

CABINET DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken by the Leader and Cabinet Members on Tuesday, 23 June 2020 and will take effect on 02/07/2020 unless the call-in procedure has been triggered. **CALL-IN DEADLINE: 01/07/2020.**

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, 23 June 2020 considered the following matters and resolved:

- **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** (Item 1)

There were no apologies.

- **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 26 MAY 2020** (Item 2)

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 May were approved as a correct record.

- **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS** (Item 4a)

There were four Member questions, one from Mrs Kay Hammond and three from Mr Jonathan Essex. These and the responses were published as a supplement to the agenda.

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

There were no public questions.

- **PETITIONS** (Item 4c)

One petition of 1,348 signatories has been received. It requested that the Council; a) Halt the demolition of Longmead Adult Education Centre in Redhill, b). Retain the Edwardian character of the building, and c) Develop it into a community hub. The response to the petition was published as part of the supplementary agenda and on the petitions website.

Ms Maulucci presented the petition.

- **REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED ON REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE** (Item 4d)

There were none.

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

RESOLVED:

That the report received from the Communities, Environment & Highways Select Committee in relation to Item 12 - Rethinking Waste – Surrey County Council's Waste Commissioning Strategy be noted and recommendations be considered.

- **COVID-19 UPDATE (Item 8)**

RESOLVED:

1. That the latest public health situation nationally and in Surrey with regard to COVID-19 and the latest information regarding the government's Test and Trace programme be noted.
2. That the financial support being provided to social care providers and Care Homes be noted.
3. That the support being provided to local businesses through a range of grants, guidance and signposting be noted.
4. That the activity underway across the county to restore and restart services, activities and the economy, as national lockdown measures were eased be noted.
5. That a contribution of £200,000 to the Community Foundation Surrey Coronavirus Support Fund was approved to provide additional financial support to the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector, match-funded where possible.

Reason for decision:

The county and council continue to face unprecedented challenges due to the COVID-19 crisis. In addition to response activity, attention is turning to the re-starting, restoration and recovery of services and day-to-day life, as lockdown measures are eased nationally.

The recommendations set out in this report ensure Cabinet are apprised of the work going on across the council to protect, sustain and support our residents and communities and the economy of Surrey.

[Where necessary a waiver for call-in will be sought from the relevant Select Committee Chairman.]

- **COVID-19 DELEGATED AND URGENT DECISIONS TAKEN (Item 9)**

RESOLVED:

That the seven 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.]

- **CHILDREN'S IMPROVEMENT UPDATE (Item 10)**

RESOLVED:

1. That the revised priorities and directorate plan for the Children, Families, Lifelong Learning & Culture directorate be agreed.
2. That the overall findings and feedback from the recent quality assurance activity included in this report and the impact on frontline children's services resulting from delivery of the Children's Improvement Plan be noted.
3. That a further report to come to the September 2020 meeting was agreed – to include an update on the children's improvement programme and the next steps for the re-inspection of Surrey's children's services by Ofsted.

Reason for decision:

It is not yet known when the next Ofsted Monitoring Visit or full re-inspection will take place following cancellation of the 7 & 8 April 2020 visit. The 'Annual Conversation' with Ofsted is scheduled for 11 June 2020 when we expect to have further clarity on how the inspection programme will proceed.

The revised directorate plan has been updated to reflect the evolving situation with the COVID-19 pandemic. While significant effort and resources are working to manage and mitigate the impact of the pandemic, we are committed to delivering the vital improvement priorities also included in the directorate plan.

As outlined in the main section of the report, the improvement programme is progressing well with Surrey's children's services successfully delivering the actions from the improvement plan to address Ofsted recommendations from the 2018 full inspection. There are comprehensive scrutiny arrangements already in place for 2020 with involvement from Surrey County Council (SCC) officers, Members, partner agencies, the Department for Education (DfE) and other key stakeholders.

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

- **HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE FUND FORWARD FUNDING - FUNDING ALLOCATION OF £41.8 MILLION TO THE A320 NORTH OF WOKING (Item 11)**

RESOLVED:

1. That an appropriate and suitable design consultancy be appointed to undertake the preliminary design work, with an estimated cost of £0.73m incurred by Surrey County Council, in advance of a full funding agreement being entered into with the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government.
2. That a further report be brought to Cabinet in September 2020 regarding progress with the terms and conditions of the funding agreement and to seek full approval for the scheme.

