

COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING - 12 JULY 2016

MINUTES of the meeting of the Council held at the Council Chamber, County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 2DN on 12 July 2016 commencing at 10.00 am, the Council being constituted as follows:

Sally Marks (Chairman)

Nick Skellett CBE (Vice-Chairman)

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| | Mary Angell | | Margaret Hicks |
| | W D Barker OBE | | David Hodge |
| * | Mrs N Barton | | Saj Hussain |
| | Ian Beardsmore | | David Ivison |
| | John Beckett | | George Johnson |
| | Mike Bennison | * | Linda Kemeny |
| | Liz Bowes | * | Colin Kemp |
| | Natalie Bramhall | | Eber Kington |
| | Mark Brett-Warburton | | Rachael I Lake |
| | Ben Carasco | | Yvonna Lay |
| | Bill Chapman | | Ms D Le Gal |
| | Helyn Clack | | Mary Lewis |
| | Carol Coleman | | Ernest Mallett MBE |
| | Stephen Cooksey | * | Mr P J Martin |
| | Mr S Cosser | | Jan Mason |
| | Clare Curran | | Marsha Moseley |
| * | Graham Ellwood | | Tina Mountain |
| | Jonathan Essex | | Christopher Norman |
| | Robert Evans | * | John Orrick |
| | Tim Evans | | Adrian Page |
| * | Mel Few | | Chris Pitt |
| | Will Forster | | Dorothy Ross-Tomlin |
| | Mrs P Frost | | Denise Saliagopoulos |
| | Denis Fuller | | Tony Samuels |
| | John Furey | | Pauline Searle |
| | Bob Gardner | | Stuart Selleck |
| | Mike Goodman | | Michael Sydney |
| * | David Goodwin | | Keith Taylor |
| | Michael Gosling | | Barbara Thomson |
| | Zully Grant-Duff | | Chris Townsend |
| | Ramon Gray | | Richard Walsh |
| | Ken Gulati | | Hazel Watson |
| | Tim Hall | * | Fiona White |
| | Kay Hammond | * | Richard Wilson |
| | Mr D Harmer | | Helena Windsor |
| | Nick Harrison | | Keith Witham |
| | Marisa Heath | * | Mr A Young |
| | Peter Hickman | * | Mrs V Young |

*absent

39/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Apologies for absence were received from Nikki Barton, Graham Ellwood, Mel Few, David Goodwin, Linda Kemeny, Colin Kemp, Peter Martin, John Orrick, Fiona White, Richard Wilson, Alan Young and Victoria Young.

40/16 MINUTES [Item 2]

The minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 17 May 2016 were submitted, confirmed and signed.

41/16 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS [Item 3]

The Chairman made the following announcements:

She informed Members of the recent deaths of former county councillors:

- Mr Graham Lambert, who was the County Councillor for Frimley Green and Mytchett from 1981 to 1985, had passed away on 16 May.
- Mrs Elizabeth Compton, who was the County Councillor for St John's and Brookwood from 1997 until 2011, had passed away on 30 June.
- Mr Jim Smith, who was the County Councillor for Bookham and Fetcham West from 1997 until 2009, had passed away on 28 June.

Members stood in silent tribute.

Recent events that were mentioned were:

- HM Queen's celebration – County Service at Guildford Cathedral
- Local Government lunch with the new Mayor and Chairmen of Surrey
- SCC Long Service Awards
- Cross Border Military meeting with LGA
- Launch of Lingfield Community Library
- 'Over the Top' Battle of the Somme commemoration
- Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Trust event at Loseley Park

Clare Curran and Paul Bowen recently attended a Duke of Edinburgh event held at Buckingham Palace. At the event a plaque was awarded to the County Council in recognition of our status as a long-standing Department of Education (DofE) licensed organisation. The Chairman presented the award to Clare and to Frances Trench, who has worked in the county's DofE team for more than 30 years.

Her Majesty the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2016 and the Queen's Awards for Voluntary Service – the full lists were included within the agenda. However, the Chairman drew attention to the honours received by:

- Wendy Varcoe, Executive Director, Community Foundation for Surrey
- John and Wendy Palczynski, Surrey foster carers

On behalf of the County Council, the Chairman congratulated the Chief Executive and his wife on their recent wedding.

Attention was drawn to David Munro's resignation as County Councillor for Farnham South, which took effect on 23 June.

42/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 4]

Mr Will Forster declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 6.1, 6.2 and 8(ii) as he was employed as a staff member for a Member of the European Parliament.

Mr Robert Evans declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 8(ii) as he was a lecturer at Royal Holloway College.

43/16 LEADER'S STATEMENT [Item 5]

The Leader made a statement. A copy of his statement is attached as Appendix A.

Members raised the following topics:

- Issues regarding gaps in the budget and a lack of ideas on how to make further savings.
- Requesting that the new Police Crime Commissioner provides more mobile speed cameras.
- Hope that the new PM listens to the public following Brexit.
- That local government members and officers will have a role following any devolution.
- That everyone actively encourages people to foster children in care.
- Rail transport issues and try to get better service and look at franchises with a view to having more control over who gets them and how to take them away if they don't perform.
- Tribute paid to volunteers around the county.

44/16 MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME [Item 6]

Notice of nine questions had been received. The questions and replies are attached as Appendix B.

A number of supplementary questions were asked and a summary of the main points is set out below:

(Q1) Mrs Coleman asked if the county council would work with the boroughs, Network Rail and the train operators in looking at issues of commuter parking/traffic.

Mrs Turner-Stewart asked that the Cabinet Member bear in mind the Magna Carta site, which is close to zone 6, and to negotiate its inclusion in zone 6.

Mr Pitt asked if a Cabinet Member could sit on the Blackwater Valley Advisory Committee to increase its status, which he felt was lacking, especially considering that council officers, bus and train operators all attended the meetings regularly.

Mr Essex asked that stations outside of zone 6 also be considered as, for example, stations up to Gatwick had more expensive ticket prices than those inside zone 6. The Cabinet Member responded that there needed to be a business case for including any area in zone 6 and that he would continue to work with transport operators. He said that parking was not an easy problem to resolve and that he would like to see more buses linking up with stations. He also stated that it was not appropriate for a Cabinet Member to sit on the Blackwater Valley Advisory Committee but that with the work taking place, of which this group was a part, many improvements had taken place. He understood the issue of franchises and would

continue to work with transport operators and boroughs to improve the service for residents.

(Q2) Mrs Watson was disappointed with the Cabinet Member's written response to her question and asked that she be given details of EU funding that the county council currently received.

Mrs Searle sought assurances that charities would be kept in mind for future funding as a response to the withdrawal of any EU funding they received. The Leader said that details of EU funding were in the council budget book and would have this extracted and sent to Mrs Watson. He also said that the Secretary of State believes that whatever EU funding is currently being used to fund local areas should be redirected through to councils.

(Q4) Mr Cooksey asked for details of the roads where night lighting would be reduced and sought clarification regarding residents and members having an opportunity to have their say on proposals.

Mr Harrison requested details of savings gained by cutting night lighting.

The Leader asked if the Cabinet Member would agree that Mr Cooksey did not understand the budget pressures that the council was under.

The Cabinet Member responded that dimmed lights had been used in certain areas for the past two and a half years with no comments or problems. He confirmed that there would be full consultation. £240k of savings were sought for this year but that would not be achieved due to the consultation. He said the Liberal Democrats had not made any budget proposals and had left that to the Conservatives.

(Q5) Mr Essex asked the Leader to confirm which meetings had been held in public and whether there was a plan to consult the public before making decisions.

The Leader said that a 3SC meeting had taken place at Horsham yesterday and they had agreed to proceed to look at all the options to put to the public. A website was also to be set up to keep the public informed. A report would go to Cabinet and Council where Members would decide if they were happy to go forward with the consortium.

(Q6) Mr Sydney asked for a response to his question which he said the Cabinet Member appeared not to have read. The Cabinet Member stated that the Council did not have a policy of withholding information from library staff and thought he had made this clear in his written response.

(Q9) Mr Essex asked the Cabinet Member to confirm that the council were paying agency rates, if annualised, of £148k per year and provide a breakdown of savings if all the positions were filled by full time staff.

