

Cabinet

**Date & time**

Tuesday, 23 June
2015 at 2.00 pm

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1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 26 MAY 2015

The minutes will be available in the meeting room half an hour before the start 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 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

4a Members' Questions

The deadline for Member's questions is 12pm four working days before the meeting (17 June 2015).

4b Public Questions

The deadline for public questions is seven days before the meeting (16 June 2015).

4c Petitions

The deadline for petitions was 14 days before the meeting, two petitions have been received:

(1) Petition concerning Lingfield Library, with 294 signatures – received from Mrs Rita Russell

It states: 'We the undersigned, would like to register our dismay at the proposed changes to the staffing of Lingfield Library, and ask the Library service to re-consider its decision to remove them.'

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- 4)

(2) Petition concerning Surrey Wildlife Trust, with 420 signatures – received from Mr Ben Paton

It states: 'To ensure the independence of Surrey Wildlife Trust (SWT) and its ability to protect the County's Wildlife and its habitats by continuing to provide adequate funding for SWT's activities in managing social assets on behalf of the Community such as Special Protection Areas.'

Responses to both petitions will be tabled at the meeting.

4d Representations received on reports to be considered in private

To consider any representations received in relation why part of the meeting relating to a report circulated in Part 2 of the agenda should be open to the public.

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

None

6 THE AGREEMENT WITH SURREY WILDLIFE TRUST FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S COUNTRYSIDE ESTATE

(Pages 5
- 42)

In 2002 Surrey County Council (SCC) signed a 50 year agreement (the Agreement) with Surrey Wildlife Trust (SWT) to manage the County Council's Countryside Estate. Land and building comprising the Estate were leased to SWT for the same period. In December 2014, following a thorough review of the effectiveness of the Agreement, Cabinet approved a set of proposed changes. Since December officers have worked closely with SWT to develop a revised Agreement which will provide improvements for visitors while reducing costs, aiming at a self funding position for the Agreement by 2020/2021. This report seeks approval to implement changes to the Agreement to achieve these aims. Cabinet approval is required so that, following approval by SWT Trustees, the Agreement can be varied. If both parties do not approve variations to the Agreement, a further report will be presented to Cabinet proposing alternative methods of achieving value for money in the management of the County Council's Countryside Estate.

[The decision on this item can be called in by the Economic Prosperity, Environment and Highways Board]

7 SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL TRANSPORT REVIEW

(Pages
43 - 166)

Surrey County Council (SCC) is subject to pressures on its funding. This means that SCC needs to review its spend on the services that it provides for the county's residents to ensure it delivers value for money. One of these is local transport and the County Council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) includes a requirement to make savings through a Local Transport Review of £2m by 2017/18.

The Local Transport Review has been established to deliver the required savings via three streams: financial support to local buses, concessionary fares available to qualifying older and disabled people and community transport for people who cannot use conventional local bus services. The review seeks to find efficiencies, integrate services and grow the commercial value of the bus and community transport network.

The savings plans for year one for the review, have been drawn up following a wide reaching public consultation, from October 2014 to February 2015, with 6,800 residents and stakeholders having their say on the services that matter most to them. A further round of public consultation, from May to June 2015, gave residents and stakeholders an opportunity to feedback on the detailed proposals for changes to local bus services.

This report describes how proposals have been designed to minimise the impact on residents and maximise cost savings without changing the current level of service offered through collaborative working. Patronage data and the assessment of the changes indicate that an average of 234 passengers will be impacted. However most of those shown as impacted will still have a reasonable level of access to a bus service.

Further proposed changes in other areas of Surrey will be consulted on in the subsequent two years of the review, to ensure the required savings are achieved.

[The decision on this item can be called in by the Economic Prosperity, Environment and Highways Board]

8 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2014/15 (Pages 167 - 180)

Surrey County Council has a statutory duty under the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 to publish an Annual Governance Statement (AGS). The AGS provides a comprehensive assessment of the council's governance arrangements. Once signed by the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive, the AGS is incorporated into the Statement of Accounts and the Annual Report.

[The decision on this item can be called in by the Council Overview Board]

9 FINANCE AND BUDGET MONITORING REPORT FOR MAY 2015 (Pages 181 - 184)

The council takes a multiyear approach to its budget planning and monitoring, recognising the two are inextricably linked. This report presents the council's financial position as at 31 May 2015 (month two).

The Annex to this report gives details of the financial position but please note that the Annex to this report will be circulated separately prior to the Cabinet meeting.

[The decision on this item can be called in by the Council Overview Board]

- 10 CONFIDENT IN SURREY'S FUTURE: EQUALITY, FAIRNESS AND RESPECT STRATEGY 2015 - 2020** (Pages 185 - 210)
- To consider *Confident in Surrey's Future: Equality, Fairness and Respect Strategy 2015-2020*, which is designed to meet the Council's responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 and continue to mainstream and embed best practice in equality, fairness and respect across the Council. This Strategy has been refreshed to align with the Council's Corporate Strategy, *Confident in Surrey's Future: Corporate Strategy 2015-2020* in order to help achieve the Council's three strategic goals of wellbeing, economic prosperity and resident experience.
- [The decision on this item can be called in by the Council Overview Board]*
- 11 NEW BUILD SPELTHORNE FIRE STATION** (Pages 211 - 214)
- A decision was taken by Cabinet on 4 February 2014 to close Sunbury and Staines fire stations and to build a new fire station at a suitable location in Spelthorne.
- This paper relates to the building of a new fire station in Spelthorne and seeks approval to release capital funds from within the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP).
- N.B. An annex containing exempt information is contained in Part 2 of the agenda – item 14.
- [The decisions on this item can be called in by the Resident Experience Board]*
- 12 LEADER / DEPUTY LEADER / CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST CABINET MEETING** (Pages 215 - 220)
- To note any delegated decisions taken by the Leader, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members since the last meeting of the Cabinet.
- 13 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**
- 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.

PART TWO - IN PRIVATE

14 NEW BUILD SPELTHORNE FIRE STATION

(Pages
221 -
224)

This is a part 2 annex relating to item 11.

Exempt: Not for publication under Paragraph 3

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

[The decisions on this item can be called in by the Resident Experience Board]

15 PUBLICITY FOR PART 2 ITEMS

To consider whether the item considered under Part 2 of the agenda should be made available to the Press and public.

David McNulty
Chief Executive
Monday, 15 June 2015

QUESTIONS, PETITIONS AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The Cabinet will consider questions submitted by Members of the Council, members of the public who are electors of the Surrey County Council area and petitions containing 100 or more signatures relating to a matter within its terms of reference, in line with the procedures set out in Surrey County Council's Constitution.

Please note:

1. Members of the public can submit one written question to the meeting. Questions should relate to general policy and not to detail. Questions are asked and answered in public and so cannot relate to "confidential" or "exempt" matters (for example, personal or financial details of an individual – for further advice please contact the committee manager listed on the front page of this agenda).
2. The number of public questions which can be asked at a meeting may not exceed six. Questions which are received after the first six will be held over to the following meeting or dealt with in writing at the Chairman's discretion.
3. Questions will be taken in the order in which they are received.
4. Questions will be asked and answered without discussion. The Chairman or Cabinet Members may decline to answer a question, provide a written reply or nominate another Member to answer the question.
5. Following the initial reply, one supplementary question may be asked by the questioner. The Chairman or Cabinet Members may decline to answer a supplementary question.

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