

Notice of Meeting

Environment & Transport Select Committee



Date & time
Thursday, 24 April
2014
at 10.00 am

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County Hall, Kingston
upon Thames, Surrey
KT1 2DN

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Members

Mr David Harmer (Chairman), Mr Mike Bennison (Vice-Chairman), Mr John Beckett, Mrs Natalie Bramhall, Mr Mark Brett-Warburton, Mr Stephen Cooksey, Mrs Pat Frost, Mr David Goodwin, Mr Ken Gulati, Mr Peter Hickman, Mr George Johnson, Mr Adrian Page, Mr Michael Sydney, Mr Richard Wilson and Mrs Victoria Young

Ex Officio Members:

Mr David Munro (Chairman of the County Council) and Mrs Sally Ann B Marks (Vice Chairman of the County Council)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Select Committee is responsible for the following areas:

Environment

- Strategic Planning
- Countryside
- Waste
- Economic Development & the Rural Economy
- Housing
- Minerals
- Flood Prevention

Transport

- Transport Service Infrastructure
- Aviation
- Highway Maintenance
- Community Transport
- Local Transport Plan
- Road Safety
- Concessionary Travel

PART 1 IN PUBLIC

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 13 MARCH 2014

(Pages 1
- 8)

To agree the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests from Members in respect of any item to be considered at the meeting.

Notes:

- In line with the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, declarations may relate to the interest of the member, or the member's spouse or civil partner, or a person with whom the member is living as husband or wife, or a person with whom the member is living as if they were civil partners and the member is aware they have the interest.
- Members need only disclose interests not currently listed on the Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
- Members must notify the Monitoring Officer of any interests disclosed at the meeting so they may be added to the Register.
- Members are reminded that they must not participate in any item where they have a disclosable pecuniary interest.

4 QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

To receive any questions or petitions.

Notes:

1. The deadline for Member's questions is 12.00pm four working days before the meeting (*18 April 2014*).
2. The deadline for public questions is seven days before the meeting (*17 April 2014*).
3. The deadline for petitions was 14 days before the meeting, and no petitions have been received.

5 RESPONSES FROM THE CABINET TO ISSUES REFERRED BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE

There are no responses to report.

6 RECOMMENDATION TRACKER AND FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

(Pages 9
- 16)

The Committee is asked to monitor progress on the implementation of recommendations from previous meetings, and to review its Forward Work Programme.

7 SCC FLOOD EVENT RESPONSE

(Pages
17 - 22)

Purpose of the report: *Scrutiny of Services*

To provide an update on the major flooding that has affected the County and provide information on recovery work going forward.

8 MANAGING SURREY'S WASTE: DISPOSING OF THE TRADITIONAL APPROACH

Purpose of report: *Policy Development and Review.*

A presentation to inform the committee on achievements to date and current progress towards key objectives/milestones in relation to waste, and to brief the Committee on the Surrey Waste Partnership.

9 LOCAL TRANSPORT REVIEW

Purpose of report: *Policy Development and Review.*

A presentation on the aims and objectives of the Local Transport Review, which covers local bus, concessionary fares, and community transport provision.

10 SURREY ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERSHIP

(Pages
23 - 26)

Purpose of report: *Performance Management*

The report is to inform the Committee of the re-establishment of the members group of the Surrey Energy and Sustainability Partnership and outline the work of the partnership. The committee is asked to consider its representation within the partnership.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 12 June 2014 in the Ashcombe Suite, County Hall, Kingston upon Thames.

David McNulty
Chief Executive
Published: Monday 14 April 2014

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MINUTES of the meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT SELECT COMMITTEE** held at 10.00 am on 13 March 2014 at Ashcombe Suite, County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 2DN.

These minutes are subject to confirmation by the Committee at its meeting on Thursday 24 April, 2014.

Elected Members:

- * Mr David Harmer (Chairman)
- Mr Mike Bennison (Vice-Chairman)
- * Mr John Beckett
- Mrs Natalie Bramhall
- * Mr Mark Brett-Warburton
- * Mr Stephen Cooksey
- * Mrs Pat Frost
- * Mr David Goodwin
- * Mr Ken Gulati
- * Mr Peter Hickman
- * Mr George Johnson
- * Mr Adrian Page
- * Mr Michael Sydney
- * Mr Richard Wilson
- * Mrs Victoria Young

Ex officio Members:

- * Mr David Munro, Chairman of the County Council
- * Mrs Sally Ann B Marks, Vice Chairman of the County Council
- Mr David Munro, Chairman of the County Council

Substitute Members:

- * Mr David Munro, Chairman of the County Council
- * Mrs Sally Ann B Marks, Vice Chairman of the County Council
- Mr Tim Evans

In attendance

Mr John Furey, Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways & Environment
Mr Mike Goodman, Cabinet Associate for Environmental Services

14/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS [Item 1]

Apologies were received from Mike Bennison and Natalie Bramhall.

