

CABINET

The following decisions were taken by the Cabinet on Tuesday, 3 February 2015 and will take effect on 12/02/2015 unless the call-in procedure has been triggered. **CALL-IN DEADLINE: 11/02/15.**

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.

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, 3 February 2015 considered the following matters and resolved:

Members' Questions (Item 4a)

A question from Mrs Watson was received. The question and response is attached as **Appendix 1**.

- **CONFIDENT IN SURREY'S FUTURE: CORPORATE STRATEGY 2015 - 2020** (Item 6)

That the refreshed version of *Confident in Surrey's future*, Corporate Strategy 2015-2020 be endorsed and that it be presented to the County Council meeting on 10 February 2015 for approval alongside the Revenue and Capital Budget 2015-20.

Reasons for Decisions:

By reconfirming a long term vision for the county and setting goals and key actions for the next financial year the refreshed Corporate Strategy provides a clear sense of direction for Council staff, residents, businesses and partner organisations. As part of the Council's Policy Framework (as set out in the Constitution), the Corporate Strategy must be approved by the County Council.

- **REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET 2015/16 TO 2019/20 AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY** (Item 7)

That the following recommendations be made to the Full County Council on 10 February 2015:

On the revenue and capital budget:

1. Note the Director of Finance's statutory report on the robustness and sustainability of the budget and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves (Annex 1 of the submitted report).
2. Set the County Council precept for band D council tax at £1,219.68 which represents a 1.99% up-lift.
3. Agree to maintain the council tax rate set above and delegate powers to the Leader and the Director of Finance to finalise detailed budget proposals

following receipt of the Final Local Government Financial Settlement.

4. Transfer £4.6m from the surplus on the Council Tax Collection Fund to the Economic Downturn Reserve.
5. Approve the County Council budget for 2015/16.
6. Agree the capital programme proposals specifically to:
 - fund essential schemes over the five year period (schools and non-schools) to the value of £695m including ring-fenced grants;
 - make adequate provision in the revenue budget to fund the revenue costs of the capital programme; and
 - enhance provision for Local Growth Deal and flood schemes, as set out in paragraph 114 of the submitted report, including making a £0.5m pa contribution to the River Thames Scheme.
7. Agree for Cabinet to refresh the Medium Term Financial Plan for the financial years 2015-20 (MTFP 2015-20) revenue and capital budgets in summer 2015.
8. Require the Chief Executive and Director of Finance to continue regularly to track and monitor progress on the further development and implementation of robust plans for achieving the efficiencies across the whole MTFP period.
9. Require Strategic Directors, Heads of Service and Senior Officers to maintain robust in year (i.e. 2015/16) budget monitoring procedures that enable Cabinet to monitor the achievement of efficiencies and service reductions through:
 - the monthly budget monitoring Cabinet reports,
 - the quarterly Cabinet Member accountability meetings and
 - the monthly scrutiny at the Council's Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
10. Require a robust business case to be prepared (and taken to the Investment Panel for review) for each revenue 'invest to save' proposals and capital schemes before committing expenditure.

On treasury management and borrowing:

11. Approve the Treasury Management Strategy for 2015-20 and approve that their provisions have immediate effect. This strategy includes:
 - the investment strategy for short term cash balances;
 - increasing the number of AAA-rated money market funds from five to seven (with the individual amount to a single fund increased from £20m to £25m);
 - the treasury management policy (Appendix 8 of the submitted report);
 - the prudential indicators (Appendix 9 of the submitted report);
 - the schedule of delegation (Appendix 11 of the submitted report);
 - the minimum revenue provision policy (Appendix 14 of the submitted report).

12. That the Medium Term Financial Plan for the financial years 2015-20 be approved, which includes:
 - approval of the Total Schools Budget of £560.7m (paragraphs 53 to 59 of the submitted report);
 - supporting the 2015/16 budget by using £4.3m from earmarked reserves as set out in paragraph 99 of the submitted report;
13. That it be noted that the Cabinet will receive the final detailed Medium Term Financial Plan 2015-20 on 24 March 2015 for approval following scrutiny by Select Committees.

Reasons for Decisions:

The County Council will meet on 10 February 2015 to agree the summary budget and set the council tax precept for 2015/16. The Cabinet advises the County Council how best to meet the challenges it faces and these proposals will aim to ensure the Council continues to maintain its financial resilience and protect its long term financial position.

• **FINANCE AND BUDGET MONITORING REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2014**
(Item 8)

That the report be noted including the following:

1. The Council forecasts an improved revenue position for 2014/15 of £3.5m underspend, up from £2.7m at 30 November 2014, as set out in Annex 1, paragraph 3 of the submitted report. (This forecast includes the need to fund planned commitments that will continue beyond 2014/15).
2. Services forecast achieving efficiencies and service reductions by year end of £69.0m, as set out in Annex 1, paragraph 67 of the submitted report.
3. The Council forecasts investing £202m through its capital programme in 2014/15, as set out in Annex 1, paragraphs 71 and 72 of the submitted report.
4. The quarter end balance sheet, as at 31 December 2014, and movements in earmarked reserves and debt outstanding, as set out in Annex 1 paragraphs 74 to 78 of the submitted report, be noted.
5. Services' management actions to mitigate overspends, as set out in Annex 1 of the submitted report, be noted.

