

## CABINET

The following decisions were taken by the Cabinet on Tuesday, 27 November 2018 and will take effect on 06/12/2018 unless the call-in procedure has been triggered. **CALL-IN DEADLINE: 05/12/18.**

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.

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

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

- **PROCEDURAL MATTERS** (Item 4)

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

- There were no questions from Members.

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

- There were two questions from members of the public. These and the responses are attached as Annex A.

- **REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES , TASK GROUPS, LOCAL COMMITTEES AND OTHER COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL** (Item 5)

- There was one report from the Environment Select Committee. This and the Cabinet response is attached as Annex B.

- **LEADER / DEPUTY LEADER / CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS/ INVESTMENT BOARD TAKEN SINCE THE LAST CABINET MEETING** (Item 6)

- **RESOLVED:**

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

- **Reason for Decision:**

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

- **APPROVAL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF A STOP SMOKING SERVICE** (Item 7)

- **RESOLVED:**

- That a contract be awarded for the provision of a stop smoking service to Thrive Tribe. (The contract will be for three years from 1 April 2019 with an option to extend for an additional three years in one year intervals.)

**Reasons for Decision:**

The existing stop smoking contract will expire on 31 March 2019 and an extension is not possible. A full tender process, in compliance with the requirement of Public Contract Regulations and Procurement Standing Orders, has been completed and the recommendations provide best value for money for the Council following a thorough evaluation process.

Helping smokers to quit now reduces the cost of care in the future. The Care Act 2014 requires councils with social care responsibilities to put in place preventive measures designed to reduce the need for care and support in the future. Helping smokers quit now means that they are less likely to require paid for care in the future.

*[The decisions on this item can be called in by the Health, Integration & Commissioning Select Committee]*

- **UPDATE TO THE SURREY TRANSPORT PLAN: STRATEGIES AND ASSOCIATED DEVELOPER GUIDANCE REGARDING EMISSIONS REDUCTION (Item 8)**

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the proposed,

- Low Emissions Transport Strategy,
- Electric Vehicle Strategy,
- Travel Plan Good Practice Guide and
- Car Club Guide

be adopted and become part of the Surrey Transport Plan.

2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Highways, Transport & Environment to agree future revisions to the Low Emissions Transport Strategy, Electric Vehicle Strategy, Travel Plan Good Practice Guide and Car Club Guide in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport.

**Reason for Decision:**

To ensure the Council's transport policies and activities support a sustainable economy and environment and improves the health of Surrey residents.

*[The decisions on this item can be called in by the Environment Select Committee]*

- **REVISED FINANCIAL REGULATIONS (Item 9)**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Financial Regulations be amended before it goes to full Council, to reflect that the Audit and Governance Committee will sign off the Treasury Management Strategy Statement.

To **RECOMMEND** that Council:

1. Approves the new Financial Regulations.
2. Approves the annual Treasury Management Strategy Statement to the Audit and Governance Committee. (Members of the Audit and Governance Committee will receive appropriate training.)
3. Approves the necessary amendments to the Council's Constitution.

**Reasons for Decision:**

The Council's Annual Governance Statement for 2017/18 identified that actions were required to strengthen governance, including the need to revise and reinforce the Financial Regulations. As the Council is facing unprecedented financial pressures, a comprehensive review is required to reflect the new financial environment.

The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's (CIPFA) Prudential Code and Treasury Management Code of Practice (2017) requires local authorities to prepare a Capital and Investment Strategy from April 2019. The introduction of this new strategy means that approval of the annual Treasury Management Strategy Statement may be delegated to a sub-committee. Delegation of this function to the Audit and Governance Committee should facilitate more active discussion of the strategy by Members who have received specific training in this area.

• **MONTHLY BUDGET MONITORING REPORT** (Item 10)

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the Council's overall revenue and capital budget positions as at 30 September 2018 be noted.
2. That the changes to the structure of the Children, Families & Learning directorate be noted.
3. That Farnham Road rail bridge be added to the capital programme.
4. That the £1.8m capital virements to transfer funds to Local Enterprise Partnerships budgets (paragraph 68) be approved.
5. That the Leader writes a letter to the Secretary of State for Education, Damian Hinds, setting out how unhappy the Council was with having to hand over public assets to academies as well as any excess funds. On top of this the Council retained the deficits for those forced into conversion and the question as to why this should continue would be put. A copy of this letter would also be sent to Lord Porter of the Local Government Association.

**Reason for Decision:**

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 Corporate Overview Select Committee]*

- **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC** (Item 11)

**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.

- **APPROVAL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF A STOP SMOKING SERVICE** (Item 12)

**RESOLVED:**

That a contract be awarded to Thrive Tribe, at the value set out in this Part 2 annex report for the provision of a Stop Smoking service to commence on 1 April 2019.