Tim Evans and Sally Marks substituted.

15/14 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 23 JANUARY 2014 [Item 2]

It was recognised that both the Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and Environment and the Cabinet Associate for Environment Services were present at the 23 January Select Committee meeting and should therefore be included in the attendance list for this meeting.

The minutes were agreed.

16/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

Cllr Michael Sydney stated that he was the Chairman of Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Board.

17/14 QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS [Item 4]

There were none.

18/14 RESPONSES FROM THE CABINET TO ISSUES REFERRED BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE [Item 5]

There were none.

19/14 RECOMMENDATION TRACKER AND FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME [Item 6]

Declarations of interest: None.

Key points raised during the discussion:

1. It was confirmed that the Countryside Management Member Reference Group had met on the 3rd of February.
2. The Chairman explained that the Flood Event Response item had been deferred to the meeting of 24 April as the impacts from flooding were still ongoing and officer resource had been directed to deal with this.

Recommendations: None.

Actions/further information to be provided: None.

Committee Next Steps: None.

20/14 A LONGER TERM APPROACH TO THE MANAGEMENT OF HIGHWAYS [Item 7]

Declarations of interest: None

Witnesses:

Jason Russell, Assistant Director for Highways
John Furey, Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and Environment

Key points raised during the discussion:

1. A presentation was given to Members of the Committee by the Assistant Director who explained the current challenges highways faced; the timescales for projects to be completed and the key areas the Service would focus on. The Assistant Director proposed for a Member reference group which would focus on highways for the future to be set up. The Assistant Director explained that since 2009 the Service had reduced costs by 15% and would have the first break point in the Kier contract in 2017.
2. The Assistant Director explained that a review of how we deal with the resilience of the highway infrastructure would be reviewed in April 2014. Questions around how we can make the infrastructure more resilient and how we manage serious events would be considered.
3. Members of the Committee questioned whether the Service had begun bidding for Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEP's) funding. The Assistant Director explained that funding would be secured if the delivery of schemes put forward by Surrey were effective. Work is currently being done on putting bids in place. The Service is ensuring that lessons learnt from Project Horizon are considered.
4. Some Members of the Committee praised the work done by Kier and raised concerns around procuring for another contractor. The Assistant Director recognised the good work done by Kier but explained that the council had expectations that would need to be met before a contract extension is considered.
5. Members asked for more information around the contract process and how this would pan out over the next year. The Assistant Director explained that the Service would monitor current performance against key performance indicators and then consider whether a contract should be extended. It was explained that it was essential for Kier to evolve with the Service in order to produce success. It was recognised that the recent severe weather had impacted upon Kier but they were committed to working with the Service.
6. It was stated that there would be an annual review of Project Horizon. Rather than looking at making changes to the programme, the review would focus on where improvements could be made. Concerns around any roads concerning Project Horizon would need to be taken to Local Committees for consideration.
7. Concerns around changes to personnel in the highways team were raised. The Assistant Director explained that a people strategy focusing on skills for the future would be introduced. The Service planned to continue developing the skills of employees but recognised there was an issue around staff retention in area teams.
8. A Member of the Committee asked whether Councillors who have been affected by flooding would be included in the flood forum. The Chairman explained that he had been asked by the Leader to

establish a task group which would include various Councillors affected by the floods. The Assistant Director added that the funds from the Bellwin scheme would not cover costs of anything that was a statutory duty but the Department for Transport had made an increase to the block grant.

9. Concerns were raised around whether bids for funding had been placed and the lack of urgency there seemed to be. The Assistant Director stated that the team was acting with urgency to get plans in place. The Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and Environment explained that lessons had been learnt from last year and would require work from various officers with a final date of submission by September 2014. A figure of £157 million from the M3 Local Enterprise Partnership (M3 LEP) had been identified but would need clearance from the LEP before finalisation.
10. A Member of the Committee raised concerns around highway information not being shared with councillors. The Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and Environment recognised there was an issue with sharing data. Systems helping to increase this sharing of knowledge would be developed.
11. The Committee agreed to setting up the flooding task group. The Chairman asked for nominations for the task group from Members of the Committee. The Chairman explained that both the Council Overview and Scrutiny (COSC) and Communities Select Committees would nominate a representative to sit on the task group ensuring the task group is politically balanced and represents areas that have been subject to the impacts of flooding. All local committee chairman would be invited to nominate those divisions which had been most severely impacted, with a view to the relevant members being invited to meet with the task group, together with two or three relevant people from their area.

Actions/further information to be provided: None.

Committee Next Steps: None.

21/14 RIVER THAMES SCHEME [Item 8]

Declarations of interest: None.

