

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, KINGSTON UPON THAMES, KT1 2DN ON 21 MAY 2019 COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM, THE COUNCIL BEING CONSTITUTED AS FOLLOWS:

Tony Samuels (Chairman)
Helyn Clack (Vice-Chairman)

	Mary Angell		Julie Iles
	Ayesha Azad		Naz Islam
	Barton		Colin Kemp
*	John Beckett		Eber Kington
	Mike Bennison		Graham Knight
	Chris Botten		Rachael I Lake
	Liz Bowes		Yvonna Lay
	Natalie Bramhall		David Lee
*	Mark Brett-Warburton		Mary Lewis
*	Ben Carasco		Andy MacLeod
	Bill Chapman		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
	David Harmer		Denise Turner-Stewart
	Jeffrey Harris		Richard Walsh
	Nick Harrison		Hazel Watson
	Edward Hawkins		Fiona White
*	Marisa Heath		Keith Witham
	Saj Hussain	*	Victoria Young

*absent

25/18 CHAIRMAN [Item 1]

Under the motion of Ms Turner-Stewart, seconded by Mr Botten, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

That Mr Anthony Samuels be elected Chairman of the Council for the council year 2019/20.

26/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 2]

Apologies for absence have been received from Mr Beckett, Mrs Bowes, Mr Brett-Warburton, Mr Carasco, Mr Ellwood, Mr Gardner, Mrs Goodwin, Miss Heath, Mrs Moseley, Mr Ramsdale and Mrs Young.

27/18 MINUTES [Item 3]

The minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 19 March 2019 were submitted, confirmed and signed.

28/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 4]

There were none.

29/18 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS [Item 5]

The Chairman:

- Led a silent tribute in remembrance of Mrs Elise Whiteley, a former county councillor, who had died recently.
- Thanked Mr Nick Harrison for his dedication during his time as Leader of the Residents Association and Independent Group and welcomed Nick Darby as his successor.
- Informed Members that he was hosting an event at Walton Cricket Club to commemorate the fact that baseball was first played in Walton on Thames by the Prince of Wales in 1749. It was noted that Members were welcome to attend.
- Highlighted that he had arranged for some young musicians from the Yehudi Menuhin school in Cobham to play for Members at 2.30pm after the next County Council meeting. Members were asked to confirm attendance by 31 May 2019.

30/18 VICE-CHAIRMAN [Item 6]

Upon the motion of Mrs Mary Lewis, seconded by Mr Will Forster, it was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That Mrs Helyn Clack be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the council year 2019/20.

31/18 LEADER'S STATEMENT [Item 7]

The Leader made a detailed statement. A copy of the statement is attached as Appendix 1. A copy of the changes to the Cabinet Portfolios was tabled at the meeting and is attached as Appendix 2.

Members raised the following topics:

- Highlighted that the main issues for the Council were resident experience, collaboration of Members and working with partners.
- That residents were concerned with issues relating to youth centres, libraries and bus subsidies.
- That changes to the Council's scrutiny function would be positive.
- That Surrey Heartlands commissioners spend the lowest amount per capital on mental health in the country.
- That climate change needed to be addressed.
- That they welcome a review of the Community Recycling Centres and rural car parking policies.
- They hoped that this was the last County Council meeting where an Ombudsman Report was considered.
- There was a need for residents to better understand cross-agency support.
- Acknowledged a group called Extinction Rebellion and welcomed comments on climate change.
- There was a need to transform bus services to increase accessibility.
- That environment and climate change should be added to the Place Select Committee's title.

32/18 ELECTION OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR [Item 8]

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:50am due to disruption in the public gallery.

The meeting was reconvened at 11:00am

The Chief Executive formally reported that Mrs Nikki Barton was duly elected as the new County Councillor for the Haslemere division following the by-election held on 2 May 2019.

33/18 CHANGES TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY FUNCTION [Item 9]

The Leader of the Council introduced the report and highlighted that an opposition Member would hold a Vice-Chairmanship of each select committee and would support the Committee's working groups. It was further stated that there was a need for a robust scrutiny structure in order to provide sufficient scrutiny of the Council's services and transformation programmes.

Members made the following comments:

- That they felt it was a positive move to have two Vice-Chairman on each select committee.
- Highlighted that there was a need for sufficient resource and support for select committees from Democratic Services.

- That the transparency of the process should be celebrated.
- They endorsed the role of the Select Committee Chairman's and Vice-Chairman's Group.