**Reason for Decision:**

As per the Part 1 reason for decision.

*[The decisions on this item can be called in by the Health, Integration & Commissioning Select Committee]*

- **INVESTMENT DISPOSAL** (Item 13)

**RESOLVED:**

The Leader introduced this Part 2 report that contained information which was exempt from Access to Information requirements by virtue of paragraph 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including commercially sensitive information to the bidding companies). The report was also subject to a non-disclosure agreement.

**Reason for Decision:**

See [Exempt Minute E-24-18].

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

- **PUBLICITY FOR PART 2 ITEMS** (Item 14)

It was agreed that non-exempt information may be made available to the press and public, where appropriate.

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## CABINET – 27 November 2018 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

### Public Questions

Question 1: Mark Welling, Chair, NewSPAL

At its June 2018 meeting Cabinet invited NewSPAL to produce a detailed and robust business plan for consideration by Cabinet in Autumn 2018. Surrey Libraries management provided guidance on what the plan should contain and gave comments on an early draft (submitted to them in early October). NewSPAL employed a highly experienced consultant to help ensure that the plan was credible, robust and comprehensive. In consultation with Surrey Libraries officers, on 7 November NewSPAL's plan was delivered to your officers with a view to it being considered by Cabinet on 27 November. On 8 November NewSPAL was informed that officers considered that NewSPAL's proposal would need to be the subject of a public consultation before being submitted to Cabinet. Having regard to the time required to conduct the public consultation, at which Cabinet meeting is it now envisaged NewSPAL's proposal and business plan will be considered by Cabinet?

#### **Reply:**

The Cabinet Member for Community Services is very pleased to receive proposals from NewSPAL in respect of the Surrey Performing Arts Library and acknowledges the significant progress made in moving towards robust new arrangements. We are committed to making a decision about the new arrangements at the earliest opportunity and in order to achieve this will undertake a final consultation over the coming weeks. It is planned to take the proposals to Cabinet in February 2019 for decision following the consultation.

**Ms Denise Turner-Stewart**  
**Cabinet Member for Community Services**  
**27 November 2018**

Question 2: Diane Thornton, Local resident

In the light of the new guidelines issued by the UN that we have 12 years to respond effectively to climate change and the recommendation of 100 leading academics\* that anything less than zero emissions by 2025 is not sufficient to avert a climate catastrophe will the council:

- a) Seek to meet these new deadlines and quotas and adopt a timetable and action plan to do so; and
- b) follow the example of Bristol City Council in declaring a climate emergency to push through radical measures?

\*Letter to The Guardian 26 October 2018

#### **Reply:**

The whole issue of air quality, including climate change, impact on the environment, and the effect on human health is one that this Council takes seriously and have taken a number of steps to improve the air we breathe. They also work closely with the Surrey Energy and Sustainability Partnership and the Surrey Air Alliance.

The Government's clean air policy is due to be launched later this year and this will give further guidance to local authorities, business and residents how they can work to improve the air we breathe.

Throughout the summer SCC have been working on low emission and EV policy strategies to reduce transport-related air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. This item is on the agenda (item 8) for this Cabinet meeting when a report will be presented for discussion:  
<https://mycouncil.surreycc.gov.uk/documents/g5821/Public%20reports%20pack%20Tuesday%2027-Nov-2018%2014.00%20Cabinet.pdf?T=10>

**Mr Mike Goodman**  
**Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport**  
**27 November 2018**

**CABINET RESPONSE TO ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE**

**UPDATE TO THE SURREY TRANSPORT PLAN: STRATEGIES AND ASSOCIATED DEVELOPER GUIDANCE REGARDING EMISSIONS REDUCTION**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. For the inclusion of a specific indicator in the low emissions transport strategy which measures travel behaviour.
2. For both air quality and carbon emissions data and indicators within the Low Emissions Transport Strategy to be developed and reported back to the Committee in the next 12 month as part of ongoing performance monitoring.
3. The Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport to lobby the DfT for funding (where appropriate) to support the objectives of the Electric Vehicle Strategy and Low Emissions Transport Strategy.
4. The Low Emissions Transport Strategy and Electric Vehicle Strategy to be shared with partners including the County Councils approved transport providers after Cabinet approval.
5. For SCC fleet vehicles to be reviewed and replaced with low emission vehicles, electric vehicles and charging infrastructure as appropriate.

**RESPONSE:**

1. Travel behaviour has been included as an indicator on page 29 of the Low Emissions Transport Strategy.
2. This will be carried out over the next 12 months.
3. Lobbying will be undertaken for funding when the appropriate opportunities arise.
4. This will be carried out once the strategies are approved by Cabinet and will be made available to the public via the Surrey County Council web site.
5. To be undertaken as and when appropriate.

**Mike Goodman**  
**Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport**  
**27 November 2018**