

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, KINGSTON UPON THAMES, KT1 2DN ON 22 MAY 2018 COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM, THE COUNCIL BEING CONSTITUTED AS FOLLOWS:

Peter Martin (Chairman)
Tony Samuels (Vice-Chairman)

	Mary Angell		Julie Iles
	Ayesha Azad	*	Naz Islam
	John Beckett		Colin Kemp
	Mike Bennison		Eber Kington
	Chris Botten		Graham Knight
	Liz Bowes		Rachael I Lake
	Natalie Bramhall		Yvonna Lay
*	Mark Brett-Warburton		David Lee
	Ben Carasco		Mary Lewis
	Bill Chapman		Andy MacLeod
	Helyn Clack		Ernest Mallett MBE
	Stephen Cooksey		David Mansfield
	Clare Curran		Jan Mason
*	Nick Darby	*	Cameron McIntosh
*	Paul Deach		Sinead Mooney
	Graham Ellwood		Charlotte Morley
	Jonathan Essex	*	Marsha Moseley
	Robert Evans		Tina Mountain
	Tim Evans		Bernie Muir
*	Mel Few		Mark Nuti
	Will Forster		John O'Reilly
	John Furey		Tim Oliver
	Matt Furniss		Andrew Povey
*	Bob Gardner		Wyatt Ramsdale
	Mike Goodman		Mrs Penny Rivers
*	Angela Goodwin		Stephen Spence
*	David Goodwin		Lesley Steeds
	Zully Grant-Duff		Peter Szanto
	Alison Griffiths		Keith Taylor
	Ken Gulati		Barbara Thomson
	Tim Hall	*	Rose Thorn
	Kay Hammond		Chris Townsend
	Richard Hampson		Denise Turner-Stewart
	David Harmer		Richard Walsh
	Jeffrey Harris		Hazel Watson
	Nick Harrison		Fiona White
	Edward Hawkins	*	Richard Wilson
*	Marisa Heath		Keith Witham
	David Hodge CBE		Victoria Young
	Saj Hussain		

*absent

25/18 CHAIRMAN [Item 1]

Under the motion of Mrs Morley, seconded by Mr Harrison, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

That Mr Peter Martin be elected Chairman of the Council for the council year 2018/19.

26/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 2]

Apologies for absence were received from Nick Darby, Paul Deach, Marsha Moseley, David Goodwin, Angela Goodwin, Marisa Heath and Mel Few.

27/18 MINUTES [Item 3]

The minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 20 March 2018 were submitted, confirmed and signed.

28/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 4]

There were none.

29/18 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS [Item 5]

- The Chairman held a silent tribute in remembrance for Michael Jennings, Sandy Brigstocke, Gerry Caesar and the people who lost their lives one year ago during the Manchester Arena and London Bridge attacks.
- He highlighted that on the 24 April 2018 Dr Jim Glover was sworn in as the new High Sheriff of Surrey.
- Noted that it had been one year since the last AGM and that it was an exciting year ahead with the approach of the 100 year anniversary of the end of World War I, as well as celebrating 100 years of the Royal Air Force. It had also been 60 years since Surrey Hills was officially designation as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- Paid tribute to Hazel Watson for reaching 25 years as a Surrey County Councillor and congratulated Chris Botten for succeeding her as Leader of the Liberal Democrats at Surrey.
- Welcomed Bill Biddell, Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey as a guest at the meeting.
- Congratulated Dave Hill, Executive Director of Children's, Families and Learning for receiving his CBE from Buckingham Palace on 18 May 2018.

30/18 VICE-CHAIRMAN [Item 6]

Upon the motion of Mrs Angell, seconded by Mr Townsend, it was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That Mr Tony Samuels be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the council year 2018/19.

31/18 LEADER'S STATEMENT [Item 7]

The Leader made a detailed statement. A copy of the statement is attached as Appendix 1 to these minutes.

Members raised the following topics:

- That the Council must be open to change to meet aspirations.
- Recognition that the Council must do more with less funding.
- Disappointment with the Ofsted result while highlighting the need to explore and consider previous failures to improve.
- That the Council should also prioritise environmental improvement when considering change.
- A petition has been created for consideration by Parliament asking for fairer funding for Surrey's Roads
- The consultation on the vision for Surrey and the importance of enabling all Members to comment.
- The announcement of an additional £20m to improve Surrey's roads.

32/18 CHANGES TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S CABINET PORTFOLIOS AND SCRUTINY FUNCTION [Item 8]

It was noted that at paragraph 14 of the report, the Children and Education Select Committee membership should read as 10 plus 4 co-opted Members, rather than 3.

The Leader of the Council introduced the report and Members made the following comments:

- That assurance was needed that the Select Committees would not be changed again for the remainder of the Council term, which the Leader of the Council agreed they would not.
- That some Members did not support the remuneration for Deputy Cabinet Members.

RESOLVED (with 65 Members voting For, 2 voting Against and 1 Abstention):

Council:

1. Noted the changes to the Cabinet portfolios as set out in Annex A of the report.
2. Noted the introduction of a new Deputy Cabinet Member role and the role profile as set out in Annex B of the report.
3. Approved the proposed changes to the structure of the Council's scrutiny function and the revised committee remits as set out in Annex C of the report.
4. Authorised the Head of Legal Services to make the necessary amendments to the Council's Constitution as a result of these changes.

33/18 ANNUAL REVIEW OF POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY 2018/19 [Item 9]

The annual review of the Scheme of Political Proportionality 2018/19 was introduced by the Leader of the Council. A revised Annex 1 was circulated in a

supplementary agenda on 21 May 2018 and tabled at the meeting. It is attached as Appendix 2 to these minutes.

RESOLVED (with no Member voting Against):

That the committee sizes and scheme of proportionality, as set out in the revised Annex 1 be adopted for 2018/19.

34/18 FORMATION OF RUNNYMEDE JOINT COMMITTEE [Item 10]

The Leader of the Council introduced the report and stated that he looked forward to a joint approach improving outcomes for residents and businesses in Surrey.

A Member of the Council highlighted that since Spelthorne Joint Committee was formed one year ago it had achieved some positive outcomes for residents, and that they wished Runnymede success for the future.

RESOLVED (with 66 Members voting For, 0 Against and 3 Abstentions):

That Council:

1. Agreed to the establishment of the Runnymede Joint Committee.
2. Delegated the non-executive functions to the Runnymede Joint Committee.
3. Approved an addition to the Council's Scheme of Delegation (Annex A of the report).
4. Approved the Constitution for Runnymede Joint Committee (Annex B of the report).

35/18 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES [Item 11]

The proposals for the appointment of Committees were emailed to Members and tabled at the meeting. It is attached as Appendix 3 to this minutes.

The following correction was made at the meeting:

- Corporate Overview Select Committee: Chris Botten to replace Hazel Watson

RESOLVED (with no Member voting Against):

The Council agreed:

- (1) To appoint Members to serve on the Committees of the Council for the Council year 2018/19 in accordance with the wishes of political groups.
- (2) To authorise the Chief Executive to make changes to the membership of any of the Council's Committees as necessary during the Council year in accordance with the wishes of political groups, with the exception of changes to the membership of the Corporate Overview Committee, which would be referred to Council for agreement.