Mr John O'Reilly proposed a motion, seconded by Mr Saj Hussain, to change the title of the Place Select Committee to the Communities, Environment and Highways Select Committee. It was stated that the proposed title better reflected the work of the Committee and would allow for an increased understanding from a resident perspective. Two Members spoke on the amendment and made the following comments:

- That it was inappropriate to amend the title at such short notice.
- That the overall goal was to allow residents to understand the work of the Select Committee.

Mr Hussain, as seconder of the amendment, made the following comment:

- That he felt it was important that residents understand the remit of the Select Committee.

The amendment was put to a vote with 51 Members voting for, 2 against and 8 abstentions. Therefore the amendment was carried.

RESOLVED

Subject to an amendment carried at the meeting, the revised structure for overview and scrutiny in the County Council be adopted.

34/18 ANNUAL REVIEW OF POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY [Item 10]

The annual review of the Scheme of Political Proportionality 2019/20 was introduced by the Leader of the Council.

RESOLVED (with no Member voting Against):

That the committee sizes and scheme of proportionality be adopted for 2019/20.

35/18 AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION [Item 11]

The Leader of the Council introduced the report and provided a brief summary.

Members made the following comments:

- Members asked whether the Committee in Common Sub-Committee meetings would be held in public. The Leader of the Council confirmed that decisions made by the Sub-Committee would be held in public.
- Members asked whether the Strategic Investment Board would be subject to scrutiny at a select committee. The Leader of the Council confirmed that the Board fell within the remit of the Performance and Resources Select Committee.

RESOLVED:

The County Council approved the changes to the Scheme of Delegation and the Articles as set out in the Annexes, and authorised the Director of Law and Governance to make the necessary amendments to the Council's Constitution.

36/18 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES [Item 12]

The Leader of the Council introduced the report. Members noted that the title of the Resources and Performance Select Committee was incorrect in the report.

RESOLVED (with no Members voting against):

- (1) To appoint Members to serve on the Committees of the Council for the Council year 2019/20 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.
- (3) To appoint the County Councillors representing divisions in the Woking borough area to serve on the Woking Joint Committee for the Council year 2019/20.
- (4) To appoint the County Councillors representing divisions in the Spelthorne borough area to serve on the Spelthorne Joint Committee for the Council year 2019/20.
- (5) To appoint the County Councillors representing divisions in the Runnymede borough area to serve on the Runnymede Joint Committee for the Council year 2019/20.
- (6) To appoint the County Councillors representing divisions in the Guildford borough area to serve on the Guildford Joint Committee for the Council year 2019/20.
- (7) To appoint the remaining County Councillors for each district/borough area to serve on the appropriate Local Committee for the Council year 2019/20, 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.
- (8) To appoint the Council's representative to the Surrey Police and Crime Panel for the Council year 2019/20.
- (9) 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.
- (10) 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.

(11) To note the Leader's appointments to the Council's Executive Committees as outlined above.

37/18 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN [Item 13]

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 3 to these minutes.

The appointment to the role of Chairmanship of the Epsom and Ewell Local Committee was subject to a contested election, with 48 Members voting for Tina Mountain and 14 for John Becket.

RESOLVED:

That the Members listed below are duly elected as Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen respectively of the Committees as shown for 2019/20.

SELECT COMMITTEES		
	Chairman	Vice-Chairmen
Adults and Health	Jeff Harris	1. Bernie Muir 2. Nick Darby
Children, Families, Lifelong Learning and Culture	Kay Hammond	1. Lesley Steeds 2. Chris Botten
Place	John O'Reilly	1. Saj Hussain 2. Andy MacLeod
Resources and Performance	Nick Harrison	1. Graham Knight 2. Will Forster
REGULATORY COMMITTEES		
	Chairman	Vice-Chairman
PEOPLE, PERFORMANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		
	Tim Oliver	Colin Kemp
AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE		
	David Harmer	Keith Witham

PLANNING & REGULATORY COMMITTEE		
	Tim Hall	Edward Hawkins
SURREY PENSION FUND COMMITTEE		
	Tim Evans	Ben Carasco
LOCAL COMMITTEES		
<i>DISTRICT</i>	CHAIRMAN	VICE-CHAIRMAN
Elmbridge	Peter Szanto	Mike Bennison
Epsom & Ewell	Tina Mountain	Jan Mason
Mole Valley	Tim Hall	Stephen Cooksey
Reigate & Banstead	Jeff Harris	Barbara Thomson
Surrey Heath	Bill Chapman	Edward Hawkins
Tandridge	Cameron McIntosh	Rose Thorn
Waverley	Victoria Young	David Harmer