Witnesses:

Jason Russell, Assistant Director for Highways
 Lesley Harding, Sustainability Group Manager
 David Murphy, Programme Manager, Environment Agency

Key points raised during the discussion:

1. The report was briefly introduced by the Sustainability Group Manager who explained that a report on water issues was presented to the Committee in the autumn of 2013. The report on the River Thames Scheme included a general overview of the scheme, engineering measures in place, governance arrangements and costs associated with the scheme.
2. A presentation was given to the Committee by David Murphy, Programme Manager for the Environment Agency. The Programme Manager explained the key locations affected by the flooding, focusing on households and the impacts on the local economy and infrastructure. The key features along with the cost of the scheme were explained in detail. The whole life cost of the scheme would total £538 million with the Government setting aside 53% of funds for this project. Work was being done with consultants to look at possible funding streams for this scheme. The scheme would be delivered in two phases with phase one having already begun.
3. It was explained that the scheme was a working partnership between the EA, Surrey County Council and the other local authorities in the lower Thames area. Governance arrangements had been put in place with officers from SCC sitting on both the Sponsoring Group and Programme Board.
4. Members queried why there was no relief channel planned for Egham and Staines. Officers responded that this was not possible because it would require the demolition of a large number of homes; however the other relief channels included in the scheme would reduce the overall water level and provide protection for Egham and Staines.
5. It was explained that phase one of the scheme would start at Molesey weir as the EA already had work underway there.
6. Concerns were raised around the impact of the Jubilee River on flooding in the area. The Programme Manager for the EA explained that the Jubilee River had done what it was required to do and protected over 3000 homes during the floods. Significant modeling work had been done for flood diversions on the river. Three independent reports concluded that there was no significant impact on flooding due to the Jubilee River.
7. A Member of the Committee asked whether dredging would be included as part of the scheme. The Programme Manager for the Environment Agency explained that the EA did not have an obligation to carry out dredging on the river. It was further explained that dredging might be counterproductive as that part of the river Thames is a self-scouring river with a well-established bed which would probably be damaged by dredging with unclear results. The benefit of making the river deeper would not be great and would not be economically justifiable to carry out. It was also stated that locks and weirs were more effective means of controlling water levels.
8. Members of the Committee raised concerns around funding for the project and asked whether the Government could be approached again to make a greater contribution. It was explained that one avenue

was to look for funding from partners but there would also be another opportunity to ask government for funding. The Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and Environment explained that the Leader of the Council had written a letter to David Cameron explaining the necessity of the scheme and the economic impact flooding had on Surrey and its residents.

9. It was explained that possible funding streams included the Local Growth Fund and approaching Europe through MEPs for funding.
10. A Member of the Committee asked for a cost and benefit analysis of each phase of the scheme. It was explained by the Programme Manager for the Environment Agency that most of the benefit derived from full completion of the scheme and the construction of channels. However the completed scheme would have a benefit/cost ratio of approximately 6.4:1.
11. Members of the Committee asked whether there was any value to carrying out a public enquiry before the work on the scheme started. The Programme Manager for the Environment Agency explained that discussions around this would be raised at the project board meetings. The current approach would be to contact town and county planning authorities to generate consensus for the scheme.
12. A Member of the Committee asked if it would be possible to include the River Thames Alliance in the governance arrangements for the scheme. Officers agreed to consider this outside of the meeting.

Recommendations:

That the Committee supports the need for central government to review current funding arrangements and recognise the national significance.

Actions/further information to be provided:

For the presentation on the River Thames Scheme to be sent to Members of the Committee.

Committee Next Steps: None.

22/14 COUNTRYSIDE TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME [Item 9]

Declarations of interest: None.

Witnesses:

Lisa Creaye-Griffin, Countryside Group Manager
John Furey, Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and Environment
Emily Boynton, Asset Investment and Regeneration Manager

Key points raised during the discussion:

1. The report was introduced by the Countryside Group Manager who explained the report provided an update on the latest position of the Countryside Management Transformation Programme. Significant progress had been made in three key areas. The Countryside Collaboration Group would now be known as the Surrey Countryside and Rural Enterprise Forum (SCREF). There has been an agreement to bring the management of the rural estate in-house which would be managed by Property Services in Surrey County Council (SCC). The review of the agreement with Surrey Wildlife Trust (SWT) to manage the countryside estate had also made positive progress, following the development of a business plan.
2. A Member of the committee stated that the rural estate had always been managed in-house by Property Services. The Asset Investment and Regeneration Manager explained that the 'day to day' management of the rural estate had changed. The changing nature of the smallholdings estate meant the Service was better equipped to manage the rural estate. The reasons for why the day to day management of the rural estate has returned in-house can be found in the report on the review of the rural estate. At the moment the Service relies on one surveyor who holds all the data on the rural estate. The Service will now take on the responsibility for managing this data.
3. A Member of the committee raised concerns around there not being any clarity on what was happening with the rural estate in the past. The Asset Investment and Regeneration Manager clarified that the agent who managed the rural estate was given direction by Property Services.
4. The Countryside Group Manager clarified that informal discussions had started with SWT which would hopefully lead to renegotiation of the contract. The Service had approached SWT with specific issues and was now awaiting a response to these. The Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and Environment explained that SWT had produced a five year plan on the future management of the Countryside estate but had not provided financial details with this. The Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and Environment explained that it had taken time to discuss specific issues with SWT but a finance director had been employed by SWT to help produce a finance plan. The view was expressed that the current 50 year contract with no break clause was not desirable.
5. A Member of the committee raised a concern on point seven of Appendix 1 and commented that progress had been made on establishing the management and governance of the Surrey Hills AONB. It was explained that this point had been included because Surrey County Council hosted the Surrey Hills AONB.
6. A Member further added that point three in Appendix 2 which referred to the Surrey Hills Trust Fund was incorrect. The Countryside Group Manager stated that the point being discussed had been written by the respective organisation.

7. It was added that there had been no mention of Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) as the new formed SCREF would not be covering this remit.

Recommendations: None.

Actions/further information to be provided: None.

Committee Next Steps: None.

23/14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING [Item 10]

The next meeting will be held on 24 April 2014 in the Ashcombe Suite, County Hall, Kingston upon Thames.

Chairman

**ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT SELECT COMMITTEE
ACTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKER**

The recommendations tracker allows Committee Members to monitor responses, actions and outcomes against their recommendations or requests for further actions. The tracker is updated following each Committee. Once an action has been completed and reported to the Committee, it will be removed from the tracker.

Date of meeting	Item	Recommendations/ Actions	Achieved or still outstanding?	Responsible Officer:
12 December 2013	Questions and Petitions [Item 4]	The Highways Agency response to the question from Mr Donald F. Denton to be circulated.	Outstanding. The Leader of the Council has written a letter to the Secretary of State for Transport outlining the Council's concerns in relation to the Hindhead Tunnel.	Tom Pooley
23 January 2014	Proposals for the Development of a Longer-Term Approach to the Management of Highways [Item 8]	Officers to provide the Committee with details around specific targets for the recovery of money for damage to County property.	Outstanding.	Peter Agent

23 January 2014	CIL Update Report [Item 11]	The Transport Policy Team Manager to report back to the Committee on updated timescales for the 4 year transport strategies adoption programme, as shown on page 81 of the report.	Outstanding.	Lyndon Mendes/Paul Sanderson
23 January 2014	CIL Update Report [Item 11]	Officers to provide an update to Local Committee Members on the CIL programme, which they can forward to residents.	Outstanding.	Lyndon Mendes/Paul Sanderson
23 January 2014	Utilities Task Group: Update Report [item 12]	Officers to provide a briefing note for Local Committees detailing the positive work taking place following implementation of the Task Group's recommendations and the permit scheme.	Outstanding.	Matt Jezzard
13 March 2014	River Thames Scheme [item 12]	That the Environment Agency's presentation on the River Thames Scheme be circulated to Members.	Achieved.	Tom Pooley/Huma Younis

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Local Transport Review	A presentation on the aims and objectives of the Local Transport Review, which covers local bus, concessionary fares, and community transport provision.	Paul Millin/Peter Wylde	Presentation
Managing Surrey's Waste: Disposing of the Traditional Approach	To inform Members of achievements to date and current progress towards key objectives/milestones in relation to waste, and to brief the Committee on the Surrey Waste Partnership.	Matthew Smyth/Helen Trew	Presentation
SCC Flood Event Response	To provide an update on the major flooding that has affected the County and to provide information on recovery work going forward.	Ian Good	Report
Surrey Energy and Sustainability Partnership	To inform the Committee of the re-establishment of the Members' group of the Surrey Energy and Sustainability Partnership and to outline the work of the partnership. The Committee is also asked to consider its representation within the partnership.	Bronwen Chinien	Report

12 June 2014

Item	Purpose	Contact Officer	Comments
Local Transport Review	To allow the Committee to input into proposed changes to bus services in Surrey, as discussed with the Member Reference Group.	Paul Millin/Peter Wylde	Report
Operation Horizon – 12 month review	To scrutinise the first year's performance of the Council's highways contractor Kier, including achievement of targets and objectives.	Mark Borland	Report
South East Permit Scheme/Utilities Task Group update	To monitor performance of the Council's permit scheme following implementation in November 2013, and to receive an update as to progress regarding implementation of the Utilities Task Group's recommendations.	Kevin Orledge/Matthew Jezzard	Report
Sustainable Transport	To provide the Committee with an update as to latest developments with the Council's sustainable transport policy.	Lesley Harding	Report

