

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET
HELD ON 30 MAY 2017 AT 2.00 PM
AT ASHCOMBE SUITE, COUNTY HALL, KINGSTON UPON THAMES,
SURREY KT1 2DN.**

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

Members:

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| * Mr David Hodge (Chairman) | * Mr Mike Goodman |
| * Mr John Furey (Vice-Chairman) | * Mrs Mary Lewis |
| * Mrs Helyn Clack | * Mr Colin Kemp |
| * Mrs Clare Curran | Mr Tim Oliver |
| Mr Mel Few | * Ms Denise Turner-Stewart |

* = Present

Members in attendance:

Mrs Hazel Watson, Leader of the Surrey Opposition Forum
Mrs Kay Hammond, Chairman of the Overview and Budget Scrutiny Committee

**PART ONE
IN PUBLIC**

82/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Apologies were received from Mr Mel Few and Mr Tim Oliver.

83/17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 27 APRIL 2017 [Item 2]

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2017 were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

84/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

There were none.

85/17 PROCEDURAL MATTERS [Item 4]

1 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS [Item 4a]

Two questions were received from Mrs Hazel Watson and responses are attached at Appendix 1.

Mrs Watson asked a supplementary question regarding her second question asking the Leader to confirm whether the County Council will be submitting evidence to the Government on any adverse impacts of a 'dementia tax' on Surrey residents. The Leader stated that the Council will respond to any consultations on this matter in the best interests of the residents of Surrey.

86/17 PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 4b]

There were none.

87/17 PETITIONS [Item 4c]

No petitions were received.

88/17 REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED ON REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE [Item 4d]

None received.

89/17 REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES, TASK GROUPS, LOCAL COMMITTEES AND OTHER COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL [Item 5]

No reports were received.

90/17 PROPOSED DE-COMMISSIONING OF EXTERNALLY COMMISSIONED YOUNG PEOPLE'S EARLY HELP SERVICES [Item 6]

The Cabinet Member for Children introduced the report and informed the Cabinet that this was a difficult paper to present but it was necessary due to the difficult financial circumstances. She explained that the Council and its partners were currently working together to look at how Early Help was provided and the outcomes being delivered. She stated that there was a need to provide value for money services that met the needs of children and that it was with regret that this paper sought approval to de-commission the Early Help services that were currently commissioned through the Local Committees.

Members were informed that this would achieve a £250,000 saving in the current year and more over the longer term. It was also confirmed that this would not impact on the 1-1 Local Prevention support or the Year 11/12 Transition.

Mrs Kay Hammond, Chairman of the Overview and Budget Scrutiny Committee was in attendance and asked a question regarding the consultation period and whether this was in line with the Surrey Compact agreement and the Monitoring Officer confirmed that the work undertaken was Compact compliant.

The Equalities Impact Assessment was discussed in depth and Members queried what support that would be provided to vulnerable children. It was confirmed that this was only one part of the range of services provided and that Looked After Children and disadvantaged children were a particular group that would be targeted as a priority. Members were also told that signposting to other services would take place.

Members expressed concern as to whether the named organisations set out within the submitted report would be able to continue to deliver services with the de-commission occurring. They were informed that the Council owed a great deal of thanks to these providers for the work they had done to date and it had been confirmed that they would continue to run as businesses if this decision was implemented.

RESOLVED:

The Cabinet agreed to de-commission Neighbourhood Local Prevention Grants so funding ceases on 31 August 2017.

Reasons for decisions

This is recommended so that the Council delivers the change to grants necessary for the required savings in the Medium Term Financial plan for 2017/18 and 2018/19, whilst protecting investment in the most strategically critical services, and preparing for the wider transformation of early help.

91/17 PART NIGHT STREET LIGHTING - ALTERNATIVE FUNDING MODEL [Item 7]

The Cabinet Member for Highways reminded Members that the Cabinet had approved the implementation of Part Night Street Lighting in October 2016. He said that many other authorities had also taken similar action and all of the lights selected had focussed on non-traffic routes and had been risk assessed against a number of "Avoidance Criteria" which if present would mean the lights would be left on.

