

## CABINET DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken by the Leader and Cabinet Members on Tuesday, 28 April 2020 and will take effect on 07/05/2020 unless the call-in procedure has been triggered. **CALL-IN DEADLINE: 06/05/2020.**

The following represents a summary of the decisions taken by the Leader and Cabinet Members. It is intended to represent the formal record of the decisions taken and to facilitate the call-in process. The minutes will be published in due course to site alongside this decision sheet.

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

The Cabinet at its meeting on Tuesday, 28 April 2020 considered the following matters and resolved:

- **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: (31 MARCH 2020)** (Item 2)

The Minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2020 were approved as a correct record.

- **PROCEDURAL MATTERS** (Item 4)

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

There was one question from Mr Chris Botten and four questions from Mr Jonathan Essex, these and the responses were published as a supplement to the agenda.

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

**RESOLVED:**

That the delegated decisions taken since the last meeting of the Cabinet be noted.

**Reason for decision:**

To inform the Cabinet of decisions taken by Cabinet Members, Strategic Investment Board and the Committee in Common subcommittee under delegated authority.

**Covid-19 Update** (Item 7a)

**RESOLVED:**

Cabinet resolved to note:

1. the latest public health situation with regard to COVID-19 and the latest information on Surrey's response,
2. the updated guidance on changes to local authority powers under the

Coronavirus Act, including powers available to the County Council should the system for managing the deceased risk becoming overwhelmed,

3. the efforts being made to source, procure, supply and distribute Personal Protective Equipment to employees, in accordance with national guidance and the potential sanctions and liabilities in this respect,
4. the updated assessment of the impact of COVID-19 on Surrey County Council's short and medium-term financial position, and the impact on services, and
5. the measures being taken through the Surrey Local Resilience Forum Recovery Coordinating Group to plan and prepare for the immediate, operational Recovery of services from lockdown and COVID-19.

**Reason for decision:**

The county and Council continue to face unprecedented challenges due to the COVID-19 emergency. The focus of response activity remains: i) delay and suppress the progress of the virus in Surrey, ii) save lives, iii) support our most vulnerable residents and communities through the delivery of core services, iv) reduce pressure on the NHS.

These priority objectives are guiding our decisions and ensuring our response and emergent recovery strategies and work remain tightly focused. The recommendations set out in this report will support our efforts across the Council to protect, sustain and support our residents and communities and the economy of Surrey.

*[This decision is subject to call-in by the relevant Select Committee Chairman dependent on the recommendation.]*

**Covid-19 contingencies - Urgent and delegated decisions taken (Item 7b)**

**RESOLVED:**

That the five decisions taken by officers since the last meeting be noted.

**Reason for decision:**

To inform the Cabinet of decisions taken officers under delegated authority.

*[This decision is subject to call-in by the relevant Select Committee Chairman dependent on the recommendation.]*

• **APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONING AND PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR COMBINED SENSORY SERVICES FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN (Item 8)**

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the commissioning and procurement strategy developed by Adult Social Care, Children's Services and Procurement for the re-procurement of Children's Vision and Sensory Loss Support and Adults' Combined Sensory Services contract or contracts be approved.
2. That the procurement of the sensory services contract(s) to commence on 1 April

2021 be approved. The new contract will be in place for three years with an option to extend for up to a further 36 months.

**Reason for decision:**

We are requesting approval of the commissioning and procurement strategy for the contracts for:

- a. Children’s Vision and Sensory Loss Support, of value £132,000 from the Vulnerable Learners element within the Education budget, and
- b. Adults’ Combined Sensory Services, of value £1,376,004.

This will enable Adult Social Care and Children’s Services to continue providing the services required in accordance with the relevant regulations.

This strategy incorporates publishing a Prior Information Notice (PIN), which will allow us to test the market with regard to the provision of these services. The outcome of the PIN notice will determine the actual procurement route: if there is no interest in the services other than the incumbent provider, SCC might consider whether a direct award the incumbent provider might be desirable rather than continuing with a full re-procurement.

The new contract(s) will ensure continued delivery of these services to the adults and children in Surrey who require these support services and addressing SCC’s responsibilities under the Children Act 1989, the Children and Families Act 2014 and the Care Act 2014.

*[The decisions on this item can be called in by the Children, Families, Lifelong Learning & Culture Select Committee and the Adults & Health Select Committee]*

- **REPROVISION OF DILAPIDATED BUILDING (JUNIOR BLOCK) AT TADWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL TO PROVIDE MODERN FACILITIES (PSBP2 PROJECT - DFE FUNDED) (Item 9)**

**RESOLVED:**

That, subject to the agreement of the detailed financial information for the project as set out in the Part 2 annex to the submitted report, the business case for the re-provision of the school building be approved.

**Reason for decision:**

The current block is dilapidated and beyond economic repair. The funding from the Department for Education (DfE) affords the opportunity to replace the existing block and provide children with a new education facility to use for another 60+ years rather than an old, outdated and worn out building.

If this is not undertaken SCC will lose the PSBP2 funding from DfE, and will need to carry out the same project at a later date at its own cost while suffering on going inefficient maintenance costs.