17 July 2014

Item	Purpose	Contact Officer	Comments
Annual Report of the Winter Maintenance Task Group	To scrutinise and approve the Council's Winter Maintenance Plan for 2014/15, following the recommendations of the Winter Maintenance Task Group.	Simon Mitchell/Peter Agent	Report
HGV/Freight Initiatives	To scrutinise the Council's initiatives to address issues with HGV/freight vehicles in the County, including routing, bridge strikes and emissions.	Peter Hitchings	Report
Managing Surrey's Waste: Disposing of the Traditional Approach	To scrutinise proposals for the development of a new joint waste strategy for Surrey.	Matthew Smyth/Helen Trew	Report

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10 September 2014

Item	Purpose	Contact Officer	Comments
Basingstoke Canal	To inform the Committee of progress regarding the asset management plan for the Basingstoke Canal.	Lisa Creaye-Griffin	Report
Gully Cleaning - update	To consider the Council's approach to gully maintenance, including prioritisation, challenges and costs.	Lucy Monie	Report

22 October 2014

Item	Purpose	Contact Officer	Comments
Local Transport Review	To allow the Committee to input into proposed changes to bus services in Surrey as discussed with the Member Reference Group, with particular reference to the engagement plan and events.	Paul Millin/Peter Wylde	Report
Highways Safety Defects	To review the first 12 months of the Highways Service's new approach to managing highways safety defects.	Jason Russell	Report

Items to be scheduled:

Aviation
Cabinet Member Priorities
CIL Transport Strategy update (autumn 2014)
Highways – Organisational Development Strategy
Major Schemes
Utilities Task Group: officer update (Jan 2015)

Task and Member Reference Groups:

Winter Maintenance	Stephen Cooksey (Spokesperson) David Goodwin David Harmer	To provide scrutiny and oversight of Surrey's annual Winter Maintenance policy.	The Task Group met in July 2013 to scrutinise the proposed Winter Maintenance policy for 2013/14. Its comments were incorporated into the final report, which was considered by Select Committee and approved by Cabinet in September 2013. The Task Group will reconvene on 30 April 2014 to consider the Winter
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			Maintenance policy for 2013/14.
<p>Countryside Management Member Reference Group</p>	<p>Bill Barker Mark Brett-Warburton Stephen Cooksey Pat Frost David Harmer (Spokesperson)</p>	<p>To report to Environment & Transport Select Committee with recommendations to advise the Cabinet Member on the changes required to the Surrey Wildlife Trust (SWT)/Surrey County Council (SCC) Agreement and its governance, to ensure that it is fit for purpose for the remainder of its term.</p> <p>To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • determining the terms of the Agreement between the County Council and SWT • determining the powers of SCC under the Agreement • advising on how the agricultural portfolio should be managed • advising on how the forestry portfolio should be managed • advising on how the rest of the property portfolio should be managed • advising on Governance to ensure that SCC fulfils its stewardship duty (to include also the co-ordination of the activities of Surrey representatives on Boards and Management Groups related to the SWT Agreement, and the establishment of an appropriate method of reporting back to the Select Committee and its Task Group) • advising on the SCC makeup of the Partnership Committee and to ensure a clear remit for those Members • advising on the draft strategy and business plan for the SCC Estate • advising on the future of the Sawmill and Workshop. 	<p>The Group's amended terms of reference were agreed at Select Committee on 23 October 2013.</p> <p>The Group met on 3 February 2014.</p>
<p>Customer Service Excellence Member Reference Group</p>	<p>John Beckett Stephen Cooksey George Johnson Richard Wilson (Spokesperson) Victoria Young</p>	<p>To support the Highways Service's journey to achieve the Customer Service Excellence (CSE) Standard, by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing the perspective of users and the general public on customer service within Highways • Challenging and validating the project's objectives • Providing advice on how to approach wider engagement with the public and stakeholders 	<p>The Group's terms of reference and membership were approved by the Select Committee on 23 January 2014.</p> <p>The work of the group is currently underway and its</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Putting forward recommendations on the action plan • Acting as advocates for CSE with Member colleagues and customers • Providing a Member perspective on future performance criteria, the levels of service and priorities, which may include the most effective use of IT supporting systems for the benefit of both the public and the highways department. • Helping maintain CSE as a priority once the award has been achieved. 	most recent meeting took place on 25 March.
Highways for the Future Member Reference Group	Mike Bennison Nathalie Bramhall (Spokesperson) Stephen Cooksey Peter Hickman Richard Wilson	To allow Member input into the Highways Service's plans for the future long-term management of Surrey's highways, by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing a member perspective on future performance criteria, the levels of service and priorities. • Providing a member perspective on the alignment between maintenance and improvement of the highway. I.e. bringing together activities currently separated into 'highways' and 'transport'. • Providing insight and challenge to the reviews of the current delivery strategies, including Horizon, safety defects, asset management strategies etc. Also help consideration of member roles in future delivery strategies. • Providing insight and challenge to current contract performance, and to consideration of the extension of the Kier contract. • Providing insight and challenge to the development of future procurement strategies. • Providing a member perspective on capability issues for the 'Client' organisation. 	The Group's terms of reference and membership were approved by the Select Committee on 23 January 2014.
Local Transport Review Member Reference Group	Pat Frost (Spokesperson) David Goodwin Peter Hickman Michael Sydney	To assist the E&I Directorate in its Local Transport Review project, by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giving officers the perspective of users and the general public on the various transport services under review 	The Group's terms of reference and membership were approved by the Select Committee on 23 January 2014.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advising on proposed levels of savings and the balance between savings and unavoidable impacts on users and the public • Challenging and validating the project's Equalities Impact Assessments • Advising on the balance of savings between different service types and areas • Advising on how to approach wider engagement with the public and stakeholders and own the agreed plan • Acting as advocates for the agreed plan with Member colleagues and community organisations • Following a briefing on consultation responses, advising on the proposals to be taken before E&T Select Committee and Cabinet. 	<p>The first meeting of the Group took place on 20 March 2014. The next meeting has been scheduled for 15 May 2014.</p>
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Environment and Transport Select Committee
24 April 2014