- (3) To appoint the County Councillors representing divisions in the Woking borough area to serve on the Woking Joint Committee for the Council year 2018/19.
- (4) To appoint the County Councillors representing divisions in the Spelthorne borough area to serve on the Spelthorne Joint Committee for the Council year 2018/19.
- (5) To appoint the County Councillors representing divisions in the Runnymede borough area to serve on the Runnymede Joint Committee for the Council year 2018/19.
- (6) To appoint the remaining County Councillors for each district/borough area to serve on the appropriate Local Committee for the Council year 2018/19, and to authorise the Chief Executive to appoint an equal number of district/borough councillors to the Local Committees following nominations by the district and borough councils, which they should be requested to make politically proportional to their Membership.
- (7) To appoint the Council's representative to the Surrey Police and Crime Panel for the Council year 2018/19.
- (8) To appoint four Members (one of whom must be a Cabinet Member and the others County Councillors representing divisions that include the Basingstoke Canal) to the Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee.
- (9) To appoint up to two Members to the Buckinghamshire County Council and Surrey County Council Joint Trading Standards Service Committee, one of whom must be a Cabinet Member; the other in an advisory non-voting role.
- (10) To note the Leader's appointments to the Council's Executive Committees as outlined in the report.

**36/18 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN 2018/19
[Item 12]**

The proposals for the appointment of Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairmen were emailed to Members and tabled at the meeting. It is attached as Appendix 4 to these minutes.

The appointment to the role of Vice-Chairman of the Epsom and Ewell Local Committee was subject to a contested election, with 53 Members voting for Tina Mountain and 16 for Jan Mason.

RESOLVED (with no Members voting Against):

- (1) That the Members listed below are duly elected as Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen respectively of the Committees as shown for 2018/19.
- (2) That the Chief Executive be authorised, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, to appoint the Borough's nominated Member as Vice-Chairman of Guildford Local Committee once the co-opted Members are appointed.

SELECT COMMITTEES		
	Chairman	Vice-Chairman
Corporate Overview	Ken Gulati	Nick Harrison
Children and Education	Kay Hammond	Chris Botten
Adults and Lifelong Learning	Sinead Mooney	Bernie Muir
Highways and Growth	Bob Gardner	John O'Reilly
Environment	Rachael Lake	Saj Hussain
Health Integration and Commissioning	Zully Grant-Duff	Wyatt Ramsdale
PLANNING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE		
	Tim Hall	Matt Furniss
AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE		
	David Harmer	Keith Witham
PEOPLE, PERFORMANCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		
	David Hodge	John Furey
SURREY PENSION FUND COMMITTEE		
	Tim Evans	Ben Carasco

LOCAL COMMITTEES		
<i>DISTRICT</i>	CHAIRMAN	VICE-CHAIRMAN
Elmbridge	John O'Reilly	Peter Szanto
Epsom & Ewell	John Beckett	Tina Mountain

Guildford	Keith Taylor	Borough to appoint
Mole Valley	Tim Hall	Chris Townsend
Reigate & Banstead	Jeff Harris	Barbara Thomson
Surrey Heath	Bill Chapman	Edward Hawkins
Tandridge	Rose Thorn	Cameron McIntosh
Waverley	Victoria Young	Richard Hampson

JOINT COMMITTEES		
Runnymede Joint Committee	Mary Angell	Borough to appoint
Spelthorne Joint Committee	Richard Walsh	Borough to appoint
Woking Joint Committee	Borough to appoint	Liz Bowes

37/18 MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME [Item 13]

Questions:

Notice of nine questions had been received. The questions and replies were published in a supplementary agenda on 21 May 2018. They are attached as Appendix 5 to these minutes.

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

(Q1) Mr Robert Evans asked if the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport was aware of the concerns raised by residents over the increase of fly-tipping and their disappointment for having to pay a fee when disposing of DIY waste.

Mr Wyatt Ramsdale asked for more information on Central Government's comments relating to DIY waste.

The Cabinet Member stated that there was no evidence that fly-tipping was increasing and that the figures had shown that it was actually decreasing over the last three years. He also stated that he understood residents were concerned with the charges for DIY waste but said the Council had to make some difficult decisions. In response to Mr Ramsdale he said Central

Government currently did not have any plans to remove the Council's ability to change for DIY waste but he would inform Members if that changed.

(Q2) Mr Will Forster asked the Cabinet Member for Corporate Support when the review and details of the insurance cover be released. The Cabinet Member said that once the insurance company had completed its review the details would be shared with Members.

(Q5) Mr Jonathan Essex asked the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport if he agreed that there was a need for a review of the budget for bridges carrying public rights of way (ROW) in order to prevent long closures while waiting to be repaired. The Cabinet Member said there were currently issues with the funding for ROW bridges and that they were looking into increasing the funding by allocating funds from inside the Environment & Infrastructure budget. He stated that the service would continue to look into various avenues to acquire the funding but it continued to be a challenge.

(Q6) Mr Robert Evans asked the Cabinet Member for All-Age Learning if she agreed that it was disingenuous for election candidates to suggest to residents in their campaign material that their Libraries were closing. The Cabinet Member assured Mr Evans that Libraries would continue to be an important part of the life-long learning offer and provided details of the innovations of a Library in Surrey.

(Q9) Mr Robert Evans asked the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport if he felt electronic signs in areas with fewer buses were a good use of funding.

Mr Tim Hall asked if there were any plans to include live-updates at bus stops in Mole Valley or other areas in Surrey as they would be very welcomed.

The Cabinet Member stated that Surrey works very hard to maintain its buses with a difficult budget but he felt the money was put to good use. In response to Mr Hall he stated that he would contact Coast2Capital to inform them of his comments.

38/18 STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS [Item 14]

Two Members made statements:

- (i) Mr Colin Kemp in relation to the fire at Lakers Youth Club were he thanked the community for their support.
- (ii) Mr Robert Evans thanked the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport for organising a visit to Harper Asprey Wildlife Rescue following the debate at the previous County Council meeting.

39/18 REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL [Item 15]

The Leader of the Council tabled proposed recommendations for this item, as attached as Appendix 6 to these minutes.

The Leader of the Council provided an explanation for the difference between the Independent Remuneration Panel's recommendations and those he was

proposing by stating that there was a need for a Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) for Deputy Cabinet Members and Vice Chairmen.

Members made the follow comments:

- That it was hard to explain to residents the need for providing remuneration for Deputy Cabinet Members.
- Not giving Members an increase of Basic Allowance devalues the work of Members without a special responsibility.
- That the Council could not and should not be able to afford the number of SRAs proposed.
- That Vice-Chairmen should not receive an SRA.
- That many residents had not received pay rises so Members should not either.
- That it was understandable that Members should be remunerated for taking on additional work.
- That Members did not have to accept the remuneration if they did not like it.

The Leader of the Council informed Members that he felt the SRAs he was proposing were reasonable and fair. He went on to express the need for diversity in Members and suggested that Members needed to be recompensed for their work.

