

CABINET

The following decisions were taken by the Cabinet on Tuesday, 27 February 2018 and will take effect on 08/03/2017 unless the call-in procedure has been triggered. **CALL-IN DEADLINE: 07/03/17.**

The following represents a summary of the decisions taken by the Cabinet. It is not intended to represent the formal record of the meeting but to facilitate the call-in process. The formal minutes will be published in due course to replace this decision sheet.

County Members wishing to request a call-in on any of these matters, should contact the Senior Manager for Scrutiny or relevant Democratic Services Officer.

The Cabinet at its meeting on Tuesday, 27 February 2018 considered the following matters and resolved:

- **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** (Item 2)

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2018 were agreed.

- **PROCEDURAL MATTERS** (Item 4)

- **Members' Questions** (Item 4a)

There were three questions received from one Member. The questions and responses were published as a supplement to the agenda.

- **PUBLIC QUESTIONS** (Item 4b)

There were no questions from members of the public.

- **EARLY HELP STRATEGY** (Item 6)

RESOLVED:

1. That the proposed Early Help Strategy and development of the place-based Local Family Partnership model across Surrey be agreed.
2. To delegate to the Assistant Director, Commissioning and Prevention, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children, decision making on any minor changes to the Early Help Strategy arising from discussions at the Early Help Transformation Board and Children and Young People's Partnership.
3. That the specific high-level Early Help commitments for Surrey County Council set out below, be endorsed:
 - Transform SCC services through integration with others at a local level;
 - Coordinate partners at county and local levels to implement the Early Help Strategy;
 - Identify children who need Early Help through the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub and provide case management

and coordination (with others) for children and families with multiple needs;

- Commission local, place-based preventative services with our partners; and
- Maintain a robust joint-understanding with partners of the needs of children and families in Surrey and the impact of Early Help.

Reasons for Decisions

The proposed new Early Help Strategy and system model, with Local Family Partnerships at its heart, will put children first, ensuring they receive the integrated Early Help they need, as soon as it is required. In this model, as partner and Council services are increasingly having to focus on families with higher levels of need, an integrated offer will be developed with other community partners taking an increasing role in meeting the more common and less acute needs. The new strategy will enable us to respond to the challenges of reduced public funding and increased demand by more effectively aligning Council resources with those of partners. This will support the longer-term financial sustainability of the Council and partners, as well as improving outcomes for children.

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

- **OAKWOOD SECONDARY SCHOOL, HORLEY - SCHOOLS BASIC NEED EXPANSION PROJECT** (Item 7)

RESOLVED:

That, subject to the agreement of the detailed financial information for the expansion set out in Part 2 of this report, the business case for the provision of an additional 2 Forms of Entry worth of secondary places in Horley be approved.

Reason for Decision

The proposal supports the Authority's statutory obligation to provide sufficient school places, relative to demand.

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

- **MONTHLY BUDGET MONITORING REPORT** (Item 8)

RESOLVED:

That the Cabinet noted the following:

1. Forecast revenue budget outturn for 2017/18 is £6m overspend (Annex 1, paragraphs 1 and 7 to 42 of the submitted report). This included:
£9m savings to be identified,
£16m net savings considered unachievable in 2017/18,
£13m service demand and cost pressures
less
£32m net underspends, additional savings and income.
2. Forecast planned savings for 2017/18 total £79m against £95m agreed savings and £104m target (Annex 1, paragraph 43 of the submitted report).

3. All services continue to take all appropriate action to keep costs down and optimise income (e.g. minimising spending, managing vacancies wherever possible etc.).
4. The Section 151 Officer's commentary and the Monitoring Officer's Legal Implications commentary in paragraphs 16 to 19 of the submitted report state that the council has a duty to ensure its expenditure does not exceed resources available and move towards a sustainable budget for future years.

The Cabinet approved the following:

5. To transfer the Waste underspend, currently estimated at £1.8m, to the Waste Sinking Fund at financial year end to meet future costs (Annex 1, paragraph 26 of the submitted report).
6. To transfer £3.9m to the Budget Equalisation Reserve in respect of additional Business Rates income (Annex 1, paragraph 38 of the submitted report).
7. To draw down £0.9m to fund Place Development & Waste capital schemes (Annex 1, paragraph 58 of the submitted report).
8. That the Leader of the Council write to the Secretary of State for Health and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to request fairer funding for public health and to seek assurance that business rate retention would not affect the Government grant funding.