Flooding Update

Purpose of the report: Scrutiny of Services

To provide an update on the major flooding that has affected the County and provide information on recovery work going forward.

Introduction:

1. In December 2013 the County of Surrey was hit by extreme weather conditions resulting in a prolonged spell of flooding affecting several district and boroughs.
2. Surrey declared major incidents on 24 December 2013 and 9 February 2014 to coordinate the response to flooding across the County.
3. A coordinated multi agency response was implemented involving officers from the Environment Agency (EA), District and Borough Councils, the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) Surrey Police, Surrey Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), Her Majesty's Armed Forces, Surrey County Council (SCC), various utility companies including Thames Water and Public Health England (PHE).
4. This report provides background information on the incident and the move towards recovery and restoring affected communities to ensure that they are more resilient going forward.

Summary of the incident

5. On 21 December 2013 forecast reports were received of potential strong winds and heavy rain raising the potential for wide area flooding on the tributaries of the River Mole and River Wey.
6. Flood warnings were issued for the stretches of the River Mole at Dorking through to Leatherhead and the entire length of the River Wey on 23 December 2013. Warnings were also issued for other areas such

as the Gatwick and Burstow streams. These are issued when it is expected that properties will flood.

7. On 24 December 2013, a major incident was declared when a severe flood warning was issued for the River Mole at Leatherhead and Fetcham. During this period partnership coordination at both a strategic and tactical level was implemented (as per the agreed response arrangements).
8. In reaction to the rainfall across the County, on 3 January, water levels on the River Thames rose and flood warnings were issued for communities on Surrey stretches. Through partnership coordination isolated evacuations were undertaken for communities at risk. Sewage systems were also impacted due to high river levels.
9. The majority of flood warnings were removed by mid January but the County continued to experience higher than average rainfall.
10. On 6 February, the National Flood Forecasting Centre warned that further property flooding was likely across Surrey and flood warnings were issued for areas along the River Thames.
11. Rising river levels resulted in 9 severe flood warnings being issued on 9 February due to the risk to life. A major incident was declared with strategic coordination at Mount Browne, the Surrey Police Headquarters. At this time, due to the expected impact on residents and partner resources, a request was made for military support.
12. The severe flood warnings remained in place until 17 February and during this time the resources and arrangements to support this major incident were maintained.
13. Following the removal of the severe flood warnings the declaration of major incident was removed and a phased handover to recovery was undertaken.

Recovery and next steps

14. On Friday 21 February official sign over into recovery stage from Surrey Police to Surrey County Council took place. The incident room at Mount Browne was closed down and the County Emergency Centre at County Hall deemed operational from Saturday 22 February to deal with recovery activity.
15. A Recovery Plan has been implemented and work has begun to restore the affected communities. The recovery is being managed through a programme of workstreams. These include:
 - **Environment**, including waste collection, skips and sandbag removal.
 - **Infrastructure**, opening and repairing council buildings and roads.
 - **Humanitarian**, establishing Flood Recovery Centres, dealing with sanitation and safeguarding issues.

