

CABINET DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken by the Cabinet on Tuesday, 30 March 2021 and will take effect on 08/04/2021 unless the call-in procedure has been triggered. **CALL-IN DEADLINE: 07/04/21.**

The following represents a summary of the decisions taken by the Cabinet . 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 Committee Manager.

The Cabinet at its meeting on Tuesday, 30 March 2021 considered the following matters and resolved:

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

Apologies were received from Colin Kemp.

- **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 23 FEBRUARY 2021** (Item 2)

The Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 23 February 2021 were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

- **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** (Item 3)

There were none.

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

There were three member questions. The questions and responses were published as a supplement to the agenda.

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

There were no public questions.

- **PETITIONS** (Item 4c)

One petition with 4,252 signatures had been received. It requests that Surrey County Council preserve and protect Norbury Park Sawmill and Workshop. The response to the petition was published as part of the supplementary agenda. Mr Anthony Bainbridge 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:

1. That the County Hall Move and Agile Programme Task Group Report be noted and recommendations agreed.
2. That the Leader write to the Home Office urging them to expedite the processing of applications for EU citizens applying for settled status in the UK.

- **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: DELEGATED AND URGENT DECISIONS TAKEN (Item 7)**

RESOLVED:

1. That the decision taken by officers since the last meeting be noted.

Reason for decision:

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

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

RESOLVED:

2. That the reintroduction of services for non-recyclable wastes at Bagshot, Warlingham, Cranleigh and Dorking community recycling centres for a twelve month period be agreed and delegated authority be given to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change in consultation with the Leader to decide on when to reintroduce the exclusion of non-recyclable materials at these sites following the removal of COVID controls.

Reason for decision:

To mitigate issues of queuing on the highway as a result of reduced throughput at our community recycling centres caused by the introduction of controls to make the sites COVID secure. The reason for urgency is to enable changes to be put in place as soon as possible over the busy Easter period. The changes should

reduce overall queuing times and provide a more convenient service for residents

- **COVID- 19: SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE** (Item 8)

RESOLVED:

1. That the latest public health situation with regard to Covid-19, nationally and in Surrey be noted;
2. That the actions being delivered through Surrey's Local Outbreak Control Plan, including the vaccination roll out, and the ongoing support to vulnerable residents, including through the council's Community Helpline and the Covid Winter Support Grant scheme be noted and endorsed;
3. That the latest impacts on Adult Social Care and Children's, Families, Lifelong learning services be noted;
4. That the ongoing preparation for the local elections in May 2021 and associated risks be noted and endorsed;
5. That the work and planning going on in respect of the transition into recovery from the pandemic be noted and endorsed;
6. That the allocation of a £500,000 grant to Community Foundation for Surrey, of which a half of the funding will be placed into an endowment to create a lasting legacy for groups working on priorities for the county be endorsed.

Reason for decision:

The county and council continue to face unprecedented challenges due to the Covid-19 crisis. We are simultaneously managing response activity and work with our partners to enable recovery within the county, looking ahead to a return to day-to-day life for communities following the end of national lockdown.

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

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

- **ALTERNATIVE CURRICULUM PATHWAYS AND REINTEGRATION SUPPORT** (Item 9)

RESOLVED:

1. That the vision and principles of the Alternative Provision strategy are endorsed,
2. That the developments in the previously agreed capital works to upgrade the county's Pupil Referral Units are noted,
3. That delegated authority to agree individual projects and resources is given to the Cabinet Member for All Age Learning and Cabinet Member for Resources and Corporate Support, subject to a detailed business case for each scheme passing through Property Panel and Capital Programme

Panel is approved,

4. That an amount of £0.5m is transferred from the current pipeline budget to begin the development of more detailed plans for individual sites.

Reason for decision:

The proposed strategy will provide a shared ambition for children, vision, and a set of principles to develop a consistent high-quality countywide AP offer. The implementation of these proposals will provide an integrated system of alternative provision focussed on supporting children and young people at an earlier stage and enabling them to remain more often in their local school provision with their friends and siblings. The systemic approach will drive improvements in outcomes for children and young people accessing alternative provision, returning them more quickly and successfully to full time education. The investment proposals will ensure that all facilities meet the minimum standards required and go further to provide environments that ensure children feel valued, support children with a broad curriculum and ensure that their emotional health and wellbeing is a priority.