Reasons for Decisions:

This report is presented to comply with the agreed policy of providing a monthly budget monitoring report to Cabinet for approval and action as necessary.

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

- **2014 EDUCATION PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES** (Item 9)

That the 2014 Education Outcomes, as set out in the submitted report, be noted.

Reasons for Decision:

To ensure that Cabinet is fully informed of the latest education outcomes.

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

- **EXPANDING THE SURREY FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMME** (Item 10)

1. That the expansion of the Surrey Family Support Programme, to include around 1000 families each year between 2015 and 2020, be approved.
2. To agree to work towards the Government's expanded Troubled Families programme target, with immediate effect.
3. To increase the number of families eligible to join the programme through the criteria set out in the Families Outcomes Plan, attached at Annex 1 to the submitted report.

Reasons for Decisions:

In light of the very good local performance on the first phase of the national Troubled Families Programme, the Council was invited by the Government to be an Early Starter for the new expanded Programme. As part of this, the Council has received additional funding of £651,000 this year with a requirement that an additional 549 families are brought into the local Programme by April 2015. This new funding is to be invested in the staff providing intensive support services to the targeted families. Key to beginning the new Programme is implementing new eligibility criteria on which we are required to consult on with local partners.

In agreeing to the above recommendations, Cabinet will replace the eligibility criteria it agreed for the original Programme in March 2013 with a new set of criteria that will expand the Programme to cover a wider set of families.

Further work is underway to develop agreements with partners over the delivery model of the new service arrangements and these will form part of Surrey participation in the Public Services Transformation Network. The details of these arrangements will be reported to Cabinet in May, once they are concluded. However, in order to begin the new Programme now, a decision is required over the new Outcomes Plan to bring new families into the Programme.

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

- **PROVISION OF TARGETED CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND THE HOPE SERVICE: SECTION 75 AGREEMENT WITH SURREY CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUPS AND CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH SURREY AND BORDERS PARTNERSHIP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST** (Item 11)

1. That the Council enter into a new Section 75 agreement with Surrey Clinical Commissioning Groups. This pooled budget agreement is currently valued

at £3,842,000 per annum and a proportion of this pooled budget will provide funding for recommendation (3).

2. That authority to make amendments to the Section 75 agreement be delegated, to the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Strategic Director for Children, Schools and Families and the Cabinet Member for Children and Families, in accordance with public sector legislation and advice from the Section 151 Officer.
3. That the existing contract with Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SaBP) which expires on 31 March 2015 be extended, for a minimum period of one year, from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016 and a maximum period of up to two years. The extension has a forecasted value of £2,619,543 per annum and will be partially funded from the S75 agreement.

Reasons for Decisions:

The existing contract with SaBP will end on 31 March 2015. The Council is the host partner for the pooled budget used to commission targeted CAMHS and the HOPE Service. The Council is responsible for ensuring services are commissioned and procured in line with best practice, compliant and secures the best value for Surrey residents.

Improved alignment and collaboration between the Council and the CCGs has necessitated variations to the Section 75 agreement signed by the CCGs in 2014. Upon review of the extent of the variations, a joint decision has been made to draft a new Section 75 agreement which would be more appropriate for the joint commissioning and procurement project scheduled to begin in 2015.

Extending the existing contract with SaBP and entering into a new Section 75 agreement with the CCGs will:

- Ensure the Council adheres to statutory requirements regarding the safeguarding of children and young people by securing the provision of targeted CAMHS and the HOPE service by a contractually bound provider.
- Enable the Council and the lead CCG to undertake integrated commissioning and procurement of a co-designed, outcomes focused, CAMHS model, whilst maintaining continuity of service and minimising risk to service delivery.

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

- **SAYES COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL, ADDLESTONE (Item 12)**

That, subject to the agreement of the detailed financial information for the expansion as set out in the submitted Part 2 report, the business case for the provision of an additional 1 form of entry (210 places) primary places in Addlestone be approved.

Reasons for Decisions:

The proposal supports the Authority's statutory obligation to provide sufficient school places to meet the needs of the population in the Addlestone area.

[The decisions on this item can be called in by either the Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee or the Children and Education Select Committee]

- **THE HYTHE PRIMARY SCHOOL, EGHAM (Item 13)**

That, subject to the agreement of the detailed financial information for the expansion as set out in the submitted Part 2 report, the business case for the provision of an additional 1 Form of Entry (210 places) primary places in Egham be approved.

Reasons for Decisions:

The proposal supports the Authority's statutory obligation to provide sufficient school places to meet the needs of the population in the Egham and Hythe area.