Mr Kington requested that the Cabinet Member provide details of the 10 highest paid agency staff in terms of annual total salary costs and how long those staff have been in post.

The Leader asked what savings were achieved by employing agency staff.

The Cabinet Member responded that there were areas of specialist work that agency staff were recruited for, such as IT, and there was also a national difficulty regarding social work recruitment. She would provide annualised details and length of employment information to Members.

Cabinet Member Briefings on their portfolios are attached as Appendix C.

Members made the following comments:

CM Business Support and Resident Experience – Agreed that the new pay and reward package would improve recruitment and retention of the people with necessary skills and thanked all involved for the hard work.

CM Schools, Skills and Educational Achievement – The 10 year forecast for Reigate and Banstead birth rates was reported as static and Mr Harrison was concerned that this was not the case, especially with movement of people from London. In the absence of the Cabinet Member the Chairman stated that the question could go to the Board.

CM Highways, Transport and Flooding – poor street repairs and checks – That all work was checked at least once and at the end of construction. It was also a role of local councillors to take this forward and the Cabinet Member asked Mrs Mason to provide the exact location of the pavement works she claimed had only lasted three days.

CM Environment and Planning – The Cabinet Member was asked if he could take forward putting Surrey on the same footing as London with regards to rail and bus passes. The Cabinet Member explained that there needed to be a business case and that it would be difficult for the Council to fund such a scheme. It was also confirmed that the Council would apply for funding from the £60m scheme launched last week for sustainable travel in town centres. In response to a question from Mrs Bowes regarding works in the Woking area the Cabinet Member replied that he had heard from the BID Team that Woking was on the list but as yet no confirmation of when the works would take place.

CM Wellbeing and Health – Agreed that the Surrey P&G games were a huge success and support had been committed for another four years. There were other big international games coming to Surrey and there was an opportunity for Members to look into volunteering.

CM Localities and Community Wellbeing – Agreed to send Members information regarding the dementia drop-in cafes.

45/16 STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS [Item 7]

There were no local Member statements.

46/16 ORIGINAL MOTIONS [Item 8]

ITEM 8(i)

Under Standing Order 12.3 the Council agreed to debate this motion.

Under Standing Order 12.1, Mr Will Foster moved the motion, which was:

‘This Council welcomes the principles outlined in the Bus Services Bill and the opportunity it could give local councils to improve services. These include powers that will allow authorities to set standards of service, incorporating branding, ticketing and frequency. This Council remains concerned that powers to franchise services, similar to those of Transport for London, will only be made available to areas that have chosen to have a directly elected mayor, unless they get special permission from the Transport Secretary.

This Council believes that:

- these powers should be accessible for all councils, including Surrey County Council which manages bus services which are of crucial importance for people who live in isolated and rural areas of the county, which are of crucial importance for countering traffic congestion in our towns, and which are of crucial importance for improving connectivity across the county;
- these reforms, particularly over franchising, are a golden opportunity to halt the decline in bus usage and help ensure that services are sustainable and should be made available to all councils by default;
- the Government should ensure that councils are given support to enable the costs of setting up a franchise to be met;

and calls upon the Cabinet to make representations to Surrey's MPs and the Secretary of State for Transport for this Council to have the power to franchise without having to have a directly elected mayor.'

The motion was formally seconded by Mr Cooksey.

Mr Forster said that:

- Surrey was the poor cousin to London with regard to bus services and received a second rate service. This was because bus services in London were regulated, unlike outside of London, and that led to inequalities.
- Bus operators had no democratic accountability and cherry picked which services to provide, choosing services that suited them and not their customers.
- London buses come into the fringes of Surrey along its border but only take those residents into London, therefore damaging the economy of Surrey's town centres.
- Whilst he looked forward to the Bus Bill as a good thing he was totally opposed to the requirement of a directly elected mayor in order to obtain devolution.

Mr Goodman moved an amendment, which was tabled at the meeting.

This was formally seconded by Mr Hall.

The amendment was as follows **(with additional words underlined and deletions crossed through)**:

'This Council welcomes the principles outlined in the Bus Services Bill and the opportunity it could give local councils to improve services. These include powers that will allow authorities to set standards of service, incorporating branding, ticketing and frequency.

This Council ~~remains~~ is concerned that powers to franchise services, similar to those of Transport for London, will only be made available to areas that have chosen to have a directly elected mayor, unless they get special permission from the Transport Secretary.

This Council notes the good working relationship between SCC and its bus providing partners, which means that SCC is unlikely to make use of additional powers proposed in the Bus Bill.

However

This Council believes that:

- these powers should be accessible for all councils, ~~including Surrey County Council~~ which manages bus services which are of crucial importance for people who live in isolated and rural areas of the county, which are of crucial importance for countering traffic congestion in our towns, and which are of crucial importance for improving connectivity across the county;
- these reforms, particularly over franchising, are a golden opportunity to halt the decline in bus usage and help ensure that services are sustainable and should be made available to all councils by default;
- the government should ensure that councils are given support to enable the costs of setting up a franchise to be met;

~~and supports any representations to calls upon the Cabinet to make representations to Surrey's MPs and the Secretary of State for Transport for this Councils to have the power to franchise without having to have a directly elected mayor.'~~

This amendment was not accepted by Mr Forster and therefore Mr Goodman spoke to his amendment, making the following points:

- Whilst the benefit of good bus services was recognised, the Council was not in a position to be able fund bus services. However, the Council was working with bus service providers and would continue to do so to improve services.
- Officers have been working in partnership with bus providers and would continue to do so. This relationship has enabled council to provide the service it does to its customers. The economic and social benefits of bus services were recognised.
- In terms of importance to bus users, information was second only to reliability. The Council was working with bus operators to improve the information to residents.
- A number of amendments to the Bus Bill were proposed and they were to include authorities that do not have or want a directly elected mayor.
- The LGA was also in support of the removal of Section 21 of the Bill which prevented local authorities from setting up their own bus company.
- Whilst there may be changes to the Bill it was certain that councils would not be given any extra money.

Mr Hall as seconder to the amendment made the following points:

- The Council's transport team were a very good team with good working relationships with bus providers.
- He had been recently involved in meetings where changes had been made to improve the resident experience.
- Recent changes included provision of better information on ticketing and services offered. He stated that many people were reliant on paper timetables and hoped these would not be cut in future.
- He commended the good work done by the transport team.

Two Members spoke on the amendment and made the following points:

- That the third paragraph was sending a negative message to residents by completely shutting the door on the Council making use any additional powers proposed in the Bus Bill.
- Not to lobby Surrey MPs was unthinkable.
- The linking of having a franchise with a directly elected mayor was no longer relevant as this was originally a way of ensuring local government worked more in line with European counterparts. Brexit meant that this would no longer be the case.

The amendment was put to the vote with 48 voting for and 8 voting against.

Therefore the amendment was carried and became the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put to the vote with 55 voting for and 5 against.

Therefore, it was:

Resolved:

This Council is concerned that powers to franchise services, similar to those of Transport for London, will only be made available to areas that have chosen to have a directly elected mayor, unless they get special permission from the Transport Secretary.

This Council notes the good working relationship between Surrey County Council (SCC) and its bus providing partners, which means that SCC is unlikely to make use of additional powers proposed in the Bus Bill.

However,

This Council believes that:

- these powers should be accessible for all councils which manage bus services which are of crucial importance for people who live in isolated and rural areas of the county, which are of crucial importance for countering traffic congestion in our towns, and which are of crucial importance for improving connectivity across the county;
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and supports any representations to the Secretary of State for Transport for Councils to have the power to franchise without having to have a directly elected mayor.'

ITEM 8(ii)

Under Standing Order 12.3 the Council agreed to debate this motion.

Under Standing Order 12.1, Mr Jonathan Essex moved the motion, which was:

'This Council notes that whilst Surrey voted 52 - 48% to remain in the European Union, the UK as a whole voted the opposite way. We respect the fact that five of Surrey's eleven districts voted to leave, with six to remain and that the younger generation voted far more heavily to remain.

This Council believes that following this referendum, there is a need for a listening exercise to repair the divisions, and with tolerance and respect, to try to re-unite the people of Surrey.

