAMES**

**RESPONSE TO PETITION CONCERNING A MAGNA CARTA VISITORS CENTRE**

**The Petition**

“Runnymede Borough Council wish to build a Visitor Centre at Runnymede Pleasure Grounds, the plans are for a large, unsympathetic design building on this open space.

We have support from CPRE (Campaign To Protect Rural England) as they also have serious concerns regarding the future of Runnymede Pleasure Grounds as an open space if this proposal was to go ahead; the principal matter being the detrimental effect the increased visitor numbers and traffic will have on the wider site and local infrastructure, including the wildlife habitat.

Runnymede Borough Council has been refused funding by the Heritage Lottery Funding and is therefore looking at a cost of approx. £5 million to finance this project. We believe this money could be better spent (eg on hospital facilities/public swimming pool/leisure centre).

Whilst we appreciate it is good to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the sealing of the Magna Carta in 2015, we would urge you to sign our petition NOT to support the project in its current form, but to scale back to perhaps a temporary structure (eg marquee etc.) in keeping with the land and spirit of the Magna Carta which does not irrevocably alter the landscape, the locale, and the quality of life for current residents.”

**The Response**

Thank you for sending your Magna Carta Visitor Centre petition to Surrey County Council. I can confirm that the Communities Select Committee will examine your concerns on the 14th November at 2pm and you are welcome to attend.

Surrey County Council's Cabinet has agreed to contribute £5m to the development of a future Visitor Centre. The County Council decided to support a visitor centre for Runnymede because of the tremendous national importance of Magna Carta in terms of heritage education, economic development, tourism and great pride in our county. The County Council is seeking to ensure a state of the art facility within an impressive, sustainable, and architecturally distinguished landmark building that will tell the story of Magna to both local and international visitors. The Council's ambition is that through planned events in 2015 and the Visitor Centre, the profile of Surrey will be enhanced both nationally and internationally which will benefit the wider area in both the short and longer term.

**Mrs Helyn Clack**

**Cabinet Member for Community Services and the 2012 Games**

**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)