JOINT COMMITTEES		
Guildford	Borough to appoint	Keith Taylor
Runnymede Joint Committee	Borough to appoint	Mark Nuti
Spelthorne Joint Committee	Borough to appoint	Richard Walsh
Woking Joint Committee	Ayesha Azad	Borough to appoint

38/18 MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME [Item 14]

Notice of four questions had been received. The questions and replies were published in a supplementary agenda on 20 May 2019.

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

(Q1) Mr Eber Kington asked the Cabinet Member for Highways to confirm whether highways funding was based on road used and whether he would agree to introduce it as a criteria for local highways funding in the future. The Cabinet Member stated that it would not be appropriate to monitor and assess until after a full year had passed. It was further stated that each local council had received core funding for highways.

(Q2) Mr Robert Evans asked the Cabinet Member for Highways whether he would visit his electoral division to see the state of local pavements in order to better understand the challenges residents face when using them.

Mr Essex asked if the Cabinet Member would agree that the review should not only assess the process but also the funding allocation.

The Cabinet Member confirmed that he was happy to visit any Member's division to better understand local issues. The Cabinet Member further confirmed that there were currently 13 reconstruction schemes on pavements which equalled 6.5 kilometres. In response to the second question, the Cabinet Member highlighted that Members were able to use their Members' Allocation to address issues with pavements up to 10 to 15 metres.

(Q3) Mr Chris Botten asked the Cabinet Member for Adults and Public Health whether they would consider publishing a delegated action list to outline details of decisions taken by offices and information on how the decisions could be challenged.

The Cabinet Member confirmed that a document which outlined key decisions delegated to officers was currently published. The Cabinet Member stated that she would arrange for Democratic Services to circulate an email notification to Members upon the publication of key delegated decisions..

(Q4) Mr Robert Evans highlighted to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste that children were particularly affected by fine matter and asked whether the Cabinet Member would continue to have the highest possible standards for air quality.

The Cabinet Member confirmed that funding had been secured to educate children in Surrey schools on air quality. The Cabinet Member further confirmed that an anti-idling campaign would be held in five schools on 20 July 2019. Members further noted that the Schools Air Quality Programme would be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in September 2019 rather than December 2019.

39/18 STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS [Item 15]

Mrs Tina Mountain made a statement concerning a recent house fire in Stoneleigh where she commended the work of the Fire Service.

40/18 DELIVERING THE COMMUNITY VISION FOR SURREY IN 2030: WORKING WITH PARTNERS AND RESIDENTS [Item 16]

The Leader of the Council introduced the report and provided a brief summary.

Members made the following comments:

- A Member highlighted that there was previously an agreement of work between partners and the Council known as the Surrey Compact and asked if this would be reinstated. The Leader of the Council stated he that he would look into this.
- That they full supported the initiative.

RESOLVED:

Council endorsed and approved the Partnership Commitment and supported its promotion across the county.

41/18 APPOINTMENT OF SECTION 151 OFFICER [Item 17]

The Leader of the Council introduced the report.

RESOLVED:

The County Council agreed to appoint Leigh Whitehouse as Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer of Surrey County Council.

42/18 REPORT OF THE CABINET [Item 18]

The Leader presented the report of the Cabinet meetings held on 26 March 2019 and 30 April 2019.

RECOMMENDATIONS ON POLICY FRAMEWORK DOCUMENTS

A. Revision Of Procurement and Contract Standing Orders

REPORT FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

B. Asset And Place Strategy

C. Moving Closer To Resident

D. Local Government Ombudsman

E. Quarterly Report On Decisions Taken Under Special Urgency Arrangements: 1 February – 7 May 2019

RESOLVED:

That the report of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 26 March 2019 and 30 April 2019 be adopted.

43/18 MINUTES OF CABINET MEETINGS [Item 19]

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.

[Meeting ended at: 11.28 am]

Chairman

Mr Chairman and Members, let me begin by congratulating Nick Darby on his election as group leader of the Residents Association. I have worked with Nick over the past couple of years on the Elmbridge Local Committee and as a member of the investment board and know him to be someone who is diligent and hard-working, always putting his residents first - despite being a lawyer.