- **Communities and mutual aid**, working with partners and voluntary agencies.
 - **Communications and engagement**, ensuring adequate information is provided.
 - **Economic**, assessing the insurance and business impact.
 - **Resources**, collective assessment and coordination of resources and funding.
16. A Recovery Coordination Group was established to oversee the recovery programme and ensure that communities and District and Borough councils receive the support that they need. This group consists of representatives from all those who had been involved in the response to this incident. It is chaired by the Assistant Chief Executive of Surrey County Council and met daily for the first 2 weeks of the recovery programme. Meeting frequency has now reduced and the group met on 10 April to look at the medium to long term recovery plan.

Conclusions:

17. The EA have confirmed that the incident on the Lower Thames is the worst flooding that has occurred in Surrey since 1947. It is recognised that this is the second occurrence within a year where residents in these areas have experienced flood conditions. This particular incident has resulted in around 2000 properties being reported to have internal flooding, however this data is still being qualified (see annex A).
18. During the response phase and going into recovery, partners from across Surrey along with colleagues from the Military and voluntary sector worked together to support the needs of residents affected by flooding.
19. The County Council and partner agencies are now working to identify lessons learnt through a formal debrief process.

Recommendations:

20. It is recommended that the Committee:
- a) Notes the multi-agency response to the flooding event
 - b) Establishes a flooding task group to look at this incident in detail

Next steps:

- Formal debriefs will take place with both internally within Surrey County Council and with partners throughout April 2014 to review the response and look at lessons learnt from the flooding incident.
- An Environment Agency and Met Office detailed report on the incident will be drafted and published by the end of May 2014.
- There is ongoing work through the Flood Risk Partnership to look at flood defences going forward.
- A Surrey County Council investigation into specific occurrences of flooding is currently taking place.

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Sources/background papers: Surrey Local Resilience Forum, Common Recognised Information Picture (CRIP), Recovery Coordination Group meeting minutes and papers.

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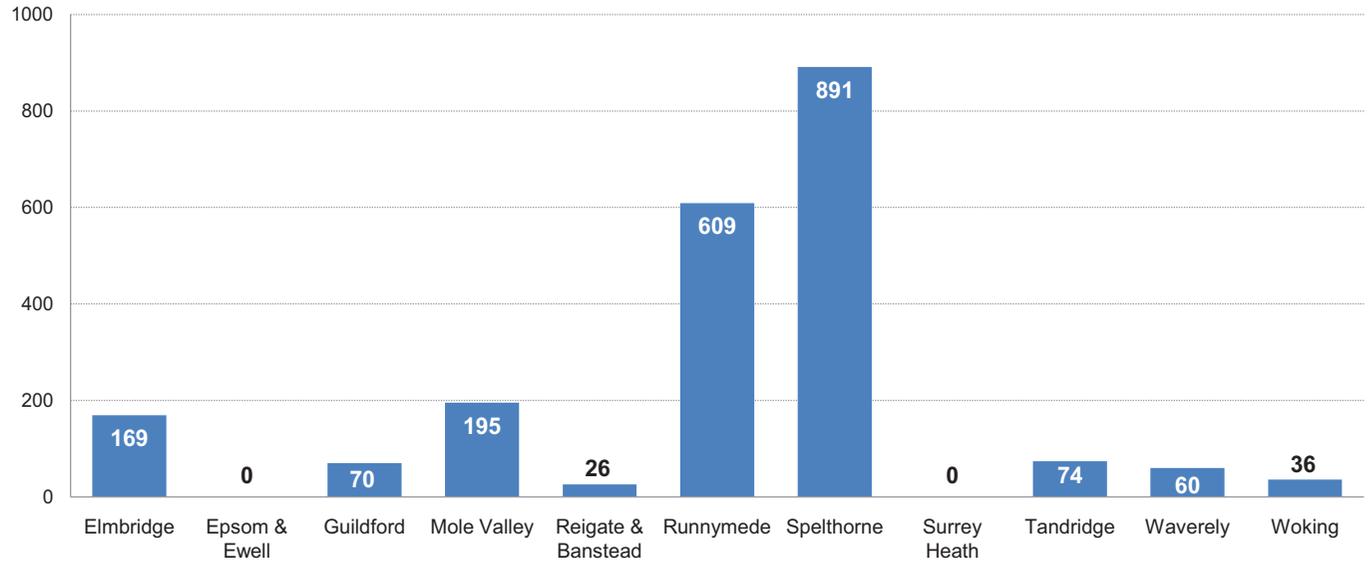
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Households currently reported to have been affected by internal flooding

Source: District & Boroughs

This data shows the number of households having been reported as affected by internal flooding to their property, as reported by District and Borough Councils. This figure may increase if more households report flooding.

Households currently reported to have been affected by internal flooding



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Environment and Transport Select Committee
24 April 2014

Surrey Energy and Sustainability Partnership

Purpose of the report:

The report is to inform the committee of the re-establishment of the members' group of the Surrey Energy and Sustainability Partnership and outline the work of the partnership. The committee is asked to consider its representation within the partnership.