RESOLVED:

1. That there is no increase to the Basic Allowance for 2018-19. (with 64 voting For, 1 voting Against and no Abstentions)
2. That there are no changes to Special Responsibility Allowances for 2018-19. (with no Members voting Against)
3. That the Special Responsibility Allowance for scrutiny of the Police and Crime Commissioner is abolished, and the concept of a 'Lead Member' abandoned and replaced by the designation of an 'SCC Representative'. In addition, the Police and Crime Panel should be invited to use its powers to review any allowances to be paid. (with no Members voting Against)
4. That the Special Responsibility Allowance for sitting on Fostering and Adoption Panels be changed to £100 per session attended plus travelling expenses as recommended by the Independent Remuneration Panel. (with no Members voting Against)
5. That Special Responsibility Allowances for Vice-Chairs be retained. (with 55 voting For, 13 voting Against and 3 Abstentions)
6. That a Special Responsibility Allowance of £10,000 per year is introduced for Deputy Cabinet Members and that the Independent Remuneration Panel be invited to consider this SRA as part of its next review and report back to Council. (with 48 voting For, 15 voting Against and 3 Abstentions)

40/18 APPOINTMENT OF STATUTORY OFFICERS [Item 16]

RESOLVED (with no Members voting Against):

The Council agreed that:

1. The Head of Legal Services be authorised to include within the Council's Constitution the designation of a statutory Data Protection Officer;
2. Joanna Killian, as Chief Executive, be appointed as the Returning Officer for Surrey County Council;
3. The Senior Manager Governance postholder be designated as Surrey County Council's Scrutiny Officer.

41/18 REPORT OF THE CABINET [Item 17]

The Leader presented the report of the Cabinet meetings held on 27 March and 24 April 2018.

Reports for Information/ Discussion

- A) Formation of Runnymede Joint Committee
- B) Medium Term Financial Plan 2018 – 2021
- C) Future Commissioning of School Support Services
- D) Quarterly Report on Decisions Taken Under Special Urgency Arrangements: 1 January – 31 March 2018

Members asked what progress had been made with Parliament on fairer funding for the Council. The Leader of the Council stated that the Council continued to make representations to Parliament on the Business Rates scheme, the revenue support grant, public health and roads funding.

RESOLVED:

That the report of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 27 March and 24 April 2018 be adopted.

42/18 MINUTES OF CABINET MEETINGS [Item 18]

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

A Member highlighted an error on page 1 of the Cabinet minutes from 27 March 2018 and stated that Hazel Watson was the Member for Dorking Hills, not Woking South. The minutes will be corrected accordingly.

43/18 DEVELOPING A VISION FOR SURREY IN 2030 [Item 19]

The Leader of the Council introduced the report and highlighted that it was a draft vision and that the final would be considered by Council at its meeting in October 2018. He explained that there would be an extensive consultation period involving various interested parties from 4 June 2018. The Leader asked that all Members attend a seminar laying out the complete programme on 11 June 2018.

Members made the following comments:

- Asked if the maintenance of highway infrastructure included non-road highways.
- That there needed to be a cultural acceptance of change in Surrey.
- That they felt that all Members should have been consulted during the creation of the draft vision.
- That expectations should not be raised too high and that Members should be reminded of the financial situation in Surrey.
- That the report should have included more specific financial details.
- That it was important that resident's comments be taken into account.

RESOLVED (With 62 For, 0 Against and 5 Abstentions):

That Council:

1. endorse the draft vision and 'Surrey County Council of the future' as the basis for a series of engagement activities to enable residents, staff, members, partners and businesses to shape the draft vision and ambitions for Surrey in 2030, and
2. note the timeline for future work related to this and the associated programme of transformation.

44/18 FLEXIBLE USE OF CAPITAL RECEIPTS TO SUPPORT TRANSFORMATION [Item 20]

The Flexible use of Capital Receipts to Support Transformation report was introduced by the Leader of the Council.

Members made the following comments:

- That it was positive that the Leadership had taken into account the Overview and Budget Scrutiny Committee's comments on pace of change.
- That the progress would be scrutinised in the relevant budget Select Committee

RESOLVED (with no Members voting Against):

The County Council approved:

1. the funding of the Council's new vision and transformation initiatives and programmes, and the capacity to deliver this change outlined in the report from capital receipts received since April 2016. (Paragraphs 6 to 8 of the report)
2. the governance monitoring and reporting arrangements to ensure that the use of capital receipts provides value for money. (Paragraph 9 of the report)

45/18 MEMBERS' COMMUNITY ALLOCATION [Item 21]

The Leader of the Council introduced the report and explained that the Members' Community Allocation would replace the current Members' Community grant.

RESOLVED (with no Members voting Against):

It was agreed that the Council:

1. Approves the new Financial Framework for Members' Community Allocation as detailed at Annex 1 of the report.
2. Approves the proposed amendments to the Council's Scheme of Delegation as detailed at Annex 2 of the report.
3. Approves the transitional arrangements allowing Members' Allocation applications received prior to 22 May 2018, that have not yet been approved, to be assessed under the new Financial Framework for Members' Community Allocation criteria detailed at Annex 1 of the report following this date.

46/18 UPDATES TO THE CONSTITUTION [Item 22]

RESOLVED (With no Members voting Against):

It was agreed that the County Council note the changes to the Scheme of Delegation that have been approved by the Leader and authorises the Head of Legal Services to make the necessary amendments to the Council's Constitution.

47/18 ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH WEST LONDON AND SURREY [Item 23]

The Chairman introduced the report and highlighted that the Committee had been running informally for the last four years.

The Chairman of the Health Integration and Commissioning Select Committee, who would represent the Council on the Joint Committee, was asked to update the Council regularly on its work.

RESOLVED (with no Members voting Against):

1. The County Council agreed to the establishment of the Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee for South West London and Surrey with effect from 22 May 2018 on a four year term.
2. The County Council be represented by two Members of its health scrutiny committee, including its Chairman on the Joint Committee.
3. The Joint Committee shall, where appropriate, discharge the power of referral to the Secretary of State in cases where it has been the body consulted by the NHS.

4. Any consequential amendments are made to the Council's Constitution as required.

**48/18 REVISIONS TO THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS IN THE CONSTITUTION
[Item 24]**

The Leader of the Council introduced the report and explained that the financial regulations had been updated to reflect the changes to the Corporate Leadership Team roles and that the regulations would be reviewed again following the implementation of the changes.

RESOLVED (with no Members voting Against):

That the Council approved the changes summarised above and contained in the revised Financial Regulations in Annex 1 of the report.

[Meeting ended at: 12.37 pm]

Chairman

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Mr Chairman and Members, I would like to begin by welcoming the new Leader of the Lib Dem Group, Chris Botten to this meeting, which is the first in his capacity as Group Leader of the Surrey Opposition Forum.

I have known Chris for many years through working on Tandridge District Council, and always found him to be decent, genuine and hard-working, putting his residents first in everything he does.

I would also like to pay tribute to Hazel Watson, the longest serving member in this chamber, who is stepping down after 14 years as Leader.

Moving on, Mr Chairman and Members, I was pleased to see so many of you at yesterday's important seminar that focussed on our recent Ofsted inspection.

There is no doubt that the report made for very difficult reading.

Clare Curran, the Cabinet Member for Children's Services will be providing a statement in a few minutes, however she has made it very clear in recent days that we all take this judgement extremely seriously. We fully accept there is a great deal for us to do to make sure we look after the children of Surrey.

Mr Chairman and Members, as I have spoken about previously in this chamber, I was brought up in care and the wellbeing of our children is something I feel passionately about. And it is something I am absolutely determined to get right.

It is something that every one of us in this chamber must get right as corporate parents. We all have roles to play.

And we have firm plans in place.

I am delighted that Dave Hill – one of the country’s most highly regarded children’s strategic directors – has joined us to lead this crucial work.

And I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Dave on receiving a CBE from Prince Charles last Friday for his services to children’s social care and his work as a children’s commissioner.

Mr Chairman, our ability to ensure that Surrey’s children and young people are safe and secure will go a long way towards determining their future.