Equally, having seen Nick Harrison in his first two and last two years as Leader, I have witnessed at first hand his honest, open and appropriate challenges during that time, and I have no doubt he will continue to keep us on our toes as Chairman of the Resources Select Committee.

And welcome to Nikki Barton, who returns to the chamber following the Haslemere by-election earlier this month.

Also I would like to welcome both new and returning leaders across districts and boroughs, and I look forward to visiting each of them over the coming weeks.

As you know it is a key strategic commitment to work better with our partners across the county, coordinating and collaborating to secure better outcomes for the people we jointly serve. Therefore, while the recent elections may have resulted in changes to some of the administrations I don't believe that this will or should delay the implementation of local partnership boards across the county, something I mentioned in my last council speech, and indeed which we will be piloting in two boroughs later this year. These boards, with membership drawn from key stakeholder groups, are intended to transcend political control as they genuinely focus on good local place shaping.

Mr Chairman, it is imperative that we ensure our message is properly conveyed so that residents understand that this is about modernisation and a better way of delivering services and not about cutting cost. We are dealing urgently with the finances of the council so it moves on from surviving to thriving. But I want this county council to be an authority that really cares about its residents, listens to its residents, and explains to its residents what it can and cannot do and where we can assist them to help themselves and others.

I recognise that we all want our children to be safe, our vulnerable adults to be well cared for, our roads to be well maintained, our schools to be outstanding, our countryside to be protected, the air to be clean and ultimately to ensure that our generation passes on a legacy to the next that they can be proud of. I also know that our residents recognise that there is a cost, a financial cost as well as a human cost, to achieving those aspirations.

As an administration we are working hard to address the historic shortcomings in our children services area and we are making some really positive progress. We are tackling the pressures from the increasing demand for adult social care which is largely a reflection of the demographics across the county. We will be investing more in our highways infrastructure as we try to cope with the volume of traffic that uses the 3000 miles of roads that we are responsible for on a daily basis.

Everything that we are now doing is about striving to be the most efficient council, delivering value for money for our residents and modernising the way in which services are delivered.

We are improving how we work and reorganising our workforce to reflect modern day working practices.

It is of course absolutely essential that we explain our plans clearly to our residents whether that be around increasing the resource we put into the community to look after our vulnerable family members or redeploying resource within the Fire service to enable them to focus on a real prevention agenda. The senior leadership team at Surrey Fire and Rescue are transforming the service to one that is fit for the future with a determination to stop fires from happening in the first place rather than having to deal with the often very sad consequences.

We are also custodians of the outstanding areas of natural beauty we all enjoy across the County; countryside that is owned by our residents and for the use of our residents. That is why we have developed a 25 year strategy which we will shortly be publishing. This puts the protection of the countryside at the very heart of how it will be managed going forward.

However, I completely understand the frustration when people believe we are restricting access by seeking a contribution towards the cost of maintaining the countryside through car park charges.

I have already made a commitment – indeed I made this clear as soon as I became Leader - to review those charges through a working group in the Autumn when we have a full year's figures.

And if we cannot **clearly demonstrate** to our residents that those parking charges are directly contributing towards the upkeep of the countryside, **and I mean clearly demonstrate**, then we will review the policy.

Dr Povey continues the good work with his group to review the CRCs and I very much hope they will find a workable solution that ensures the recycling centres remain open as part of the wider proposals we will be considering following the recently published government waste and resources strategy.

We are absolutely committed to supporting recycling and we must make that as easy as possible whether that's through increased curb side recycling or the use of a local community recycling centre, whilst recognising that a minority dispose of large amounts of waste at the CRC rather than pay to have it removed commercially. It was to stop this sort of behaviour that the charges were introduced.

As a county council we are clear about our responsibility to the environment and that is why I will be asking the Chairs of the Select Committees to consider setting up a working group alongside Cabinet to develop an Environmental Charter.

This would include a review of the causes of traffic congestion, which we know has a significant impact on air quality.

Let's see what we can achieve together to make a positive impact in this area

Mr Chairman our committee process is a vital component of our structure and I am therefore grateful to the cross party working group that have carried out a review of our scrutiny function. The new structure gives every member of this council the opportunity to make a full and meaningful contribution to the policies and strategies that we pursue and I very much hope that it will be embraced across the chamber as a transparent and effective critical friend. Let's use the talent within this organisation to find better, more effective and more efficient ways of doing things.