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

- **SURREY CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY (Item 10)**

## **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Surrey's Climate Change Strategy be endorsed, and its associated actions approved.
2. That the continued development of the actions contained within the strategy to identify clear ownership, appropriate levels of funding and a set of key performance indicators (KPIs) by 2021 that can provide for robust monitoring be supported. Where required any respective projects and programmes will be brought back to Cabinet with costed delivery plans for approval.
3. That the continued engagement of the Council with boroughs and districts, with the intention of achieving joint endorsement across the 12 authorities be supported.
4. That further engagement of residents and key stakeholders with the Strategy and actions, so that collective action may be taken to achieve the outlined ambition be supported.
5. That the publication of our progress annually against our targets, with a complete review of the Strategy every five years be supported. Any minor changes outside this time frame will be approved by the leader in consultation with the borough and district authorities.
6. That the Select Committee recommendation to investigate mechanisms for joint oversight and monitoring of the Climate Change Strategy impact and delivery be supported.

## **Reason for decision:**

Surrey's Climate Change Strategy enables us to deliver on Surrey's net zero carbon emissions ambition and build the resilience of our communities to the impacts of climate change.

The potential implications if we do nothing to address climate change in Surrey include increased risk of flooding and extreme heat, disruption to our critical infrastructure, networks and businesses, and increased risk to our health and wellbeing.

Not only will the implementation of the actions contained within the strategy help to reduce the potentially negative and far-ranging impacts of climate change, it will also have substantial co-benefits including improved health and wellbeing, e.g. from reductions in air pollution, the potential for job creation and investment in Surrey's green economy, and more local, sustainably produced food.

Further, baseline emissions research for Surrey, produced by researchers at Leeds University, has identified that there are a number of proven cost-effective and technically viable carbon reduction options that Surrey's local authorities could deliver in addition to the County Council's existing capital programme to reduce carbon emissions. These savings will be achieved across a range of stakeholders, from residents to businesses and public sector partners and could total £1.32 billion per annum by 2050 in savings on energy bills against a Business as Usual scenario (BAU).

Whilst the impacts of COVID19 on the County and the Government's response, including the facilitation of social distancing, will not change the ambition of the

strategy, they will need to be considered against the actions identified to deliver the strategy.

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

- **NEW TREE STRATEGY** (Item 11)

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the New Tree Strategy be approved.
2. That the continued engagement with partners in order to develop a delivery plan which will support the strategy and our ambition to facilitate the planting of 1.2 million trees by 2030 be supported. This will be completed by September 2020 to align with the start of the tree planting period.
3. That engagement with partners to develop a wider Land Use Framework, to be completed by March 2021 be supported.

**Reason for decision:**

Implementation of the Strategy will result not only in reductions in carbon emissions, thereby helping to mitigate climate change, but it will also have numerous co-benefits for residents' health and wellbeing. Trees and woodland have been proven to be good for both our mental health by minimising anxiety and stress for those able to enjoy green spaces, and our physical health by improving air quality through the same carbon capture that makes them so beneficial to the mitigation of climate change.

In addition, trees play an important role in climate change adaptation by providing areas of shade in built up urban areas during heatwaves as well as providing a source of natural flood risk management. Increasing tree cover in the county will create biodiversity benefits and increased habitats, provided that the right trees are planted in the right places.

Finally, it is important to note that other types of natural capital also play an important role in sequestering CO<sub>2</sub> and minimising the impacts of climate change. The proposed Land Use Framework will provide a mechanism that enables the Council and our partners to understand the condition and full potential and value of our natural environment, as well as how we can best support that environment.

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

- **2019/20 MONTH 11 (FEBRUARY) FINANCIAL REPORT** (Item 12)

**RESOLVED:**

That the Council's forecast revenue and capital budget positions for the year be noted.

**Reason for decision:**

This report was to comply with the agreed policy of providing a monthly budget monitoring report to Leader and Cabinet for Member for approval of any necessary actions.

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

- **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC** (Item 13)

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

- **REPROVISION OF DILAPIDATED BUILDING (JUNIOR BLOCK) AT TADWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL TO PROVIDE MODERN FACILITIES (PSBP2 PROJECT - DFE FUNDED)** (Item 14)

**RESOLVED::**

1. That the project be approved to provide:
  - A replacement building (Junior Block) delivered by Easter 2021
  - Provision of Temporary Classroom Accommodation to enable continued education during the reprovion of the current building
  - Demolition of the current building
  - Associated enabling and external works
  - At a total cost of [Exempt Minute E-3-20]
2. That the arrangements by which a variation of up to [Exempt Minute E-3-20] of the total value may be agreed by the Executive Director for Resources and Executive Director for Children, Families, Learning and Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for All-Age Learning, the Cabinet Lead Member for Finance and the Leader of the Council was approved.
3. That authority to approve the award of contracts for works be delegated to the Director of Land & Property in consultation with the Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for All-Age Learning, Head of Procurement and Section 151 Officer when a competitive tender is procured through the new Southern Modular Building Framework.

**Reason for decision:**

See Minute 60/20.

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

- **PROPERTY ACQUISITION** (Item 15)

**RESOLVED:**

That this Part 2 report contained information which was exempt from Access to Information requirements by virtue of paragraph 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including commercially sensitive information to the bidding companies).

See [Exempt Minute E-4-20].

**Reason for decision:**

See [Exempt Minute E-4-20].

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

- **PUBLICITY FOR PART 2 ITEMS** (Item 16)

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

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