We have continually risen to the challenges of doing more for less - but any big organisation requires almost constant improvement. We have seen many large businesses that have

been part of our commercial landscape disappear, whilst others are struggling to adapt and survive in our ever-changing world. We are also operating in an environment where change is not only desirable but essential. We have to meet the growing needs of our residents with significantly reduced funding.

You will all have seen in your papers the item on Surrey's vision for the future. Developed in order to achieve better outcomes for everyone in Surrey.

I couldn't help but be reminded of the story of Sir Christopher Wren walking unrecognised amongst the workers building St. Paul's Cathedral some 350 years ago.

When he asked them what they were doing most replied "cutting some stone".

But one man replied "helping Sir Christopher Wren build a beautiful cathedral".

That man understood the vision, its purpose, and the part he played in it. For great projects to be successful everyone involved should recognise their part is just as crucial as anyone else's.

With that in mind Mr Chairman we are putting together plans for a programme of transformation that will allow us to enhance the

services we provide to residents whilst also ensuring we respond to rising demand.

It is therefore vital that we must look at radical solutions to make our services as efficient and effective as they can possibly be.

To achieve this we will need to deliver services in a more imaginative and innovative way. And it will mean working much more closely with our partners, such as borough and district councils, the health service and the voluntary sector.

It is a vision that must be shared by everyone in Surrey.

That is why I am calling on everyone to help us shape it – residents, members, staff and partners. We are beginning a period of intense engagement so that all those with a stake in the future of our beautiful county can have their say.

We want our children to be safe.

We want our elderly to be cared for.

We want our families to have a home they can call their own.

We want our businesses to be even more successful.

And we want no one to be left behind.

Key to our transformation programme will be shaping services around the places in which our residents live. We must be responsive to the modern needs of our residents and we cannot assume that what is right for Farnham will automatically be right for Merstham.

That is why it will be vital for us to develop this programme with others. And this will not just be about what services we provide, but also where and how we provide them.

Only by shaping these plans with residents and partners will we get this right.

Of course, we are only at the beginning of this work and we will spend the coming months engaging with stakeholders before Council considers the vision formally in October, followed by the Budget and Organisation Strategy in November.

As part of this, I look forward to us engaging with our residents, who pay one of the highest council tax rates in the country. It is vital that they have a say on how this work is shaped.

Surrey's businesses are the life-blood of the county and make a significant contribution to the success of the country as a whole. I would like to hear from as many of them as possible.

Furthermore, Mr Chairman, I have said all along that we are **not** the dominant council in Surrey. We are simply one of twelve councils that work as one team to deliver outcomes to our residents.

So, of course, we will be consulting our district and borough colleagues to hear their visions, ideas and solutions.

In addition, I look forward to consulting with our hard-working staff and I am currently visiting our various offices around the county with the Chief Executive to hear their views on the county council.

And of course our other partners such as the NHS, the voluntary sector and the faith communities.

All have a role to help set the vision.

Only by pulling together the thoughts and ambitions of these different groups will we be able to develop a programme of work worthy of success and worthy of the people of Surrey.

Mr Chairman, the people of Surrey understand.

They understand the pressures of demand.

They understand the lack of funding from government.

They understand that we must be realistic and live within our means.

And they understand that will most certainly involve having to continue to make some really tough decisions. There will be things that we will simply not be able to do - no matter how much we might want to.

And Members... I have challenged you in this chamber in the past to be game changers. I know that many of you have already seized that opportunity, but this gives you the chance to **be** that community leader... **work** together as one team... and sow the seeds of change to make a difference to your residents' lives.

I urge you to speak to your local residents, your businesses, your community groups. ANYONE you have the chance to speak to. Make sure they are given a voice and their thoughts and ideas are heard.

Mr Chairman, over the past eight years Members and staff have worked tirelessly to achieve a balanced budget or manage a small surplus but the challenge will not get any easier – in fact it will get harder. Much harder.

However, I firmly believe that this process will help us make choices and set priorities, for the benefit of Surrey residents.

Some will no doubt say this is about us avoiding having to make those important decisions.

They are wrong.

This process will provide us with the evidence and insight to make the best decisions to make effective use of our resources and generate the income we need to provide quality services to our residents.

In order to make this happen Mr Chairman, I have refreshed the Cabinet portfolios to reflect the changes in the senior leadership team and our new approach.

And central to this work will be a focus on people and place. The focus on People will be responsible for ensuring services are joined up, easy to access and efficient. The focus on Place will be responsible for harnessing the work we do alongside our partners to make the best use of our combined resources, knowledge and assets.

As a result I am delighted to announce Tim Oliver as the Cabinet Lead for People, Colin Kemp as the Cabinet Lead for Place and Helyn Clack as the Cabinet Lead for Corporate Support Services.

In addition, to ensure we have the capacity to make it a success, I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Alison Griffiths, Charlotte Morley, Cameron McIntosh and Jeff Harris as Deputy Cabinet Members.

As well as providing extra capacity and knowhow, this will also ensure they have the necessary knowledge and experience of Cabinet to continue its work in years to come.

Furthermore, Mr Chairman, much of our transformation work will be led and driven by a refreshed senior officer team.

In addition to Dave Hill we also welcome Michael Coughlin as Interim Director of Customers, Digital and Transformation.

Both have made a positive start in their roles and my Cabinet and I are greatly looking forward to working with them.

As you know Mr Chairman, we have delivered over £540m of savings over the past eight years in the face of £200m being cut from our government funding.

We have worked hard, and achieved a lot.

But there is still a great deal more to do.

Nonetheless I have complete confidence in our Leadership Team, our staff, our partners and the Members in this chamber to transform outcomes for our residents.

Finally, Mr Chairman, I want to talk about something so many of our residents ask us about on the doorstep. Something that fills our postbags and email inboxes on a daily basis.

The frustration for all of us with potholes on our roads. I share this frustration. And I know Members share it too.

Earlier this year I announced that we would invest an extra £5m in tackling the damage to our roads following the recent severe winter weather. Members already know we received a huge increase in reported potholes during February and March. I can tell you now that the figure for April is even worse – an increase of one hundred and thirty seven per cent on the same month last year.

That is why we are determined to do even more to tackle this problem for our residents.

Over the next two years we will invest a further £15m in improving our roads. That's a total of £20m of new money. We will look again at the roads identified by Members and make extensive repairs to extend their life.

Mr Chairman, despite repeated efforts to get Government ministers to recognise that they severely underfund our roads they have refused to act. Ministers will not recognise that the sheer volume of traffic on our roads is causing them to deteriorate more quickly.

So that is why we will act.