Reasons for Decisions

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

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

- **PROVISION OF COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES INSURANCE SERVICES** (Item 9)

RESOLVED:

That a contract be awarded for the provision of Commercial and Industrial Properties Insurance Service to Protector Insurance, starting from 1 April 2018, for a period of three years with the option to extend for up to a further two years. The estimated annual value of the contract was £115,285, plus 12% insurance premium tax.

Reasons for Decision

The current contract for commercial properties was expiring on 31 March 2018 and putting a new contract in place ensures there is appropriate insurance cover for the commercial property portfolio owned by the Council and its subsidiary, Halsey Garton Property Ltd.

This recommendation provides best value for money for Commercial & Industrial Properties insurance for the Council following a thorough evaluation process.

[The decisions on this item can be called in by the Corporate Services Select

Committee]

- **REFURBISHMENT OF HOUSES (Item 10)**

RESOLVED:

That the business case for an initial investment in nine residential properties in order to bring the property up to modern day standards or increase the capital valuation in preparation of disposal of the asset in the market be approved. This is subject to the further review by the Cabinet Member for Property and Business Services, the Head of Property and the Local Member(s) to ascertain whether there was any more development potential to be had.

Reason for Decision

Property Services recommended a programme of refurbishment with a view to leasing out five properties in order to generate an income stream for the Council and undertake works to a further four properties in readiness of disposal to increase capital values.

[The decisions on this item can be called in by the Corporate Services Select Committee]

- **LEADER / DEPUTY LEADER / CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS/ INVESTMENT BOARD TAKEN SINCE THE LAST CABINET MEETING (Item 11)**

There were none.

- **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC (Item 12)**

RESOLVED: That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information under the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

- **OAKWOOD SECONDARY SCHOOL, HORLEY - SCHOOLS BASIC NEED EXPANSION PROJECT (Item 13)**

RESOLVED:

1. That the business case for the project to expand The Oakwood School by 300 additional places, at a total cost as set out in the submitted report, be approved.
2. That the arrangements by which a variation of up to a set percentage of the total value, as set out in the report, may be agreed by the Deputy Chief Executive and Strategic Director for Children, Schools and Families in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education, the Cabinet Member for Property and Business Services and the Leader of the Council be agreed.
3. That the authority to approve the award of contracts for works be delegated to the Chief Property Officer in consultation with the Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for Education, Head of Procurement and Section 151 Officer when a competitive tender was procured through the new Orbis Construction Framework be agreed.

Reason for Decision

The proposal delivers and supports the Authority's statutory obligation to provide necessary school places to meet the needs of the population in Reigate and Banstead Borough.

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

- **PROVISION OF COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES INSURANCE SERVICES** (Item 14)

RESOLVED:

That a contract be awarded for the provision of Commercial and Industrial Properties Insurance Service to Protector Insurance, starting from 1 April 2018, for a period of three years with the option to extend for up to a further two years. The estimated annual value of the contract was set out in the report.

Reasons for Decision

The existing contract for Commercial Properties will expire on 31 March 2018 and putting a new contract in place ensures there is appropriate insurance cover for the commercial property portfolio owned by the Council and its subsidiary, Halsey Garton Property Ltd.

The recommendation provides best value for money for Commercial & Industrial Properties insurance for the Council following a thorough evaluation process and also supports Business Services ability to provide insurance cover for Surrey County Council.

[The decisions on this item can be called in by the Corporate Services Select Committee]

- **REFURBISHMENT OF HOUSES** (Item 15)

RESOLVED:

That the business case for an initial investment, as set out in the report, in nine residential properties in order to bring the property up to modern day standards or increase the capital valuation in preparation of disposal of the asset in the market be agreed. This is subject to the further review by the Cabinet Member for Property and Business Services, the Head of Property and the Local Member(s) to ascertain whether there is any more development potential to be had.

Reason for Decision

Property Services recommended a programme of refurbishment with a view to leasing out five properties in order to generate an income stream for the Council and undertake works to a further four properties in readiness of disposal to increase capital values.

[The decisions on this item can be called in by the Corporate Services Select Committee]

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