Therefore this Council resolves to:

- explore ways of bridging divisions in our communities, through inter-generational dialogue and increased understanding.
- seek reassurance from the Government that the four-year funding deal offer to local government is ring-fenced from any future budget changes following this referendum vote.
- ask the Government to take steps to ensure that staff and students from EU countries can continue to work and study at our three universities, Surrey, Royal Holloway College and the University of the Creative Arts.

work with all the boroughs and districts to ensure that no racist or xenophobic behaviour is tolerated.'

The motion was formally seconded by Mr Robert Evans.

Mr Essex said that:

- Following the Brexit vote it was now more important than ever to listen to people on both sides of the debate.
- Issues of affordable homes and immigration were some of the issues highlighted by Brexit.
- This was now a time to work together and heal together and the Council should have a say on how to take this forward.
- The Council should not have to pay for any misinformation from the Brexit campaigns.
- Hate crime had increased in Surrey since Brexit and there was a need to reconnect politics to people.

Mrs Helyn Clack moved an amendment which was tabled at the meeting. This was formally seconded by Mrs Kay Hammond.

The amendment was as follows (**additional words underlined and deletions ~~crossed through~~**):

'This Council notes that whilst Surrey voted 52 - 48% to remain in the European Union, the UK as a whole voted the opposite way. ~~We respect the fact that~~ It also notes that five of Surrey's eleven districts voted to leave, with six to remain and that the younger generation probably voted far more heavily to remain.

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 - ~~seek reassurance from the Government that the four-year funding deal offer to local government is ring-fenced from any future budget changes following this referendum vote.~~
 - ~~ask the Government to take steps to ensure that staff and students from EU countries can continue to work and study at our three universities, Surrey, Royal Holloway College and the University of the Creative Arts.~~
- ~~work with all the boroughs and districts to ensure that no racist or xenophobic behaviour is tolerated.'~~

Following the referendum and as before it, this Council resolves to:

- Continue to support efforts to bridge divisions in our communities
- Continue its dialogue with Government regarding both short-term and long-term budget certainty
- Support the view that our 4 universities should continue to attract staff and students from overseas including the EU
- Agree that Surrey should continue to be a place of tolerance and respect, free of racist or xenophobic behaviour.

This amendment was not accepted by Mr Essex and therefore Mrs Clack spoke to the amendment, making the following points:

That the Council were already doing a great deal of what Mr Essex spoke of, including:

- Working with the Equality Policy
- The Leader of the Council continued to work with Government
- Universities should still continue to attract people from overseas
- Speaking of tolerance, respect and diversity in all we do

Five Members spoke on the amendment and made the following comments:

- The Brexit vote had divided some families as well as communities and it was important for all agencies to work together and share information.
- That immigration was the biggest issue raised on the doorstep and it was naive to think that we can still attract staff/people from outside of the UK.
- That the amendment suggests that the Council will do no more than it is already doing.
- Listen and respect are two values of Surrey County Council.
- There had been a high turnout of young people in the vote and it was important to listen to them.
- The new Prime Minister was once a councillor and this was an opportunity to seek benefits for the county.

The amendment was put to the vote with 57 voting for, 5 voting against and 4 abstentions.

Therefore the amendment was carried and became the substantive motion.

After which, under Standing Order 23.1, Mr Eber Kington moved:

'That the question be now put'

The Chairman considered that there had been adequate debate, and the proposal was supported by a sufficient number of Members so the debate was wound up.

The substantive motion was put to the vote with 62 voting for and 3 voting against.

Therefore, it was:

Resolved:

'This Council notes that whilst Surrey voted 52 - 48% to remain in the European Union, the UK as a whole voted the opposite way. It also notes that five of Surrey's eleven districts voted to leave; with six to remain and that the younger generation probably voted far more heavily to remain.

Following the referendum and as before it, this Council resolves to:

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ITEM 8(iii)

Under Standing Order 12.3 the Council agreed to debate this motion.

Under Standing Order 12.1, Mr Robert Evans moved the motion, which was:

'This Council congratulates Sadiq Khan on his election as Mayor of London and urges him to work closely with Surrey County Council on all cross-border issues of joint interest and mutual benefit to all our residents.'

Mr George Johnson formally seconded the motion.

Mr Evans said that:

- Mr Khan has the largest mandate of any politician.
- It should be celebrated that he is the first Muslim Mayor.
- Surrey has many cross border issues with transport, fire and emergency services and the health service, which means the county council will have many opportunities where it will wish to work closely with the Mayor of London and vice versa.

Two Members spoke in favour of the motion and Mr Furey requested it be put to the vote.

Mr Johnson had nothing further to add.

The motion was put to the vote where a majority voted for and there was one abstention.

Therefore, it was:

Resolved:

‘This Council congratulates Sadiq Khan on his election as Mayor of London and urges him to work closely with Surrey County Council on all cross-border issues of joint interest and mutual benefit to all our residents.’

47/16 REPORT OF THE CABINET [Item 9]

The Leader presented the report of the Cabinet meetings held on 24 May 2016 and 21 June 2016.

Reports for Information / Discussion

The following reports were received and noted:

- A) Travel Assistance Policies for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
- B) Annual Report of the Shareholder Board
(Mr Harrison declared disappointment on the lack of information within the report and in particular requested more information on lending, especially to Surrey Choices, and urged the Cabinet and Board to set targets and work to them. These comments were repeated by Mrs Watson.)
- C) Sustainability and Transformation Plans
- D) Quarterly Report On Decisions Taken Under Special Urgency Arrangements: 1 April – 30 June 2016

RESOLVED:

That the report of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 27 October and 24 November 2015 be adopted.

48/16 REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE [Item 10]

The Chairman of the Audit and Governance Committee introduced the report and commended the updated strategies, Risk Management Strategy (Annex 1 to the submitted report), plus the updated Code of Corporate Governance (Annex 2 to the submitted report) to Members. In response to a Member question about why he was not inclined not to take up the four year funding deal from Government the Leader of the Council explained that the fourth year’s funding drops significantly. The Leader further explained that negotiations were still taking place with the Exchequer and there would be further debate and discussion at the Council meeting in October.

RESOLVED:

1. That the updated Risk Management Strategy, attached as Annex A to the submitted report, be approved for inclusion in the Constitution.

2. That the Code of Corporate Governance, attached as Annex B to the submitted report, be approved for inclusion in the Constitution.

Reason for decision:

To maintain the annual review and update of these strategies.

49/16 REVIEW OF CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS [Item 11]

The Chairman of the Constitution Review Group introduced the report and particularly highlighted the need to improve openness by declaring significant personal interests as well as the disclosable pecuniary interests. He was asked if this would also refer to partners/spouses, to which he replied that the test was whether or not that interest could skew the debate and it was up to individual Members to make that decision.

Resolved:

That the revised Member Code of Conduct, attached at Annex 1 to the submitted report, be agreed so that:

- (a) Members are required to register pecuniary interests as outlined in Schedule B and significant personal interests as outlined in Schedule E.
- (b) Members are required to register gifts and hospitality to the value of £100 or more that they have accepted.
- (c) Where a Member has a disclosable or non disclosable interest that is prejudicial in any matter to be considered at a meeting of the Council, the Cabinet, a committee, sub-committee or joint committee of the Council, he or she is required to declare it at the meeting or to notify the chairman of the reason for withdrawing from that meeting.

Reason for decision:

To promote local rules to ensure that there is confidence that councillors are putting the public interest first and demonstrating transparency about their financial affairs

50/16 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL [Item 12]

The Leader of the Council introduced the report by stating that, in line with Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, a new independent remuneration panel needed to be appointed to review the existing Scheme and make recommendations to Council in order for a new Scheme to take effect from May 2017.

The Cabinet Member for Business Services supported the recommendations.

Resolved:

1. That an Appointments Panel, consisting of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Council and the Conservative, RA/Independent and Surrey Opposition Forum Group Leaders be established to appoint a new Independent Remuneration Panel in line with the timetable set out in paragraph 7 of the report.

2. That the Independent Remuneration Panel should consist of three members.
3. That, for the 2016/2017 review of Members Allowances, a fee of £1,500 plus travel expenses be paid to the Chairman of the Independent Remuneration Panel, and a fee of £1,000 plus travel expenses be paid to the other Panel members.

Reason for decision:

To comply with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.