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Appendix 2

SCHEME OF PROPORTIONALITY 2018/19

	CON	Surrey Opp Forum	RA & IND	Other	Total	Figs last year [^]
SELECT COMMITTEES						
Corporate Overview	8	1	1	0	10	10
Adults & Lifelong Learning	8	1	1	0	10	12
Children & Education	7	1	1	1	10*	12
Environment	8	1	1	0	10	15
Health Integration & Commissioning	8	1	1	0	10*	12
Highways & Growth	8	1	1	0	10	12
PLANNING & REGULATORY COMMITTEE	8	2	1	0	11	12
AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE	4	1	1	0	6	6
PEOPLE, PERFORMANCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	4	1	1	0	6	6
SURREY PENSION FUND COMMITTEE	4	1	1	0	6*	6
	67	11	10	1	89	103
<u>NON-PROPORTIONAL BODIES</u>						
MEMBER CONDUCT PANEL	7	1	2	0	10	10
TOTAL	74	12	12	1	99	113

* additional co-opted members are appointed to this committee

[^] figures given for similar committee, where possible

Note: Local Committees comprise the County Councillors for the electoral divisions within each Borough/District area and are not therefore required to be politically proportional.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: 22 MAY 2018

APPOINTMENT OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

CORPORATE OVERVIEW SELECT COMMITTEE (10)

<p>Conservative (8)</p> <p>Ken Gulati Ayesha Azad Tim Evans Tim Hall David Harmer Richard Walsh Mark Brett Warburton Keith Witham</p>	<p>Surrey Opposition Forum (1)</p> <p>Chris Botten</p>
	<p>Residents' Association & Independent (1)</p> <p>Nick Harrison</p>

ADULTS AND LIFELONG LEARNING SELECT COMMITTEE (10)

<p>Conservative (8)</p> <p>Sinead Mooney Bernie Muir Bill Chapman Marsha Moseley David Mansfield Mark Nuti Rose Thorn Andrew Povey</p>	<p>Surrey Opposition Forum (1)</p> <p>Angela Goodwin</p>
	<p>Residents' Association & Independent (1)</p> <p>Ernest Mallett</p>

CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SELECT COMMITTEE (10)

Conservative (7) Kay Hammond Liz Bowes Tim Evans Julie Iles Yvonna Lay Lesley Steeds Victoria Young	Surrey Opposition Forum (1) Chris Botten
Residents' Association & Independent (1) Chris Townsend	Other (1) Robert Evans

ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE (10)

Conservative (8) Rachael Lake Saj Hussain Tina Mountain Richard Hampson Marisa Heath Keith Witham Richard Wilson Mike Bennison	Surrey Opposition Forum (1) Jonathan Essex
	Residents' Association & Independent (1) Jan Mason

HIGHWAYS AND GROWTH SELECT COMMITTEE (10)

Conservative (8) Bob Gardner John O'Reilly Paul Deach Richard Walsh Peter Szanto Matt Furniss Barbara Thomson Tina Mountain	Surrey Opposition Forum (1) Stephen Cooksey
	Residents' Association & Independent (1) Andy MacLeod

HEALTH INTEGRATION AND COMMISSIONING SELECT COMMITTEE (10)

Conservative (8) Zully Grant Duff Wyatt Ramsdale Graham Knight Naz Islam Mary Angell Bill Chapman Graham Ellwood John O'Reilly	Surrey Opposition Forum (1) Fiona White
	Residents' Association & Independent (1) Nick Darby

PLANNING & REGULATORY COMMITTEE

<p>Conservative (8)</p> <p>Tim Hall Matt Furniss Keith Taylor Natalie Bramhall Andrew Povey Rose Thorn Edward Hawkins Mary Angell</p> <p>Substitutes (up to 7):-</p>	<p>Surrey Opposition Forum (2)</p> <p>Stephen Cooksey Penny Rivers</p> <p>Substitutes (up to 7):-</p> <p>Jonathan Essex Will Forster David Goodwin</p>
<p>Mike Bennison Richard Wilson Yvonna Lay Richard Hampson Julie Iles</p>	<p>Residents' Association & Independent (1)</p> <p>Ernest Mallett</p> <p>Substitutes (up to 7):-</p> <p>Nick Darby Nick Harrison Chris Townsend</p>

AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

<p>Conservative (4)</p> <p>David Harmer Keith Witham Edward Hawkins Peter Szanto</p>	<p>Surrey Opposition Forum (1)</p> <p>Will Forster</p> <p>Residents' Association & Independent (1)</p> <p>Stephen Spence</p>
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PEOPLE, PERFORMANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

<p>Conservative (4)</p> <p>David Hodge Ken Gulati Tim Oliver John Furey</p>	<p>Surrey Opposition Forum (1)</p> <p>Fiona White</p> <p>Substitutes (up to 7):-</p> <p>Chris Botten</p>
<p>Substitutes (up to 7 Cabinet Members):-</p> <p>Helyn Clack Clare Curran Mike Goodman Mel Few Mary Lewis Denise Turner Stewart</p>	<p>Residents' Association & Independent (1)</p> <p>Eber Kington</p> <p>Substitutes (up to 7):-</p> <p>Nick Harrison Ernest Mallett Chris Townsend</p>

SURREY PENSION FUND COMMITTEE

<p>Conservative (4)</p> <p>Tim Evans Ben Carasco Ayesha Azad David Mansfield</p>	<p>Surrey Opposition Forum (1)</p> <p>Hazel Watson</p> <p>Residents' Association & Independent (1)</p> <p>John Beckett</p>
<p>Co-opted Members (4)*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – One representative (trade union) from employee members of the Fund – Two representatives from Districts and Boroughs of the Fund; – One representative from all other employers in the Fund. 	

* Authorise the Chief Executive to appoint the co-opted Members of the Surrey Pension Fund Committee following nominations from each stakeholder group listed above.

MEMBER CONDUCT PANEL*

Conservative (7) Mary Angell Mark Brett Warburton Zully Grant Duff Tim Hall David Harmer Peter Martin Tony Samuels	Surrey Opposition Forum (1) Hazel Watson
Residents' Association & Independent (2) Eber Kington Chris Townsend	

**Must include Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council*

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL (1)

Nominations received:	Charlotte Morley
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BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL JOINT TRADING STANDARDS SERVICE COMMITTEE (2)*

Nominations received:	Denise Turner-Stewart Richard Walsh
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**One County Councillor, who must be a Cabinet Member. In addition, the County Council can appoint one county councillor to undertake a non-voting advisory role.*

BASINGSTOKE CANAL JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (4)*

Nominations received:	Mike Goodman Colin Kemp Paul Deach Ben Carasco
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**Must include a Cabinet Member and three Members representing divisions which include the Basingstoke Canal in their area.*

The County Council is asked to note the following Committee Appointments made by the Leader of the Council:

INVESTMENT BOARD (6)*

Appointment:	David Hodge (Leader of the Council) John Furey (Deputy Leader of the Council) Mel Few Tim Oliver Colin Kemp Nick Darby (non-voting role)
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**Five Cabinet Members including the Leader and Deputy Leader. In addition, the Leader may appoint one county councillor to undertake a non-voting role.*

SHAREHOLDER BOARD (3)*

Appointment:	David Hodge (Leader of the Council) John Furey (Deputy Leader of the Council) Helyn Clack
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**Three Cabinet Members including the Leader, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member with the business portfolio.*

ORBIS JOINT COMMITTEE (2)*

Appointment:	Helyn Clack Denise Turner-Stewart
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**Two Cabinet Members.*

ORBIS PUBLIC LAW JOINT COMMITTEE (1)*

Appointment:	Helyn Clack
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**One County Councillor, who must be a Cabinet Member.*

Recommendations:

- (1) To appoint Members to serve on the Committees of the Council for the Council year 2018/19 in accordance with the wishes of political groups.**
- (2) To authorise the Chief Executive to make changes to the membership of any of the Council's Committees as necessary during the Council year in accordance with the wishes of political groups, with the exception of changes to the membership of the Corporate Overview Committee, which would be referred to Council for agreement.**
- (3) To appoint the County Councillors representing divisions in the Woking borough area to serve on the Woking Joint Committee for the Council year 2018/19.**
- (4) To appoint the County Councillors representing divisions in the Spelthorne borough area to serve on the Spelthorne Joint Committee for the Council year 2018/19.**
- (5) To appoint the County Councillors representing divisions in the Runnymede borough area to serve on the Runnymede Joint Committee for the Council year 2018/19.**
- (6) To appoint the remaining County Councillors for each district/borough area to serve on the appropriate Local Committee for the Council year 2018/19, and to authorise the Chief Executive to appoint an equal number of district/borough councillors to the Local Committees following nominations by the district and borough councils, which they should be requested to make politically proportional to their Membership.**
- (7) To appoint the Council's representative to the Surrey Police and Crime Panel for the Council year 2018/19.**
- (8) To appoint four Members (one of whom must be a Cabinet Member and the others County Councillors representing divisions that include the Basingstoke Canal) to the Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee.**
- (9) To appoint up to two Members to the Buckinghamshire County Council and Surrey County Council Joint Trading Standards Service Committee, one of whom must be a Cabinet Member; the other in an advisory non-voting role.**
- (10) To note the Leader's appointments to the Council's Executive Committees as outlined above.**

Appendix 4

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: 22 MAY 2018 ELECTION OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES 2018/19
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SELECT COMMITTEES		
	Chairman	Vice-Chairman
Corporate Overview	Ken Gulati	Nick Harrison
Children and Education	Kay Hammond	Chris Botten
Adults and Lifelong Learning	Sinead Mooney	Bernie Muir
Highways and Growth	Bob Gardner	John O'Reilly
Environment	Rachael Lake	Saj Hussain
Health Integration and Commissioning	Zully Grant-Duff	Wyatt Ramsdale
PLANNING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE		
	Tim Hall	Matt Furniss
AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE		
	David Harmer	Keith Witham
PEOPLE, PERFORMANCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		
	David Hodge	John Furey
SURREY PENSION FUND COMMITTEE		
	Tim Evans	Ben Carasco

LOCAL COMMITTEES		
DISTRICT	CHAIRMAN	VICE-CHAIRMAN
Elmbridge	John O'Reilly	Peter Szanto
Epsom & Ewell	John Beckett	Tina Mountain
Guildford	Keith Taylor	Borough to appoint
Mole Valley	Tim Hall	Chris Townsend
Reigate & Banstead	Jeff Harris	Barbara Thomson
Surrey Heath	Bill Chapman	Edward Hawkins
Tandridge	Rose Thorn	Cameron McIntosh
Waverley	Victoria Young	Richard Hampson

JOINT COMMITTEES		
Runnymede Joint Committee	Mary Angell	Borough to appoint
Spelthorne Joint Committee	Richard Walsh	Borough to appoint
Woking Joint Committee	Borough to appoint	Liz Bowes

Recommendations:

- (1) That the Members listed are duly elected as Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen respectively of the Committees as shown for 2018/19.
- (2) That the Chief Executive be authorised, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, to appoint the Borough's nominated Member as Vice-Chairman of Guildford Local Committee once the co-opted Members are appointed.

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

TUESDAY 22 MAY 2018 2018

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

MIKE GOODMAN, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT**1. MR ROBERT EVANS (STANWELL AND STANWELL MOOR) TO ASK:**

Has the Council had any further discussions with DEFRA now that the government has stated clearly, in their litter strategy that 'disposing of household waste, including waste from DIY home improvement projects, should be free of charge'.

Reply:

I would thank Cllr Evans for his continuing interest in this subject. My officers and I met with Robert Vaughan, Head of Recycling at Defra, on 17 April 2018 and discussed the subject of charging for construction waste at household waste recycling centres.

I circulated a note of my meeting with Robert Vaughan to all Members on 10 May 2018 and I would refer Cllr Evans to the contents of this note, which I have reproduced below.

'Dear Members,

I wanted to update you following a meeting that I and officers had with Robert Vaughan, Head of Recycling at Defra on 17th April. The discussion was wide-ranging and we covered a number of areas as set out below.

Fly-tipping

We raised concerns in particular about the quality of the data that was being collected by local authorities in respect of fly tipping incident numbers. We expressed our view that a more consistent definition of what constitutes fly tipping would certainly help to address this and that it would be helpful if this could be fed back to Robert's colleagues in Defra.

We made Robert aware of the Surrey fly tipping prevention strategy, which was developed by all local authorities in Surrey and informed him of the two publicity campaigns that had been undertaken to encourage residents and businesses to dispose of their waste lawfully and cut off the supply of waste to illegal fly-tippers. We pointed out that one of the problems with such localised campaigns is that they do not necessarily reach beyond the boundaries of Surrey. Fly tippers do not respect such boundaries and we believe that much of the fly tipping that we see in Surrey originates from London. We told Robert that we believed that a government led national publicity campaign on fly tipping prevention would be much more effective and asked Robert to find out whether there were any plans for a national communications campaign.

Improving joint working in two-tier areas

We told Robert that, In Surrey, we believe that the most effective way to work together on waste issues is to develop arrangements between Surrey County Council and the eleven district and borough councils which, as far as possible, resemble those of a unitary authority. We said that we felt that the government could further encourage joint working by considering incentives that would drive best practice in this area. For example through national performance indicators, financial incentives and sharing of best practice.

We said that we considered that the current recycling credit system has been a barrier to better joint working arrangements and that a change in the law to encourage a mechanism that shares the savings gained through increased recycling, such as the one we have developed in Surrey, would be beneficial. In this respect our Partnership Manage is going to investigate whether a task group to investigate this can be set up with the National Association of Waste Disposal Officers (NAWDO).

Producer responsibility

We said that we were encouraged by the work being done at a national level to develop an improved producer responsibility system. We believe that good progress is being made in this area and we are looking forward to some exciting developments coming forward.

Charging for construction waste at community recycling centres

We spoke at great length with Robert about the government's stated view that local authorities should accept reasonable amounts of 'DIY' waste generated by householders, free of charge at community recycling centres.

I told Robert that this is a significant matter for Surrey County Council and that if the council were no longer able to recover the cost of disposing of construction waste from our residents then the additional cost of disposing of this waste would be between £0.5 million and £1 million per year. I said that, in view of the council's difficult financial position, compensating savings would need to be found to balance our budget, this would mean very difficult decisions for the service to make.

I reiterated the council's view that there was no legal definition of 'DIY' waste but that the law did define 'construction and demolition' waste and allowed local authorities to make a charge for this type of waste even if it originated from a household.

Robert acknowledged that this was not a straightforward issue and agreed that defining what constituted a 'reasonable amount' and identifying whether the waste had in fact arisen from a work undertaken by a householder, would be challenging.

He said that the government had so far sought to deal with the matter through updated guidance from the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) however he did acknowledge that if the government needed to change the law then they would have to consult all local authorities on the proposed change and consider the cost implications.

Given that there are over 100 authorities operating community recycling centres in England, the cost impact for all English disposal authorities is likely to run into tens of millions of pounds.

Absorbent Hygiene Products

I mentioned that we are currently working with Proctor and Gamble to establish the viability of a process to recycle absorbent hygiene products, including nappies. Robert said that Therese Coffey, Parliamentary under Secretary of State for the Environment, is aware of and interested in this development. We said that we would be interested to hear of any future opportunity for infrastructure/innovation funding that would improve the viability of the process and reduce the risk to pathfinder authorities such as Surrey County Council.'