3. That authority be given to officers to commence early discussions with landowners with respect to the acquisition of third-party land, it being understood that this may need to progress to compulsory purchase where necessary, which would be subject to both the signing of the Funding Agreement by the Council and a further Cabinet Member resolution.

Reason for decision:

The decisions recommended will enable the early work to develop the project to commence in a way that will ensure that the project has the best opportunity to meet the challenging HIF spend timetable of March 2024. It will also enable some of the currently identifiable risks to be better understood and mitigated before Cabinet are asked for a decision for SCC to give full approval for the scheme and to sign the proposed funding agreement.

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

- **RETHINKING WASTE - SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S WASTE COMMISSIONING STRATEGY (Item 12)**

RESOLVED:

1. That the development of a Waste Commissioning Strategy be approved;
2. That the proposed outcomes for the Waste Commissioning Strategy be approved, to:
 - a) Meet Surrey County Council's Waste Disposal Authority (WDA) statutory duties.
 - b) Maximise the financial sustainability of waste management in Surrey.
 - c) Reduce the carbon impact of waste collection and disposal.
 - d) Maximise the integration of waste management in the county.
3. That the programme proposed for the development of the strategy and re-procurement of the waste disposal contract be approved; and
4. That the review of the variable elements of the funding mechanism through which the county council funds the Surrey Environment Partnership and the Waste Collection Authorities, within this programme, be approved.

Reason for decision:

The development of a Waste Commissioning Strategy as set out will enable the Council to fulfil its statutory obligations as a Waste Disposal Authority more effectively and will set a framework in which to work with partners and districts and boroughs in achieving a more efficient and financially sustainable approach to the management of waste in the county. Further, it will enable the Council to properly assess and identify ways of achieving the carbon reduction targets set out in the Council's recently adopted Climate Change Strategy.

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

- **SURREY LANE RENTAL SCHEME** (Item 13)

RESOLVED:

1. That Surrey County Council undertake a consultation as prescribed in the Department for Transport Lane Rental Schemes Guidance for English Local Highway Authorities with a view to introducing a lane rental scheme. Subject to the results of that consultation having been taken into account and a scheme being considered appropriate to make a submission to the Secretary of State for an Order to bring a scheme into legal effect.
2. That delegated authority be given to the Director for Infrastructure and Delivery in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport to approve the commencement of a lane rental scheme once the Secretary of State approval has been obtained.

Reason for decision:

Surrey County Councils' Community Vision for Surrey in 2030 has an aspiration that "Journeys across the County are easier, more predictable and safer". A lane rental scheme will help us achieve this aspiration. Analysis from pioneer lane rental schemes, introduced by Transport for London (2012) and Kent County Council (2013) demonstrate clear benefits from a scheme. These benefits are derived from behaviour changes by organisations undertaking works, to avoid lane rental charges, and additional control by both Authorities to coordinate works.

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

- **2020/21 MONTH 1 (APRIL) FINANCIAL REPORT** (Item 14)

RESOLVED:

1. That the Council's forecast revenue and capital budget positions for the year be noted.
2. That the confirmed increase to the Public Health grant due to the initial Agenda for Change (AfC) uplift and the revision to the Public Health budget approved by the Executive Director – Resources be noted.
3. That the transfer of the school surplus balance relating to Darley Dene Primary School to its successor academy of £427,554 revenue and £11,543 capital was supported.

Reason for decision:

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

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

- **FINANCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE (Item 15)**

RESOLVED:

1. That the closure of Finance Improvement Programme be approved.
2. That the continued focus of the Finance Service on improvements (both people and process), learning from others and a culture of no complacency was endorsed.
3. That the importance of the organisation's continued focus on its financial discipline was recognised and the further development of the Finance Academy to continue to address and develop financial management capabilities across the organisation was endorsed.
4. That the progress made on the Digital, Business & Insights programme and recognises the importance of this programme in the further work required to improve financial processes and data insights was noted.
5. That thanks be extended to the members of the External Assurance Panel, recognising the importance of their involvement, honest feedback, experience and expertise throughout the programme was agreed.

Reason for decision:

The collective commitment to stabilising the financial position of the Council was demonstrated when the finance improvement plan was supported by the Cabinet in September 2018. Since then a new medium-term financial strategy has been developed, aligned to the Community Vision for Surrey and a balanced budget has been set for consecutive years that does not rely on the use of reserves. Having achieved the ambitions of the action plan and addressed the issues raised by the CIPFA report, these recommendations enable the closure of the programme and ensure a continued focus on the development of, and investment in, financial management skills across the whole organisation, to ensure that excellent financial management is at the heart of all our decision making.

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

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