51/16 REVISED TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2016/17 [Item 13]

The Cabinet Member for Business Services presented the report and stated that the revised Treasury Management Strategy has come about as a result of changes in the economic environment, specifically the combination of increased counterparty risk and a longer than predicted lower interest rate environment. This has resulted in consideration of a more focused strategy of internal borrowing over the short term, combining a move away from long term borrowing towards short term borrowing to maintain cash balances above zero. Such a strategy would require monitoring to ensure that the Council can act responsively in the event of a sustained change in the economic forecast.

Resolved:

That changes be approved to the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2016-21 (shown as Annex 1 to the report), which includes:-

- the revised borrowing strategy for long term capital funding; and
- the revision of the Council's minimum cash balance to above zero.

Reason for decision:

Changes that have developed over the medium term to the economic and financial environment in which the Council operates has led to a review of the existing borrowing strategy. An increased opportunity in relation to an expectation that interest rates will remain lower for longer than initially anticipated and investment security have resulted in a proposal to amend the Council's borrowing strategy with immediate effect to ensure it reacts appropriately and with flexibility to these changes in conditions.

52/16 REPORT BACK FROM ECONOMIC PROSPERITY, ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS BOARD SCRUTINY REPORT [Item 14]

The Chairman of the Economic Prosperity, Environment and Highways Board introduced this report for information. A petition was submitted to the Council on 17 May 2016 to improve road safety on Bridge Street where it was resolved that this issue and any proposals should be scrutinised by the Economic Prosperity, Environment and Highways Board. It was mooted that this was a good example of when petitions should be referred to the appropriate scrutiny board.

Resolved:

That the report the Economic Prosperity, Environment and Highways Board be noted.

53/16 MINUTES OF CABINET MEETINGS [Item 15]

No notification had been received by the deadline from Members wishing to raise a question or make a statement on any of the matters in the minutes.

[Meeting ended at: 12.47 pm]

Chairman

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Appendix A**Leader's Speech to County Council – Tuesday 12 July 2016**

Madam Chairman

On 23rd June we saw one of the biggest democratic exercises in the country's history with over 33 million people having their say on the UK's membership of the European Union. Over 670,000 people voted in Surrey – with a turnout of nearly 80%. The people have spoken and the United Kingdom has resolved to leave the European Union.

It is important to say that for Surrey County Council, it is business as usual – we will continue to provide vital services to our residents as we always have. I know each and every member present today is absolutely committed to serving the people of Surrey - improving their wellbeing, supporting continuing economic prosperity and ensuring they have a positive experience of our services. However, we are all aware of the huge challenges this council is facing; rising demand for essential services whilst government funding is falling. We are being squeezed from both ends - and this is set to continue.

We have worked hard over the past few years to manage funding reductions whilst protecting front-line services. With further reductions on the horizon - on top of ever-increasing demand for services – setting a sustainable budget next year and in the years to come will be our number one challenge. Despite our plans to save more than eighty million pounds from our budget this year – the increasing demand and cost pressures on our services will wipe this out. Pressures on our social care services accounts for the vast majority of this – and it isn't going to get any easier. By 2020 there will be an additional 6,500 people living in Surrey over the age of eighty – many of them needing our support.

Madam Chairman

Social care is just one of the services our residents rely upon from us. The county council is also expected to provide the school places needed for a growing population, improve the road network and dispose of Surrey's waste – to name just three of our essential services. But the nation also relies upon Surrey – to drive the economy forward. How strange then, that despite being a significant net contributor to the national exchequer we then receive one of the lowest financial settlements from government in return. And that despite our economy being one of the largest and most vibrant outside of London, its future is at risk from creaking infrastructure struggling to cope with increasing demand. These are the issues raised on doorsteps time and time again.

It's clear to me that the government isn't going to start handing down more money to run council services and - after years of making savings - there is a limit to how much more can be found to bridge the increasing funding gap. It's an increasingly tough challenge but we are working towards solutions. Yes, of course it means making sure our services are run as efficiently as possible and making sure every single penny of taxpayers money is spent wisely. It also means really transforming our services so they deliver what matters most to our residents.

Madam Chairman

Much of the solution will be found - and is being found - in working better with other organisations – boroughs and districts, the Police, the health service, businesses and charities. With health and care services we have pooled over seventy million pounds with our partners in the NHS to support joint health and social care plans and we expect to accelerate this work over the coming years. The outcomes are clear- better value for money for taxpayers and improved front-line services for our residents. But, while we must improve these vital services for those who rely upon them - and make them sustainable for the future

- we are also committed to doing the things that make a difference to the day to day lives of every resident.

Take our plans to revive local shopping parades. The people of Surrey love where they live and they want to support their local town centres. We know how important thriving town centres are to residents, both traders and shoppers - they are the lifeblood of our communities. That's why we are throwing our support behind local communities to help revitalise their shopping areas.

In the same vein, we have also launched an initiative to rebuild two hundred miles of the county's pavements so residents have improved access to key community services such as doctor's surgeries, train stations and shops. We know these simple but effective initiatives can make a lasting difference to residents' lives.

But – Madam Chairman - it's not just about what the county council can do. It's also about what we ALL can do. So I'd like to mention the contribution of our residents. They haven't hesitated to get involved to improve our local communities. Take Surrey's time banks for example, where local people can come together to exchange their skills and time **to help each other**. With the charity Timebanking UK, this council has supported the charity to open seven locations across the county. Volunteers can be found in all walks of life throughout Surrey. From the volunteers in our libraries, to the befrienders preventing loneliness in our communities, we have some fantastic people doing brilliant things. They are an example to all of us. It's the ONE TEAM spirit in action.

Madam Chairman

What all of this shows is that by working together we can find more of the solutions needed to protect the services our residents value, revitalise our communities and offer each other the support that is needed. These solutions are to be found locally – with those who experience them, provide them and pay for them. And that is why much of the solution to our funding pressures will have to be found here – in Surrey.

As I speak, the country is embarking on a period of change. The new Prime Minister will begin the work to take the country out of the European Union. The more local government can do with its partners to solve its own problems and manage its own affairs the better it will be for everyone. I believe our residents recognise the pressures we face, they understand the importance of the public services we provide and I am confident that if local government were given the real freedom to manage its own affairs the people of Surrey would work with us to find more solutions. That's why I will be urging Theresa May – **who has been a local councillor at Merton for eight years herself** – to recognise that local government is one of the most efficient parts of government and that by using local government models, she can help tackle inequality and provide better services to everyone.

Madam Chairman

If she is bold. If she has confidence in our institutions and our communities. If she trusts local government to be a catalyst for change. Then the future will be bright for all of us. **The future will be bright for Surrey.**

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

TUESDAY 12 JULY 2016

**QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED UNDER THE PROVISIONS
OF STANDING ORDER 10.1**

MR MIKE GOODMAN, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

(1) MR ROBERT EVANS (STANWELL AND STANWELL MOOR) TO ASK:

There continues to be a large number of on-going anomalies regarding transport links with London, both with bus routes and in particular which Surrey stations are in zone 6 and which are not. Does the Council have any current plans to meet with the Department for Transport, Transport for London and the new Mayor's Office to see if a fairer system can be established?

Reply:

I agree with County Councillor Robert Evans that it is vital for this Council to continue to talk to and work with the Department for Transport and also Transport for London in considering cross border transport, ensuring that we collectively work hard to improve service for our residents. With the physical proximity to London, Surrey and the south east offers a real opportunity of a polycentric approach of delivering local growth as well as supporting the needs of the capital. We want to see greater integration and connectivity, linking places and people, not just with London but across the wider south east, including Surrey.

We regularly have positive and proactive discussions with Transport for London, discussing cross border bus services and suburban rail services, both of which provide access between Surrey and the Capital for residents of this county and London.

We are also in regular liaison with the Department for Transport and neighbouring councils, most recently on the opportunities the Buses Bill may afford this Council.

In recent weeks Officers have met with Transport for London to continue our discussions on potential further rail devolution, a subject that was raised at County Council in February of this year. We are also in discussion with peer Councils and government on this matter.

I hope this assures Members that by working with partners and government we are seeking to secure the best possible deal for our residents.