HELYN CLACK, CABINET MEMBER FOR CORPORATE SUPPORT

2. WILL FORSTER (WOKING SOUTH) TO ASK:

Please could the Cabinet Member provide an update on the County Council's insurance claim following the fire at Lakers Youth Centre?

Reply:

I can advise the Member that two of my Cabinet Colleagues, Clare Curran and Tim Oliver, recently met with representatives from user groups based at Lakers and that the local County Councillor, Cabinet Member Colin Kemp, is aware of ongoing discussions that are happening with regards to future provision of Services. Whilst the Council understands the difficulties the local community are having whilst we go through these options following the damaging fire the building suffered in January, I can confirm that this Council fully recognises the importance these community buildings play in providing and generating positive social engagement opportunities to communities.

At this time there is an ongoing review and establishment of the business case to identify the options for Lakers and that working in conjunction with key providers and partners, such as the local borough and other active community providers including local schools, health providers and the voluntary and third sector, the Council will move forward with a decision around future options and this will factor in the ongoing conversations with the Councils Insurers.

CLARE CURRAN, CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN

3. MR CHRIS BOTTEN (CATERHAM HILL) TO ASK:

Recent statistics obtained by the NSPCC show a sharp rise in the number of children under 11 referred for mental health treatment by schools, with one third of those referred to CAMHS services refused help. Given the recent concerns expressed by councillors, residents and service users over CAMHS services in Surrey, can the Cabinet Member confirm that the current provider will not be offered a contract extension, that there will be a proper procurement process in which she will be fully involved and can she indicate what is being done to remedy the current failures in the service?

Reply:

As Cabinet Member I recognise the concerns raised by the Member and would like to reassure the Council of the high priority being placed on addressing the unacceptable waits and high demand for Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).

The County Council and Surrey CCGs jointly commissioned the current CAMHS contract for a term of three years from April 2016 until March 2019 with the option to extend for another two years. The contract is now in its third year and the commissioners are working through the options for the future of CAMHS services to extend or re-procure. The decision on the contract will be made by a Committee in Common and based on key information which will include performance data, risk analysis and future operating models. I will be a member of the Committee in Common alongside the Assistant Director for Commissioning and Prevention, Head of Strategic Finance and representatives from our six partner CCGs. I am pressing for an early decision and seeking for this to be made next month subject to the necessary information being available.

To address the current failures and risks within the system, an urgent CAMHS summit was held on 13 April 2018. This was attended by Surrey County Council (SCC), Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Surrey and Borders Partnership (SABP) colleagues. The purpose of the summit was to agree an interim plan to address the immediate concerns around backlog and risks and to agree the specification for an independent review of the service approach.

The interim plan has a renewed focus on using early intervention services and supporting children, families, schools and GPs to use the range of services that are already provided through subcontracted partners. In order to deliver the interim plan and address the waiting list, additional resources are being secured through the Sustainable Transformation Partnership and the CCGs. This work will be supported by a review of case management criteria to reduce caseloads for clinicians to safe and manageable levels. I would like to stress the urgent and crisis referral pathway for children will still be in place during this period.

I reassure Members that whilst there will be concerns and risks during this period, access to CAMHS is being prioritised for those children most at risk and a thorough approach is being taken to decision making on the options of contract extension or procurement.

CLARE CURRAN, CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN

4. MRS FIONA WHITE (GUILDFORD WEST) TO ASK:

What plans does the Cabinet Member have to increase the number of Foster Carers across Surrey and how will the resources for this be identified?

Reply:

It has been a significant challenge for some time to recruit sufficient high quality foster carers for our children in Surrey. In Surrey we are proud of our carers and know they do a fabulous job to support our most vulnerable children and to provide them with a

safe and stable home. But we do need more of them – and we are committed to working collectively to address this and I hope that our approach will have the support of all Members.

Within the Fostering service we have had a dedicated fostering recruitment team in place since January 2017 and we have been able to see the impact and effectiveness of this. The number of carers recruited in 2017-18 more than doubled with 27 households approved in contrast to only 13 the previous year. This team is shortly to be strengthened by an additional worker focusing on the assessment of carers for our unaccompanied asylum seeking children. Funding for this post is directly from the Department for Education (DfE) Migration Fund.

As you are aware, Dave Hill has recently joined us as our Executive Director for Children, Families and Schools and has already recognised that recruiting more foster carers in the County is a priority. Building on what has been successful elsewhere, we will be developing a more community based approach for recruitment, with our carers at the very heart of this. They are best placed to know what motivated them to become foster carers, and to use their passion and insight and experience to speak with family, friends, colleagues and others within their communities to identify other potential carers. Alongside this we fully recognise the level of support they need to be able to provide the best care possible to our children so we will be ensuring all our carers have strong support available from our Child & Adolescent Mental Health services.

It is currently Foster Carers Fortnight. I know many members are already supporting Surrey Fostering Service through talking with residents and sharing our fostering publicity material including car stickers and through invitations for our recruitment team to attend community events in their divisions. I hope you will all be willing to continue this support.

MIKE GOODMAN, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

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

At the recent meeting of the E&I Select Committee, it was confirmed that there are at least 10 footbridges, and other rights-of-way bridges in Surrey, that are currently closed, which means that some of our rights-of-way network is also currently closed. Please could you provide details of where they are, how long they have been closed, and the cost of replacement of each of these bridges? Which bridges have a budget and plan in place for repairs/replacement and when will they re-open?

Reply:

Out of approximately 1,500 bridge/structures carrying public rights of way in the county, there are currently nine closed awaiting repairs. Seven of these are the responsibility of the County Council and two are private bridges.

We have an estimate of the cost to repair most of the bridges but do not have set dates for their repair because the budget available is very small. The total budget to cover bridges, surface repairs and other capital items is £175,000 over a network of 3,400 kilometres of publically maintainable rights of way. £71,000 of this is allocated in 2018/19 towards bridges.

Right of way	Closed since	Estimated cost	Budget in place	Opening	Comment
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FP 228a Chiddingfold	May 2018	£8,000	No. 2018/19 Budget already allocated	No date set. Possibly 2019/20	Standard footbridge with rotten timbers, needs replacement
FP6 Staines	May 2018	£6,000	No. 2018/19 budget already allocated	No date set. Possibly 2019/20	Standard footbridge with rotten timbers, replacement
FP 61 Send	Sept 2017	£25,000	No	No date set	Repairs to riverbank to protect bridge abutments. Negotiations with landowner have been protracted and yet to be finalised as a Public Path Diversion Order is also needed
FP 5 Ockham/FP82 Woking	Feb 2014	£350,000	No, due to scale of likely cost. Additional capital funding will need to be secured.	No date set. Feasibility work is being undertaken	This was a large footbridge (25m spanning River Wey) with no vehicular access. The old bridge has been removed for safety reasons. Discussions have taken place with adjoining landowners about possibility of moving the location/access, but no agreement has been reached.
FP 32 Egham	May 2018	£10,000	No. 2018/19 budget already allocated	No date set	Standard footbridge and boardwalk with rotten timbers
BW 163 Busbridge	June 2015	£5,000	Working with volunteers	Dec 2018	Complex legal situation. Protracted negotiations with adjoining landowners

					recently completed. Volunteer input is being used to progress 'simple' repairs one stage at a time, with contributions from interested parties/landowners
FP81 Farnham	Mar 2017	£15,000	Yes	Dec 2018	Standard footbridge with rotten timbers. Tendering process commencing June 2018
FP 34 Ripley & FP 123 Woking	Apr 2018	£0	Yes	Oct 2018	Privately owned bridge/structure
FP 19 Chertsey & FP 19 Walton and Weybridge	Mar 2018	£0	Yes	Aug 2018	Privately owned bridge/structure

MARY LEWIS, CABINET MEMBER FOR ALL-AGE LEARNING

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

Does the Council have any plans to close libraries in the north of the County (Elmbridge, Runnymede and Spelthorne)?

