

# **CABINET MEMBER DECISION**

## **Decision:**

### **GUILDFORD QUALITY BUS CORRIDOR AND BUS LANE ENHANCEMENT**

#### **(i) Details of decision**

It was agreed that:

- 1) Following a statutory consultation process, approval was given to proceed with the Woodbridge Road Quality Bus Corridor Scheme for Woodbridge Road and Onslow Street in Guildford as described in the report, Specifically to:
  - a. extend the bus lane under the railway bridge (with consequent amendments to parking and waiting restrictions)
  - b. change the operational times to all day, every day (with consequent amendments to parking and waiting restrictions, and
  - c. prohibit HGV's from using the bus lane.

#### **(ii) Reasons for decision**

The Quality Bus Corridor Project which had funding granted by EM3 LEP in 2018 has three main objectives:

- 1) Improved bus journey time reliability and punctuality
- 2) Increased levels of bus patronage
- 3) Reduced bus journey times

This will help us achieve our 2030 Community Vision objectives

- Residents live in clean, safe and green communities where people and organisations embrace their environmental responsibilities.
- Journeys across the county are easier, more predictable and safer

In July 2019 Surrey County Council declared a climate emergency and in April 2020 Surrey's Climate Change Strategy was approved. The strategy was developed by Surrey's 12 local authorities and is the result of a shared ambition across the county council and the districts and boroughs, for Surrey's Greener Future – one where residents can live in clean, safe and green communities and embrace their environmental responsibilities.

To deliver on Surrey's ambitions, the county's current rate of carbon consumption would have to decrease significantly. Buses are a vital mode of transport for Guildford, used by 15,000 people per day. Surrey County Council has committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions across Surrey by 2050 as 46% of the county's carbon emissions are produced by transport. Making buses more practical and attractive for journeys has an important part to play. Additionally, with new homes proposed in Guildford Borough over the next 20 years, a reliable bus network will be vital in ensuring that an already congested road network is not overwhelmed.

#### **(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected**

None.

#### **(iv) Details of any consultation and representations received not included in the published report**

None.

**Conflicts of Interest and any Dispensations Granted**

**(Any conflict of interest declared by any other Cabinet Member consulted in relation to the decision to be recorded and any dispensations granted by the Audit and Governance Committee)**

None.

**Decision taken by:**

- (i) Name: Mr Matt Furniss**
- (ii) Portfolio: Cabinet Member for Transport**

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**Date of Publication of Record of Decision:** 13 October 2020

**Date decision effective (i.e. 5 working days after date of publication of record of decision unless subject to call-in by the Environment and Transport Select Committee): 21 October 2020**