**MR DAVID HODGE, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND MRS HELYN CLACK,
CABINET MEMBER FOR WELLBEING AND HEALTH**

(2) MRS HAZEL WATSON (DORKING HILLS) TO ASK:

What are the likely financial consequences for the County Council as a result of the U.K leaving the EU? In particular, what direct funding does the County Council currently receive from the EU that would be at risk of being lost following the UK leaving the EU? What EU funding is also received indirectly by Surrey or the County Council via partner organisations such as the 2 Local Enterprise Partnerships, Surrey

Wildlife Trust, Surrey's universities and any other key organisations is at risk of being lost following the UK leaving the EU?

Reply:

The consequences of the outcome of the recent Referendum for the financial position of the county council will depend on a series of decisions that have yet to be made, including on public expenditure.

Future UK access to EU funding will be addressed as part of EU exit negotiations. At present, the council and other organisations in Surrey have access to various trans-national EU funds as well as European Structural and Investment Fund programmes managed at the level of Local Enterprise Partnerships to support growth and employment. The initial advice from national Government to LEPs is that these funds will remain available for the duration of the current programme up to 2020.

As more becomes known over the coming months, Members will be kept informed of developments.

MRS DENISE LE GAL, CABINET MEMBER FOR BUSINESS SERVICES AND RESIDENT EXPERIENCE

(3) MR WILL FORSTER (WOKING SOUTH) TO ASK:

Please will the Council confirm if all of the requests in the last two years under the Freedom of Information Act were responded to in the required time? If not, how many requests took longer than they should have?

Reply:

The Information Commissioner is the Regulator for FOI requests and has set a standard of 85% as a target response time. Of the 3,822 FOI requests received by the County Council in the last two years, 88% were responded to within the required time in 2015-16 and 91% the previous year. For the period 2015-16 we currently have no requests outstanding.

The FOI Act allows authorities to place requests on hold in certain circumstances, for example, if the request is not clear or gives insufficient detail to enable a response to be made. Some of the requests that have been received during the last two years fall into the category of requiring further clarification and are therefore not included in these statistics.

MR JOHN FUREY, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND FLOODING

(4) MR STEPHEN COOKSEY (DORKING SOUTH & THE HOLMWOODS) TO ASK:

The proposed Highways budget for 2016-2017 contains a proposal to save a significant amount of money by turning off street lights.

Would the Cabinet member for Highways please indicate:

- a) What criteria have been established in order to select those areas where street lights will be turned off?
- b) Whether a decision has been taken about whether lights will be turned off for a limited period or permanently and if for a limited period whether this period has been established?
- c) When and how will consultation be undertaken with local members and the local communities which have been selected for lights to be turned off?
- d) When is it proposed that this process will be implemented?

Reply:

The County Council is considering various ways to ensure our limited resources are spent in the most appropriate way for the benefit of our residents. This does include looking at how we illuminate the highway network. All four points to the question are explained below.

Part Night Lighting (where lights are switched off for some of the night) will initially be focussed in residential areas only. Any decisions will be based on work carried out by other Local Authorities who have implemented Part Night Lighting and research carried out by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM). Best practise has established a series of "Avoidance Criteria", if any of these factors are present Part Night Lighting will not be implemented on those specific roads. These factors include

- High volume traffic routes
- Locations where traffic calming measures such as chicanes and speed humps have been installed and require illumination
- Locations with formal Pedestrian Crossings
- Busy town centres
- Locations where the Police indicate that Part Night Lighting may have an adverse impact on crime
- Locations where a related Serious Road Traffic Collision has occurred during the proposed switch off period

All roads will be visited and risk assessed by officers prior to the implementation of Part Night Lighting against the above criteria.

Part Night Lighting has already been implemented by a number of Local Authorities. The LANTERNS study conducted by LSHTM and published in 2015 found no link to dimming and/or switching lights with any increase in crime or road traffic accidents. It is intended therefore that this will be a permanent change to the lighting profile in Surrey.

A presentation will be provided to Local Committee Chairs at its next meeting on 26th July which will be followed by the provision of a list of roads for each District or Borough. The implementation of Part Night Lighting will be widely publicised with detailed information available to residents in early September.

It is anticipated that the first phase which comprises approximately 33,000 lights and commence switch off from 1 October 2016. A further 12,000 lights are expected to move to Part Night Lighting in December 2016/January 2017 following the completion of site visits described above. The intention is that lights in affected roads will be turned off between midnight and 0500hrs every day.

MR DAVID HODGE, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

(5) MR JONATHAN ESSEX (REDHILL EAST) TO ASK:

I understand that the Three Southern Counties (3SCs) submitted a devolution prospectus to the Local Government Secretary in September 2015. Please can the Leader provide:

- An update on recent progress made and details of meetings held with outside bodies to Surrey County Council both in the run up to the prospectus being submitted to the government, and since that time. Please confirm which of these meetings were in public;
- Confirm what governance options are currently being considered for the 3SC proposal; and
- At what stage Surrey County Council is planning to invite scrutiny in public of the current prospectus prepared by Surrey Councillors, and when the public will be invited to give their views, such as in meetings or consultation in the future?

Reply:

Since the devolution prospectus was submitted in September 2015 there have been many discussions with Government, Members and partners. These include:

- a positive Ministerial challenge meeting with Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Baroness Williams in January;
- discussions with our MPs;
- meetings of all 26 local authority Leaders and Chairs of the Local Enterprise Partnerships;
- a Member seminar here on 11 February and briefings to District and Borough Members led by our Chief Executive;
- officer meetings with civil servants; and
- a 3SC newsletter is circulated regularly with updates on progress. I recommend all Members sign up to receive it at https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKESCC/subscriber/new?topic_id=UKESCC_121 to help keep up to date with developments.

The Government recognises that our proposals are ambitious - rightly so with our residents' best interests at heart. Government has also made clear that the more ambitious the proposals, the more robust it expects governance arrangements to be. On the basis that form follows function, all governance options, including a combined authority or an elected mayor, are on the table.

Before any decisions are made, including on governance, each of the 3SC authorities will bring the proposed deal to their Council's membership to secure 'in-principle' approval.

Assuming this is secured, a governance review will be conducted to give residents, Members and partners the opportunity to express their views and help ensure any deal is right for the area.

MR RICHARD WALSH, CABINET MEMBER FOR LOCALITIES AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING

(6) MR MICHAEL SYDNEY (LINGFIELD) TO ASK:

In August 2015 you informed me by letter that only two members of library service staff had been given redundancy payments following the Library Service Staffing Review.

According to SCC FOI responses, 82 members of library service staff left between December 2014 when the Staffing Review started and October 1st 2015. By January 2016 this had increased to 91. Of the 15 who retired only two informed SCC of their intention to do so prior to the Review?

The new Library Service staffing structure introduced new ways of working, moving away from the traditional decades long staffing model with staff based at one location, to a team based model involving many staff members, many working part time hours, in roving posts/roles requiring base relocation and, in some cases, base rotation at up to 5 locations, and County wide travel.

Yet, from the outset, staff were told that there was no question of redundancy and, despite lobbying from the Trade Union, Unison, with whom I was in touch, requesting that SCC "urgently" circulate vital information to all affected staff, including those who had left, regarding all their rights and options in the restructure, the only message that did materialise was in an internal bulletin in May 2015. This was circulated six months after the start of the Review, three months after the end of the consultation period, two months after staff had to submit preference forms, and a week before staff had to take up their new posts. Since you sent the extract to me in August 2015, you are aware that this solely related to staff who had been offered a suitable alternative role and who were already part way through the four week trial period.

I have seen an e-mail from Unison's Regional Organiser sent in July 2015 which states "it would have been a good idea for clear information to have been provided to all affected staff explaining the law in relation to redundancy and redeployment in the context of the reorganisation. Having been copied in to emails during April and early May, and having had some input into the situation locally at that time, it was my assumption that this would then be pursued by the employer (SCC) with UNISON locally, and I would also have assumed that if that was not forthcoming from the employer that it would have been wise for the local branch to circulate the information themselves directly to UNISON members.

To provide this information directly to members of UNISON now would cause unnecessary confusion, as staff who have stayed and been re-deployed into alternative employment have now been working in those jobs for longer than the length of the statutory trial period, and therefore have no right to invoke these issues now to seek to leave the organisation with a redundancy payment. It is, effectively, too late to be of any use to those still employed."

My question to you is why did SCC adopt a policy of withholding vital information from Library Staff regarding all their options and rights in the staffing restructure? And how much money did this policy save the County?