Reply:

There are no plans to close any libraries in Surrey but I cannot rule out that some libraries might at some stage be considered for relocation to alternative local premises where, as part of a review of our property holdings, this might be cost-effective. Like all local authorities, SCC are looking for creative solutions to deliver the breadth and quality of services that residents expect.

CLARE CURRAN, CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN

7. MR WILL FORSTER (WOKING SOUTH) TO ASK: (2nd question)

The decision to set up a Charter for care leavers was passed unanimously at Council in March 2018. Please could the Cabinet Member set out what progress has been made in setting up the Charter since then and what the timescale is for its full implementation?

Reply:

We are all committed to develop a charter of entitlements with Care Leavers. We have recognised this as part of a range of Corporate Parenting improvements. Over the last month our energy has been focused on reviewing our corporate parenting in order to have more impact and to be more responsive to our Looked After Children and Care Leavers. This was agreed at the Corporate Parenting Board meeting this week. The next stage of this work is to update our Looked After Children and Care Leavers Strategy and Pledge and to see how well we are delivering against a charter. In order to ensure this work is meaningful we will include young people, practitioners, carers and partners in carrying out this work over the summer with a view to finalising it in September 2018.

CLARE CURRAN, CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN

**8. MR JONATHAN ESSEX (REDHILL EAST) TO ASK:
(2nd question)**

The Surrey Placement Strategy for Looked After Children (2016 – 2019) commits that by 2018 Surrey will “*reduce the reliance on out of county placements, particularly for those children and young people placed more than 20-miles from their originating home*”. In light of this please can Surrey confirm how the number of looked after children placed out of county has changed since 2016, where geographically they are placed, how far from their originating home they are placed and what affect this has on the quality of care and outcomes of these Looked After Children?

Reply:

Since 2016 the overall number of looked after children has increased from 876 to 930 as of 31 March 2018. A number of factors has led to the increase and this includes a greater number of younger children coming into care within Court proceedings due to concerns regarding the harm, or risk to harm, they have experienced. In addition more teenagers have become looked after because of concerns about them being exploited and going missing, as well as due to challenging behaviour. In line with this increase in overall numbers there has also been an increase in the number of children who are placed more than twenty miles from their home.

	As at 31 March 2016	As at 31 March 2017	As at 31 March 2018
Children Placed out of County (% of Looked After Children)	438 (50%)	422 (48%)	466 (50%)
Of which also > 20 miles from home (% of Looked After Children)	200 (23%)	219 (25%)	267 (28%)

Placements for children placed out of county will cover a wide range of needs – from those with severe disabilities or high educational needs who are placed in specialist residential schools, secure units, specialist intervention placements and parent and child residential assessments to those who are placed with foster carers as local foster carers could not be found. In the last three years children have been placed in 119 different local authority areas around the United Kingdom as well as abroad. The top 10 local authorities where children are placed outside of Surrey as at 31 March 2018 are:

Children	% of all children
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		placed outside Surrey
Kent County	56	21%
West Sussex County	52	19%
Croydon London Borough	49	18%
Hampshire County	49	18%
East Sussex County	24	9%
Medway (B)	14	5%
Sutton London Borough	12	4%
Bromley London Borough	12	4%
Hounslow London Borough	11	4%
Merton London Borough	10	4%

In terms of quality and impact on outcomes for their care, all children are supported and monitored through the same regulatory frameworks as those placed within Surrey and we have the same responsibilities. Their placements are subject to inspections, their care plans and care is scrutinised by Independent Reviewing Officers and they have allocated social workers who visit in line with our procedures. However we know that we are best able to care for our children when they are placed in Surrey, and that most children are best placed within their community. Where children are placed further away purely because of placement availability we recognise the impact this can have in terms of being able to keep contact with their family and friends, needing to change schools and also being able to access services such as CAMHS.

We take steps to mitigate these factors but we know that we need to work creatively to identify more placements within Surrey, as well as developing our services to support more adolescents to remain in the care of their family as this is where most children achieve the best outcome.

MIKE GOODMAN, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

**9. MR ROBERT EVANS (STANWELL AND STANWELL MOOR) TO ASK:
(3rd question)**

Surrey County Council has recently installed some more electronic real time information signs at bus stops. How much do these each cost to install and maintain? How many have been installed and how many more are planned? Does the County consider it a sensible use of limited resources when, for example, one bus stop in Stanwell has just six buses a day on weekdays, 10 on Saturdays and no service on Sundays or Bank Holidays?

Reply:

The Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership provided funding for the County Council to deliver the Wider Staines Sustainable Transport Package (STP). This programme includes improvements to passenger transport, cycling and walking with the aim of encouraging more people to use sustainable travel modes. The overall package value is £4.95M, with scheme delivery between April 2017 to March 2020.

The passenger transport elements of the package have been designed to encourage increased passenger use. These measures include accessibility improvements to bus stops, new bus shelters and Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) displays. Overall up to 30 bus stops will be enhanced and this will include new bus shelters and real time displays at twenty bus stops. To date six real time displays have been installed. A

RTPI display costs approximately £6,000 for the supply, installation and maintenance. It is expected these RTPI displays will have a life span in excess of 15 years. This is based upon our experiences elsewhere in the county.

We have undertaken extensive consultation across the county as part of the Local Transport Review, and through our work with the Knowledge Transfer Partnership. This has identified that existing passengers place a high importance on the availability of up to date real time passenger information, providing them with confidence of their bus arrival times. This is as equally important for high frequency routes as it is for bus services that may operate less often. Our residents who do not currently use Surrey bus services have also told us that bus punctuality and the availability of this up to date real time bus arrival information are the most important factors that will encourage them to use our bus services. The Wider Staines STP programme is consistent with this and with our ambition to increase passenger numbers across the bus network.

Item 15

**REVIEW OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES FOR 2018-19 – REPORT OF THE
INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL****Recommendations from the Leader:****1. Basic Allowance**

That there is no increase to the Basic Allowance for 2018-19 (Paragraph 3.3).

2. Special Responsibility Allowances

That there are no changes to Special Responsibility Allowances for 2018-19. (Paragraph 3.5).

3. Scrutiny of Police and Crime Commissioner

That the Special Responsibility Allowance for scrutiny of the Police and Crime Commissioner is abolished, and the concept of a 'Lead Member' abandoned and replaced by the designation of an 'SCC Representative'. In addition, the Police and Crime Panel should be invited to use its powers to review any allowances to be paid (Paragraph 4.19).

4. Fostering and Adoption Panels

That the Special Responsibility Allowance for sitting on Fostering and Adoption Panels be changed to £100 per session attended plus travelling expenses as recommended by the Independent Remuneration Panel. (Paragraph 5.16).

5. Vice-Chairmen

That Special Responsibility Allowances for Vice-Chairs be retained (Paragraph 6.6).

6. Deputy Cabinet Members

That a Special Responsibility Allowance of £10,000 per year is introduced for Deputy Cabinet Members and that the Independent Remuneration Panel be invited to consider this SRA as part of its next review and report back to Council.

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