He went on to explain that there was a process in place to ask for roads to be reassessed and stated that there was currently a delay with processing these and he requested that residents note that this was due to Surrey Police and the Council's Road Safety Team needing to examine each situation on a case by case basis.

He highlighted that the £210,000 saving would pay for 1 kilometre of major repair on the highway or 5 kilometres of surface dressing.

He explained that since the implementation of Part Night Lighting, some partner councils had expressed an interest in covering the cost of keeping the lights were currently included in Part Night Lighting programme on. He stated that the report sought authority to start conversations with those interested in this with a view to drawing up five year agreements with invoices to be issued twice a year.

The environmental effect of CO2 was discussed and it was confirmed that this would equate to a 2% reduction in carbon taxes.

Members agreed that it was important to listen to residents views however there was a need to ensure that the full cost of officer time involved in the programme needed to be incorporated into the overall charges. It was also reflected that there have been a number of comments made by residents who are in support of having the lights turned off with reasons including being able to see the night sky, improved sleep as the streetlight near a bedroom window and a positive impact on wildlife.

The Cabinet Member for Highways stated that to date, only one borough had expressed a wish to take this approach forward and that was largely due to its vicinity to Heathrow Airport and having a large number of shift workers living in this area.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Cabinet approved the implementation of a mechanism (as detailed in paragraphs 16-19 of the submitted report) to allow District/Borough Councils to enhance the level of service and request all lights in their area be excluded from Part Night Lighting and to reimburse the County Council the full value of savings that would be realised by switching them off.
2. That authority be delegated to the Head of Highways and Transport, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways, to enter into specific agreements with requesting District or Borough Councils.

Reasons for Decisions

District and Borough Councils have their own budgets and across the County will have differing local priorities. Enabling them to request lights be excluded from Part Night lighting allows them to respond to those differing priorities by enhancing the level of service provided over and above that delivered by the County Council.

92/17 LEADER / DEPUTY LEADER / CABINET MEMBER AND INVESTMENT BOARD DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST CABINET MEETING [Item 8]

RESOLVED:

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

Reasons for Decision

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

Meeting closed at 2.40pm

Chairman

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PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Member Questions

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

Please outline the work that the County Council has done since the beginning of the year to lobby the Government over the Crossrail 2 project.

Reply:

Crossrail 2 is a clear and stated priority in our Surrey Rail Strategy. It is a vital scheme and has the ability to deliver a huge boost to the UK economy.

Crossrail 2 predicts that some 200,000 jobs and 200,000 new homes will result from the scheme, making a major contribution to solving the housing crisis and supporting key employment centres. In addition, Crossrail 2 will support many thousands of jobs across the country. This is because it forms a key part of the national infrastructure pipeline giving manufacturing businesses the certainty they need to invest in skills and training to deliver world-class products.

For these reasons the Leader pressed the case for an early and positive investment decision on Crossrail 2 with the Chancellor of the Exchequer prior to the dissolution of Parliament. The team here at Surrey has also continued to work proactively with the promoters of the scheme, alongside our Borough and District colleagues. We will continue this work throughout 2017, pressing the case for investment and assisting with the development of this vital scheme.

Several meetings have been held in recent months, with a detailed consultation planned for this Summer looking at the next phase of scheme detail. We are ready to continue to work with the Government after the election.

Mr Mike Goodman
Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport
30 May 2017

Question (2) from Mrs Hazel Watson (Dorking Hills):

What does the Cabinet Member believe would be the suitable level for a cap on social care costs were one to be introduced and how would this affect Surrey residents?

Reply:

The Cabinet Member welcomes the government's plan to introduce a cap on care costs as this will safeguard Surrey's residents from facing excessive care costs. The Government has confirmed its plans to publish a green paper on social care later in the year after the general election.

Mr Mel Few
Cabinet Member for Adults
30 May 2017

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