Reply:

Thank you for your question, referring to the changes that have been made in the library service in particular to Lingfield Library.

The library service restructure was designed to ensure a sustainable library service, responding to economic pressures and technological change. Implementation was in accordance with the Council's published Change Management Policy, which is available on S-Net and in addition to a formal consultation period there was written documentation, local meetings, personal interviews and surgeries, a Frequently Asked Questions bulletin and staff bulletin. Regular meetings were held with Unison throughout the process.

Key principles of SCC's Change Management Policy include:

- Avoiding redundancies through careful planning and exploring tried and new ways to achieve it.
- Ensuring that redeployment is offered to employees who are at risk of redundancy thereby retaining where possible valuable skills, experience and knowledge within the council.

Support, including financial support for relocation was available to staff to help manage the transition.

I am pleased that we have been able to ensure continuity of employment for so many people. A number of staff have left for a variety of personal reasons. There is, of course, always some turnover of staff on a yearly basis and the figures you have quoted do not seem exceptionally high.

I have always been very conscious on my visits to our libraries throughout Surrey of how highly valued our staff and volunteers are by the users and communities in which they operate and it has always been this council's policy to strongly support our staff during any changes which may affect them. We consider that the changes that we have made will help to continue to keep all our libraries open and provide a good quality service to our residents. Alongside this, we have been able to make a year on year saving of £220,000 which as we all know is essential to ensure that we meet our budget.

DOROTHY ROSS-TOMLIN, CHAIRMAN OF POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

(7) MR ROBERT EVANS (STANWELL AND STANWELL MOOR) TO ASK: 2nd question

Has Surrey County Council had any discussions with the new County's Police and Crime Commissioner about the possible sale of the headquarters of Surrey Police, i.e. Mount Browne?

Reply:

Since the election of the new Police and Crime Commissioner in May 2016, the Surrey Police and Crime Panel have not had any discussions with the Commissioner about the possible sale of the Surrey Police headquarters. An item to discuss the Commissioner's estate strategy has been added to the Panel's work programme for future discussion.

**MRS CLARE CURRAN, CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
WELLBEING**

(8) MRS HAZEL WATSON (DORKING HILLS) TO ASK: (2nd question)

How many hours per week is each County Council youth centre open for after school or evening youth provision? Please list each youth centre by name and location. How many youth worker vacancies are there?

Reply:

Thank you for your question. This answer demands a large amount of data, so I will send you the detailed information after the meeting. The information will also be made available for any other Member on request.

**MRS DENISE LE GAL, CABINET MEMBER FOR BUSINESS SERVICES AND
RESIDENT EXPERIENCE**

(9) MR JONATHAN ESSEX (REDHILL EAST) TO ASK: 2nd question

Please can you confirm the pay rates (including agency fee) that Surrey County Council pays for its highest 10 paid agency staff, and the directorates within which these agency staff are employed?

Reply:

The Council employs a range of specialist agency staff who provide cover for vacancies (short and longer term) or specialist skills for short duration work. The directorates employing the highest paid locums are Business Services and Children's, Schools and Families.

The highest paid locums in Business Services are generally engaged as specialists on developmental projects with hourly rates of pay (including agency mark up) in the range £46 to £79.

The remaining highest paid locums are in Children's, Schools and Families and are generally engaged in specialist assessment roles working directly with Children with hourly rates of pay (including agency mark up) in the range £59 to £76.

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CABINET MEMBER UPDATE TO FULL COUNCIL

NAME: Peter Martin

PORTFOLIO: Economy and Prosperous Places

MEETING DATE: 12 July 2016

Local Growth Fund 3

The Government has invited Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) to submit bids for a third round of Local Growth Deal Funding (LGF). Both Coast to Capital and Enterprise M3 LEPs were successful in securing funding from Growth Deal rounds 1 and 2 to support investment in Surrey in schemes such as Runnymede roundabout and improvements on the A22.

Growth Deal Round 3 will be a competitive process, probably to a greater extent than was the case with first two rounds. The Government will be looking for proposals that will deliver new houses, jobs, and significant private sector investment. In this round, the Government has indicated that proposals aligned to Combined Authorities or elected mayors will have an advantage.

The Government has confirmed that a total of £1.8bn of LGF is available to LEPs, with additional funding for housing and transport available through centralised bidding. LEPs are currently developing their bids. Final submissions from the LEPs will be sent to Government at the end of July, with an announcement expected in the Autumn Statement although the process is clearly subject to considerable uncertainty given the changes that will be taking place in Government over the coming months.

Coast to Capital (C2C)

C2C are currently assessing applications for Round 3, including bids for funding from the county council and the East Surrey boroughs and districts. A long list of projects from across the LEP area will be refined down to a form a package of investment focused on five themes; transport, skills and education, housing, business space and enterprise and urban regeneration.

Enterprise M3 (EM3)

The Enterprise M3 bid will also cover a broad range of themes, including transport, infrastructure, skills and enterprise and innovation. The process of assessing bids has been led by the EM3 Programme Management Board and the LEP Board, with strong support from Surrey County Council Cabinet members and senior officers.

The County Council is working with borough councils to submit a number of schemes. The EM3 bid will include a number of projects that will support economic growth in Surrey, including a package of support for Guildford, a Blackwater Valley package and support for other schemes across the west of the county. The bid also includes some cross-border projects, such as a scheme to support provision of broadband to businesses, which has been developed in partnership with Hampshire County Council.

CABINET MEMBER UPDATE TO FULL COUNCIL

NAME: Mike Goodman

PORTFOLIO: Environment & Planning

MEETING DATE: 12 July 2016

Rail Strategy

In our rail strategy we set out what we need to do to improve the rail offer with three clear priorities. We will shortly be publishing an update that reflects our progress in this area.

For Crossrail 2, Epsom, Hampton Court and Shepperton are the proposed origin stations in Surrey. We have completed an assessment of the scheme to identify the optimum configuration of Crossrail 2 services for Surrey, understand the best use of released capacity and provide an evidence base for design development and consultation. This work has enabled us to respond in detail to the TfL led Crossrail 2 consultation and the Growth Commission's call for evidence. It has also given an evidence base in supporting the case for Dorking and Woking be assessed as part of scheme.

Secondly, the North Downs Line has lacked investment and a clear strategy; yet there is substantial potential for future growth that will support our own growth agenda as this unique orbital railway links key areas of employment and growth, including Gatwick, Redhill, Guildford, the Blackwater Valley, Reading and potentially Oxford. Working with Great Western Rail we are pressing Government / the Minister to commit to an advanced programme of investment, including electrification and additional services.

Thirdly, for Access to Airports we are undertaking a project to review the various proposals for a southern rail access to Heathrow Airport from Surrey. This will advise us on the preferred option(s) that we should be supporting and the costs, benefits, issues and opportunities arising from these options so we can secure the best outcome for Surrey in terms of connectivity to Heathrow Airport.

Local Transport Review

Feedback collected as part of the year two consultation process completed earlier this year was carefully analysed and the views of all those who took part were taken into account when drawing up the final proposals with bus operators. The final proposals were then reviewed by a Member Reference Group, Local Area Committee Chairmen and the Economic Prosperity, Environment and Highways Board, before consideration and approval by Cabinet on 24 May 2016.

We are now entering the mobilisation phase of this 3-year programme. We are preparing communications to our residents and stakeholder setting out changes that are to be made to local bus services in Surrey. We remain on track to deliver £2m of savings by 2018.

Waste Strategy

SCC continues to work with Surrey districts and boroughs, through the Surrey Waste Partnership, to encourage residents to recycle more of their waste. Recent examples of this include a 'no food waste' stickers on bins project which significantly increased food waste recycling and is expected to deliver savings of over £350,000 to SCC in 2016/17, and a textiles recycling campaign which won the LGC Campaign of the Year (ceremony was on 16 March 2016).

Recent work within the SWP has focused around how to deliver further performance improvements and how savings can be realised across the two tiers of local government. In May 2016, Cabinet supported the principle of a single co-ownership approach to waste management in the county. This would deliver savings and offer best value to the Surrey taxpayer. SCC will work with colleagues in district and borough councils to develop a detailed proposal by autumn 2016.