Introduction:

1. The Surrey Energy and Sustainability Partnership is a partnership of all 11 borough and district councils, Surrey Police and the County Council. It was originally established in 2008 as the Surrey Climate Change Partnership and has evolved since then to focus on the multiple benefits of energy efficiency.
2. The partnership consists of an officers' group which has met regularly since 2008, to plan and progress initiatives and up until 2011 the strategic direction of the partnership was set by a members' board (similar to the Surrey Waste Partnership governance). The members' group is now being re-established, with its first meeting in March 2014.
3. Mike Goodman, Associate Cabinet Member for Environmental Services, will represent the County Council, in line with allocated Cabinet responsibilities. Previously, the county council has also involved a representative from the Environment and Transport Select Committee. The committee is invited to consider whether it wishes to maintain this position as the members' group is re-established.

Value to Surrey and the council's priorities

4. The Energy and Sustainability Partnership's aim is to ensure that Surrey's energy demand and supply becomes more efficient and sustainable and that the local economy benefits from these activities.

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5. By moving to a more efficient, low carbon and sustainable energy system, Surrey's communities and public services will be less exposed to higher and volatile energy prices in the future and residents will live in healthier and warmer homes, at an affordable cost and with lower carbon emissions.
 6. The partnership has focused on domestic energy efficiency in the private (rented and owner occupier) sector¹. This is an area of statutory responsibility for Boroughs, under the Home Energy Conservation Act and is a priority for the County Council in relation to supporting vulnerable people, particularly older people, to live healthily and independently.
 7. Furthermore the County Council's Public Health function has an interest in the wider determinants of health (such as housing conditions and air quality) and has links to Clinical Commissioning Groups and the Environment Service has an interest in sustainable development, including reducing carbon emissions, low carbon economic development and sustainable infrastructure.

Activities and outcomes of the partnership

8. A county-wide partnership for ongoing energy efficiency advice and the delivery of specific projects was agreed with Action Surrey in April 2013, building on Action Surrey's activity in some boroughs since 2009. Action Surrey are part of Thamesway Sustainable Communities which is a company wholly owned by Woking Borough Council.
9. Action Surrey work with a network of energy companies and energy efficiency installers and provides free impartial advice to Surrey residents, including vulnerable people living in energy inefficient homes to make energy efficiency improvements using the most appropriate form of finance available at any given time, such as Energy Company Obligation (ECO) grants / private funds / 'Green Deal' loans.
10. The service is funded by a combination of installer referral fees, local authority contributions and external grants for project management aspects.
11. By working together in the area of domestic energy efficiency, Surrey authorities are providing and continuously improving consistent, integrated and high quality energy efficiency support to residents and have worked collaboratively to leverage over £1M in additional funding into Surrey over the past 3 years. These funds have been delivered to Surrey residents and, wherever feasible, local suppliers have been involved in receiving work referrals. A further £2.5M from the Green Deal Communities fund has recently been approved from Department for Energy and Climate Change for insulating solid wall houses.

¹ Social rented sector housing provision, including energy efficiency improvements is a borough responsibility, which has not so far been the subject of joint initiatives.

12. The Energy and Sustainability Partnership also shares best practice in areas including energy on our own estates, local renewable energy supply chains in a Surrey context, such as wood fuel, and learning for sustainability, although to date the most significant partnership activity has focused on joint initiatives in the domestic energy sector.

The County Council's role

13. In 2014/15, the Sustainability Group in the Environment Service has a priority to work with services across the council, including Public Health, Adult Social Care, Trading Standards and Communications, to join up the council's referral systems to deliver affordable warmth for vulnerable residents.
14. The Sustainability Group will continue to work with Boroughs and Districts, Action Surrey and other external partners, to maximise the take up and efficient application of funds for reducing the energy bills and carbon emissions across all Surrey households. One specific project is a comprehensive Surrey-wide housing stock appraisal, which will be combined with welfare benefits data provided by Boroughs, to enable more targeted and effective communications.

Conclusions:

15. The Surrey Energy and Sustainability Partnership is a valuable forum for addressing environmental, health and economic challenges in relation to energy and the County Council will continue its active role in this area.

Recommendations:

- a) The Select Committee notes the work of the partnership, as outlined above.
- b) The Select Committee considers whether it wishes to take a position within the members' board group (as has been the case previously), alongside the Associate Cabinet Member for Environmental Services.

Next steps:

To agree whether a representative of the Environment and Transport Select Committee should be appointed to the Surrey Energy and Sustainability Partnership. If agreed, to identify a representative to be involved in steering and supporting the objectives of the Surrey Energy and Sustainability partnership, including attendance at meetings, approximately biannually.

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