As we move forward with increasing confidence around the future financial stability of this organisation, we will have choices. Choices on what we invest in and choices on what we expect our residents to pay for. Over the coming weeks we will carry out a comprehensive review of the charges and services that we provide to all council tax payers and will listen to feedback from local people.

Mr Chairman, I propose to make one change to the Cabinet at this stage.

Joining the Cabinet will be Dr Zully Grant-Duff, who replaces Charlotte Morley. Dr Grant-Duff will be particularly focussing on the rollout of the IT, Digital and Agile working transformation programmes. We must and will invest in our staff and give them the tools they need to do an excellent job.

Charlotte has made a significant contribution to the cabinet over the past 12 months and I am grateful to her for her support

There will also be some changes to the roles of the deputy cabinet members.

Alison Griffiths will now be working with me in delivering our Surrey wide Health Strategy and progressing the integration of this council with Surrey Heartlands.

Cameron McIntosh will work alongside Julie Iles in delivering the hugely important transformation of the way we support those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

Wyatt Ramsdale will assist in embedding the restructure of Orbis and working with our partners East Sussex County Council and Brighton and Hove.

Natalie Bramhall will ensure we progress the implementation of our asset and place strategy which was approved at last month's Cabinet meeting. This will centre on significantly reducing our operational estate to reduce costs as well as generate income through capital receipts.

In relation to the County Hall project and our commitment to be closer to our residents, planning work is ongoing to relocate around one thousand staff members to existing buildings within the county, whilst maintaining 300 or so people in a small civic heart in either Guildford or Woking. There will be a detailed analysis and options report to Cabinet in July, setting out both the financial benefits and total costs.

Finally Mr Chairman, I would like to thank the Council for re-electing me as Leader. It is without doubt a demanding role but also a great privilege. I will continue to drive forward our agenda of improving the delivery of our services, improving outcomes for residents and delivering our ambition to make Surrey County Council an organisation that its elected members, its workforce and our residents can be justifiably proud of.

Cabinet Portfolios May 2019

Cabinet Member Portfolio	Key areas of responsibility
<p>Leader: Tim Oliver</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall vision and strategic direction • Major government and national representation • District and Borough partnerships, including Local & Joint Committees • Regional and strategic partnerships • Lead role for Surrey on Health Integration, including wider determinants of health • Strategic lead on the Transformation Programme • Communications • Engagement and consultation • Corporate governance • Commissioning
<p>Deputy Leader: Colin Kemp</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and Investment • Major projects, including infrastructure • Economic Growth • Planning • LEP relationships • Brexit Planning • Apprenticeships
<p>Corporate Support: Zully Grant-Duff</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital and IT Strategy • Orbis and Orbis Public Law • Legal and democratic services • HR and OD, people strategies • Customer Services • Agile working
<p>Cabinet Member for Finance: Mel Few</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance • Finance Improvement Programme • Capital programme • Internal control/audit • Commercial investment oversight • Procurement • Cash Flow & Borrowing • Performance management and reporting • Data analytics and business intelligence • Property & Assets
<p>Cabinet Member for Highways: Matt Furniss</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways – operational delivery • Street works • Road safety • Parking • SEND transport
<p>Cabinet Member for Adults and Public Health:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Social Care • Safeguarding • Accommodation for vulnerable and elderly adults

Sinead Mooney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Disabilities • Transitions • Public Health
Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Families: Mary Lewis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Services • Safeguarding • Family Resilience • Youth Services • Corporate Parenting (including fostering and adoption) • Accommodation for vulnerable children • Early Help
Cabinet Member for All Age Learning: Julie Iles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education • Special Education Needs and/or Disabilities • Adult Learning • Libraries, Arts Culture and Tourism
Cabinet Member for Environment & Waste: Mike Goodman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countryside • Planning (Waste and Minerals) • Environmental Protection and Improvements • Flooding • Waste and recycling – operational delivery • Transport (including school transport) • Climate Change • Air Quality • Aviation
Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Fire & Resilience: Denise Turner- Stewart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surrey Fire and Rescue Service • Community Safety • Trading Standards • Emergency Management • Business Continuity • Registration Services • Equalities • Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector • Coroner

Deputy Cabinet Member	Reporting to	Area of responsibility
Alison Griffiths	Tim Oliver	Health
Cameron McIntosh	Julie Iles	SEND
Natalie Bramhall	Mel Few	Property
Wyatt Ramsdale	Zully Grant Duff	Orbis