Newlands Corner

We are now about to submit applications for a revised project to improve Newlands Corner. Following public engagement the project has been revised to include the refurbishment of the toilets, resurfacing of the all ability trail along with the installation of play and education pieces and benches. Recent feedback has been positive about the improved accessibility for people with disabilities and families. The income generated from parking charges will fund the ongoing management of this site and is part of the wider business plan for the Countryside Estate. A leaflet is now available on site setting out the improvements and our website will be updated with information as the project progresses.

CABINET MEMBER UPDATE TO FULL COUNCIL

NAME: John Furey
PORTFOLIO: Highways, Transport and Flooding
MEETING DATE: 12 July 2016

Operation Horizon

The first quarter of the fourth year of Operation Horizon has seen 61 schemes undertaken which covers a distance of over 33 miles. Condition data collected over the last year has identified that the percentage of “red” sections on the network has reduced from 17% to 12%. This means that by the end of 3rd year of Operation Horizon, we have met the condition target set for the overall programme, a fantastic achievement.

Further to the approval of the Highway Asset Strategy last month, the highways team are now working on the next Horizon programme which will cover not just roads, but also pavements, bridges, traffic signals and other key assets. Members have been asked to help the highways team to identify the most in need road and pavement schemes in their area through the June round of the local committee process and I would encourage you all to engage with them.

We have also begun the first of 5-6 years of the pavement horizon programme which will see renewal of pavements in high priority areas including town and village centres, as well as areas around schools, health centres and hospitals. We will also be carrying out a programme of preventative maintenance which will extend the useful life of pavements that have not yet significantly deteriorated. The programme has seen a relatively slow start as we have consulted with members to ensure that we are carrying out the right schemes, however we have already renewed nearly 5 miles of pavements and expect to carry out a further 55 miles by the end of the year.

Flooding

Flooding remains a priority issue for the people of Surrey and we are continuing to reduce the risk it presents across the County. We currently have 19 flood alleviation schemes in development which will better protect residents. The Council is also doing all it can to support progression of the River Thames Scheme, which will significantly reduce flooding to a large number of properties, infrastructure and businesses in Spelthorne, Elmbridge and Runnymede.

We are also working closely with communities in order to understand what their local priorities are in relation to flood risk. To this end we are currently supporting 43 flood action groups throughout Surrey by providing them with information, advice and allowing them input into how, when and where we carry out works to reduce flooding.

Coast 2 Capital and EM3 bids

A number of Coast 2 Capital and EM3 LEP bids have been submitted for Government funding, the outcome of which is expected in September. I will circulate to members the full list of bids after County Council.

The total scheme value for Coast 2 Capital bids is £97,100,000.
The total scheme value for EM3 bids is £212,725,750.

CABINET MEMBER UPDATE TO FULL COUNCIL

NAME: Melville Few

PORTFOLIO: Adult Social Care

MEETING DATE: 12 July 2016

First investment in accommodation with Care and Support approved by Cabinet

In line with the approved strategy to provided in County County accommodation to the growing numbers of residents who have high level needs such as autism. In June the Cabinet approved the construction of specialised accommodation for 10 young adults who will transition from children's services during the next three years. The location of these homes will be in Alfold on a property purchased by the County last year. Planning application is now being completed for submission to the Waverley Borough Council.

Liquid Logic system in the final stages

Nearly 1000 staff have now completed their online My e-learning training. Work is now focused on ensuring data quality before migration.

Go Live is expected by early September 2016. I would like to thank all staff who have worked to make this conversion within time and budget

Young Carers programme for the Military established

The service has been successful in recruiting a lead to establish this service.

Young carers in military families can have different responsibilities from other young carers in that they may be caring for a parent who has been injured in service or has post-traumatic stress disorder, as well as potentially caring for a parent (often a mother with her own health problems) or a sibling.

As many military families live away from their extended family and support networks, these young carers often face more caring responsibilities than their non-military peers. For a variety of cultural reasons, including the need for frequent relocation and the tendency to try to look after themselves, the carers tend not to readily reach out for external support.

Grants and Contracts

The full review of grants to the voluntary organisations is nearing completion.

The equalities impact assessments will be completed by the end of July and discussions with the VCFS and D&Bs will continue in-line with the existing Surrey COMPACT and contract arrangements

This work was commissioned as part of the work required to enable the service to deliver its allocated savings target for this year of £55m.

CABINET MEMBER UPDATE TO FULL COUNCIL

NAME: Clare Curran

PORTFOLIO: Cabinet Member for Children and Families Wellbeing

MEETING DATE: 12 July 2016

Children's Improvement Plan

As part of our improvement plan arrangements we had a constructive review meeting with the Department for Education (DfE) on 1 July 2016. They confirmed our own assessment that there are some encouraging signs of improvement in our practice. The DfE also recognised that we have strengthened our leadership capacity and improved partnership working, putting us in a stronger position to drive sustained improvement.

At the same time they confirmed the significant challenges we know still need addressing, such as ensuring the consistency of practice across the whole county and continued high caseloads for practitioners.

Importantly, throughout the review our DfE advisor heard positive feedback from staff on the Safer Surrey approach to practice we are now using. Safer Surrey is a strengths-based approach to social work practice that works on the belief that children and their families have the strengths, resources and ability to recover from adversities. It creates a common language to be used by all professionals and means we work with children and families so they can help themselves. This child-centred approach brings better outcomes for children. Our partners are also committed to using the Safer Surrey approach in their work with children and families.

There is an all Member Seminar on the Children's Improvement Plan on 12 September 2016.

The screenshot displays the 'Safer Surrey practice guide' website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Menu', and 'Contact us' links, a search bar, and a user profile icon. The main content area is titled 'Safer Surrey practice guide' and includes a section 'What is Safer Surrey?' with text explaining the approach. A video player shows a woman speaking, with text 'Safer Surrey practice guide booklet and website'. Below this is a search bar for the practice guide and radio buttons for search filters: 'All words', 'Any words', and 'Exact phrase'. A grid of four colorful tiles represents different resources: 'values', 'key principles', 'key questions', and 'toolkit'. At the bottom, there is a section 'A child's journey through the process' with four small images. The footer shows 'Logged in as' and a 'Logout' button.

Screenshot of Safer Surrey guide on the website

CABINET MEMBER UPDATE TO FULL COUNCIL

NAME: Linda Kemeny

PORTFOLIO: Schools, Skills and Educational Achievement

MEETING DATE: 12 July 2016

Surrey's Schools – The Next Phase: The impact of the Department for Education's White Paper – Educational Excellence Everywhere – published in March 2016 continues to be discussed with Headteachers and their Chairs of Governors. The Council's response to the government's proposals focused on supporting choice, protecting small and rural schools, ensuring effective and local accountability, championing an inclusive education system, and working with the DfE in the best interests of Surrey's communities, their schools, and children. A programme of discussions is planned by the Education team in the autumn with smaller groups of community schools which may like to engage with the local authority to consider ways of more collaborative working which could lead to more formal joint arrangements later. This may also address the tougher financial situation which many schools, particularly smaller schools, are facing. Self-sustaining models of school improvement will also be developed in partnership with our teaching schools and national and local leaders of education to help maintain Surrey's high performing rate of over 93% of schools judged by Ofsted as 'Good' or 'Outstanding'. In the interim, a targeted school improvement plan will be introduced by our partners Babcock 4S from September 2016 until August 2017 when local authority involvement in school improvement is due to cease.

School Place Commissioning – Update: Once again, in September 2016 the local authority will be providing over 3,000 more school places, 2,545 in primary and 520 in secondary schools. Of these, 730 bulge class places have been commissioned (640 primary, 90 secondary places) and 2,335 permanent places (1,905 primary, 430 secondary). The largest number of additional permanent primary places this year is in Elmbridge, with Reigate and Banstead in second place, accounting together for more than half of the permanent places. Permanent secondary places will be completed in Waverley and Woking, and there has been sufficient surplus capacity to meet demand in most other areas of the county. More new free schools sponsored by established education providers in Surrey are also set to be delivered over the next few years.