[The decisions on this item can be called in by either the Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee or the Children and Education Select Committee]

- **AWARD OF FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES: NON-SCHOOLS (Item 14)**

That the single supplier framework agreement be awarded to G. Burley and Sons Limited for two years with an option to extend for two further years for both lots, subject to the detailed financial information, as set out in part 2 of the agenda.

Reasons for Decisions:

A full tender process, in compliance with the requirements of Public Contracts Regulations 2006 and the Council's Procurement Standing Orders has been completed, and the recommendations provide best value for money for the Council following a thorough evaluation process.

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

- **LEADER / DEPUTY LEADER / CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST CABINET MEETING (Item 15)**

That the decisions taken by Cabinet Members since the last meeting, as set out in Annex 1 of the submitted report, be noted.

Reasons for Decisions:

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

- **SAYES COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL, ADDLESTONE (Item 17)**

1. That the business case for the project to expand Sayes Court Primary School by 210 places, at a total estimated cost, as set out in the submitted report, be approved.
2. That the arrangements by which a variation of up to 10% of the total value may be agreed by the Strategic Director for Business Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning, the

Cabinet Member for Business Services and the Leader of the Council be approved.

Reasons for Decisions:

The proposal delivers and supports the Authority's statutory obligation to provide sufficient school places to meet the needs of the population in the Addlestone area.

[The decisions on this item can be called in by either the Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee or the Children and Education Select Committee]

● **THE HYTHE PRIMARY SCHOOL, EGHAM (Item 18)**

1. That the business case for the project to expand The Hythe Primary School by 210 places, at a total estimated cost as set out in the submitted report, be approved.
2. That the arrangements by which a variation of up to 10% of the total value may be agreed by the Strategic Director for Business Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning, the Cabinet Member for Business Services and the Leader of the Council be approved.

Reasons for Decisions:

The proposal delivers and supports the Authority's statutory obligation to provide sufficient school places to meet the needs of the population in the Egham area.

[The decisions on this item can be called in by either the Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee or the Children and Education Select Committee]

● **AWARD OF FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES: NON-SCHOOLS (Item 19)**

That a framework agreement be awarded to G. Burley and Sons Limited, at an estimated total value, as set out in the submitted report, over the four year framework agreement term, for the provision of Grounds Maintenance Services – Non Schools for both geographical lots being: Lot 1 – East Surrey and Lot 2 – West Surrey to commence on 1 April 2015.

Reasons for Decisions:

The existing agreements will expire on 31 March 2015. A full tendering process, in compliance with the requirements of Public Contracts Regulations 2006 and the Council's Procurement Standing Orders has been completed, and the recommendations provide best value for money for the Council following a thorough evaluation process.

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

- **PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS (Item 20)**

1. That the sale of the land, as outlined in Annex 1 of the submitted report, extending to c1ha (2.4 acres) be approved to the developer, named in the submitted report, on an unconditional basis for a residential development, for the figure set out in the submitted report.
2. That delegation to the Strategic Director for Business Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Business Services and the Leader of the Council, for a 5% variation in the agreed sale price to reflect possible changes and circumstances as a result of the due diligence process, be approved.

Reasons for Decisions:

The sale of the property is required to contribute towards the County Council's Investment Strategy and to dispose of a property no longer considered suited to ongoing service delivery, nor capable of generating significant income.

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

Members' Question

Question (1) from Mrs Hazel Watson (Dorking Hills) to ask:

Information with regard to the 5,000 properties within the Superfast Surrey Intervention Area that will be unable to achieve 15Mbps or more at the conclusion of the deployment has not been provided to me on the grounds that it is commercially sensitive and that such disclosure is prevented under the terms of the Superfast Broadband contract.

As these properties are all within the Intervention Area where the rollout of Superfast Broadband is being funded by the County Council and not by the commercial operator, can the Cabinet Member responsible for the roll-out please explain how the disclosure of this information can be determined to be commercially sensitive, and thus not disclosed, when the information does not relate to any properties within the commercial roll-out of Superfast Broadband and thus cannot affect any of the contracts between Surrey County Council and the commercial operator?

Reply:

I would like to correct your understanding in regards to which organisations are funding the Superfast Surrey Broadband Programme.

The Superfast Surrey Broadband Programme is jointly funded by Surrey County Council, BT and Broadband Delivery UK. Following a competitive tender process, Surrey County Council signed a contract with BT which offers best value for a fibre-based-infrastructure solution for the desired coverage. Surrey County Council has allocated £20 million, Broadband Delivery UK has contributed £1.3 million and the overall contribution from BT for the programme is £14 million. Since the programme was classed as state aid it had to be approved by the UK Government's BDUK and by the EU Commission.

I would also remind you of the advice that you have already received from the Monitoring Officer. She confirmed to you that the particular information you requested is classified within the Superfast Broadband contract itself as commercially sensitive and there is a contractual obligation preventing its disclosure, unless there is an overriding legal requirement to do so.

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