Surrey Area Review of Post-16 Education: The Review which started in March 2016 is finalising recommendations for college provision in Surrey which will be published in September. The proposals will strengthen collaborative working to improve the responsiveness to the needs of employers and young people, as well as recommending ways to increase provision. New approaches will include the development of better information, advice and guidance for young people, working with the Department for Education. The Review also recognises the need to meet the demands of demographic growth and to provide locally for more learners with special educational needs and disabilities. Surrey County Council, working with our Local Enterprise Partnerships, will take a lead in ensuring we have strong local arrangements to build on the opportunities highlighted by the Area Review.

CABINET MEMBER UPDATE TO FULL COUNCIL

NAME: Helyn Clack

PORTFOLIO: Wellbeing and Health

MEETING DATE: 12 July 2016

Public Health

I am concerned that the Public Health Grant allocation for Surrey which was already the lowest in England at £22 per head of population has been further reduced. Public Health Service delivery includes school nursing, health visiting, substance misuse, sexual health services and other areas including childhood obesity and health checks. It is also likely that the ring fenced protection of the grant will be removed in the next couple of years. Difficult times ahead will mean difficult decisions. Look out for the new Weight Management Service delivering the "Alive and Kicking" programme across Surrey from 12th September 2016. Public Health are working with the Weight Management Centre and are developing a comprehensive communication and engagement plan across health, social care and schools.

Sustainable Transformational Plans STPs

Sustainability and Transformation Plans are a new approach to ensure that health and social care services are built around the needs of local populations. The three STP's in Surrey: Surrey Heartlands STP, Frimley Health and Care STP and Sussex and East Surrey STP signal the next phase in delivering the NHS' Five Year Forward View. We have a significant role to play in ensuring these STPs are successful. The County Council has developed strong relationships with CCG partners over the past three years, and I will continue to highlight the importance of strong political engagement from all Local Government partners in Surrey in regard to STPs.

Health and Wellbeing Board

I welcomed Dr David Eyre-Brook, from Guildford and Waverley CCG as this year's new co-chair of the Board in April, rotation provides opportunities for all CCG representatives to be equally involved in the activity of the Board. The Health and Wellbeing Board has now approved the Better Care Fund Plan for 2016/17. As well as setting improved targets for integrating health and social care across the County, the plan for 2016/17 also commits Surrey County Council and the six Clinical Commissioning Groups to collectively contribute an additional £2 million in funding towards the BCF. This means that for 2016/17 a total of £73.1 million will be available for health and social care integration projects in Surrey. The Board has discussed STPs, Domestic Abuse and Air Quality, along with regular updates on the progress of the priorities of the Board included in the Surrey Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The Board has also agreed to encourage organisations to pay under 25 year olds the National Living Wage as opposed to the National Minimum Wage. The Board now has a performance dashboard which visually represents the performance of the Board and enables us to track progress on health and wellbeing outcomes of residents. This will be available on the Healthy Surrey website. From March to July the Board approved the Surrey Better Care Fund Plan, Surrey Transforming Care Plan, Surrey Digital Roadmaps Plan, Surrey Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Supplementary Statement

EU Matters

Releasing European Structural and Investment Fund (ESIF) grants in the Coast to Capital area, - on the management committee for which I sit, - remains a frustratingly slow process. However, applications from the Council itself and other Surrey organisations have now passed first stage approval and will hopefully be contracted by the end of the year. The PURPLE network, which I chair, has recently gained NGO status in its own right enabling it to apply directly for EU funding for the first time - it is already a member of a consortium which has successfully passed phase one of an application process under the EU Horizon 2020 programme".

Woking victorious at 20th annual P&G Surrey Youth Games

The event, held at Surrey Sports Park over the weekend of 18-19 June, welcomed over **2,000** young people from across Surrey who competed in 14 different sports. Events included badminton, boxing, netball and squash and Woking was named the winner of the overall borough trophy, awarded for consistency across the range of sports. They beat last year's champions Epsom & Ewell into second place with Spelthorne finishing third.

Every borough picked up at least one medal, with Reigate & Banstead and Surrey Heath topping the medals table with five Golds each. Woking and Epsom & Ewell shared the award for highest number of teams entered with 30 apiece, while the Fair Play award, selected by each event's officials, went to Elmbridge. Active Surrey, the County Sports Partnership on which I sit as a board member appointed by the county council works with sponsors, all 12 local authorities, sports governing bodies and almost 500 event, team and sport volunteers. After ten years as sponsor Procter & Gamble have handed over to Specsavers, who have agreed to be sponsor for the next five years. Full results and further details on www.activesurrey.com

CABINET MEMBER UPDATE TO FULL COUNCIL

NAME: Richard Walsh

PORTFOLIO: Localities and Community Wellbeing

MEETING DATE: July 2016

Heritage

Work on the WW1 Centenary project "Surrey in the Great War: A County Remembers" continues to gather momentum. Over 100 Surrey volunteers have now been trained and are hard at work. The majority are engaged in transcribing relevant stories from all of the Surrey newspapers published between 1914-22. A gargantuan task. Fascinating stories are being contributed to the website, including the memories of the oldest contributor who is aged 101.

Libraries

Geek Week and Makercart - At the end of March, the Library service ran its first 'Geek Week' at Guildford library. Nearly 200 people between 7 and 80 attended a range of events with technological themes, including robotics, gaming, and coding. As a result of this, Councillor Brett-Warburton allocated ward funds to allow us to buy a Makercart, equipped with electronics, robotics, a digital paper cutter, a 3D printer, and a library of projects I am proud to announce that we are the first public library in Europe to be part of the Makercorps programme, which is helping us to develop a programme of events that we will deliver to children aged 9-11 over the course of the summer using the Makercart.

We are working with Halifax and Barclays who are providing volunteers to develop a programme of tablet support sessions across the service, for people over 55; we have already run a number of extremely popular workshops

Dementia Coffee sessions - Since February 2016 Surrey Libraries have been organising a series of coffee sessions to support people living with dementia.

Supporting the wellbeing of young people - Launched in April "Shelf help" is our latest offering to support wellbeing. Aimed at young people it offers a fantastic range of titles to support their mental health and covers issues common at that age. Every book is endorsed by health professionals, the charity Young Minds, and young people with firsthand experience.

Partnership work with the Chinese Association of Woking - Surrey Libraries are working in partnership with the Chinese Association of Woking (CAW) to build up a collection of 1500 books in Mandarin for children.

Surrey Arts

Surrey Open Artists Studios, June - This year the number of artists taking part was greatly increased with 23% more than in 2015, and a lot of artists taking part for the first time. This resulted in a wider choice of studios for the public to visit, with over 1,200 separate studio opening days. Early indications are that artists sales beat last year's record.

Primary Schools Music Festival – 21 March-13 June - 11 concerts with primary schools from all over Surrey. Running for over 20 years, these concerts involve over 3,000 pupils from 100 schools performing a featured music piece learnt at school leading up to each concert.

The UP! Orchestra - See the Carnival <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mHqebbbqoBw8>

The Up Orchestra is in final preparations for performing at the International Music Education Conference in Glasgow. The trip to Glasgow for Surrey Young People to be represented on the world stage at this extremely important conference was made possible through the initiative and support of Surrey County Council members. Even more exciting - the UP! Orchestra has now been invited to perform as part of the Official Paralympic celebrations at the Olympic Park in London to coincide with the Rio Paralympics in September.

Registration and Nationality Service

In the last 6 years the service has done 186,000 registrations and 23,000 marriage ceremonies.

CABINET MEMBER UPDATE TO FULL COUNCIL

NAME: Denise Le Gal

PORTFOLIO: Business Support and Resident Experience

MEETING DATE: 12 July 2016

Pay and Reward

I'm delighted to inform Council that we have reached collective agreement with our trades unions on the pay and reward proposals and the pay settlement for schools. We are making arrangements for implementation of the changes with July salaries.

Already we have seen a step change improvement in appraisal completion; we are on target for 100% completion of appraisals where staff will receive performance related pay.

The pay and reward strategy has been developed through a substantial and joint effort between members and officers and following the largest staff engagement exercise we have undertaken in the last 10 years.

It represents a package of improvements which are beneficial to staff and balanced with changes which mean the council has affordable flexibility to meet resident needs and will continue development of a 'one team', high-performance culture. Importantly, the review will establish improved pay progression and address a central concern of staff highlighted in the staff survey.

In reaching agreement, important concessions have been made by trades unions around performance related pay and reducing the cost of flexibility in the workforce. This demonstrates the maturity and quality of our industrial relations.

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