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

- **MANAGEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF HGV WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS- 'HGV WATCH' (Item 10)**

RESOLVED:

1. That the HGV Weight Restriction Enforcement Policy in the form of the 'Surrey HGV watch' is adopted;
2. That agreement of the detailed operational policy is delegated to the Director for Highways and Transport in consultation with Surrey Police and the Cabinet Member for Highways;
3. That twice yearly progress reports are provided to the Cabinet Member for Highways;
4. That support for a change in Government policy to allow councils outside London to enforce moving traffic offences by camera to help improve road safety, reduce congestion and protect the environment is endorsed.

Reason for decision:

The recommendations above will enable the council to help achieve some of its Community Vision 2030 objectives, including that:

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

In addition, as part of our organisational strategy, Surrey County Council wants to work in partnership with residents, businesses, partners and communities to collectively meet challenges and grasp opportunities. A new HGV Watch policy that helps enforce HGV weight restrictions could encourage residents to be

proactive in their local areas in working with the council and the police in tackling the environmental impacts that inappropriate HGV movements have on our communities.

An HGV watch scheme will help focus the resources available to the police and council for the enforcement of HGV restrictions in the most effective way and in a way that will have the greatest impact on driver awareness and potentially compliance.

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

- **A NEW RAIL STRATEGY FOR SURREY 2021 (Item 11)**

RESOLVED:

1. That the New Rail Strategy for Surrey is adopted and the strategic aims, strategic responses and the future priorities identified are welcomed;
2. That the New Rail Strategy for Surrey is used as a framework to support local economic and spatial development decisions and as an advocacy document to lobby Government, the rail industry and others to assist in delivering the strategic aims;
3. That the development of a future work programme that will set out the council's involvement in the interventions identified in New Rail Strategy for Surrey, led by the Cabinet Member for Highways, the objective being to create an implementation plan that is integrated with the emerging Surrey Local Transport Plan 4 and the Surrey Infrastructure Plan is agreed.

Reason for decision:

Good rail services with supporting infrastructure are vital for maintaining and growing Surrey's economy. They provide efficient and sustainable links to jobs, education and leisure, they reduce the number of car journeys on our roads and they support our climate change agenda. The rail network is also a key factor in the decisions made by business and residents choosing to live and work in the county. Although uncertainties around the long-term economic impacts of Covid19 remain, particularly in terms of how businesses will respond and how commuting patterns will adapt, the importance of rail in Surrey will remain high.

Therefore, whilst the council has no statutory role in planning or delivering rail services or projects, we must continue to actively engage with the rail industry and Government to ensure that our priorities are reflected in rail service delivery, infrastructure investment and in planning for the future.

To ensure we succeed in doing so, it is crucial that the council has a relevant and coherent rail strategy, which can be used as an advocacy document and to support partnership work and future investment with the rail industry. The New Rail Strategy for Surrey encompasses a clear set of strategic aims, strategic responses and the future priorities. It will provide a platform to deliver our ambitions in rail. Moreover, our New Rail Strategy for Surrey will enable the council to take advantage of other opportunities as they arise to support our 2030 Community Vision and our 2050 Place Ambition.

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

- **ACTIVE TRAVEL PROGRAMME UPDATE (Item 12)**

RESOLVED:

1. That the prioritisation process so a final programme of schemes can be determined and can proceed to construction be agreed;
2. That approval of the final programme as well as authorisation to advertise and consider any relevant Traffic Regulation Orders be delegated to the Director of Highways & Transport in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and the relevant Divisional Member, once agreed by the Capital Programme Panel;
3. That local and joint committees are provided regular updates of progress of the relevant schemes within their areas.

Reason for decision:

Increasing residents' choices on travel and accessibility of travel is important for our residents and as such is reflected in our ambitions and community vision. Active travel has also been a key area of government policy with the publication of the Department for Transport's *Gear Change* plan which set out the ambition for the UK to become a walking and cycling nation.

SCC want to ensure that the active travel schemes being delivered for residents align with our own ambitions and objectives as well as ensuring that the grant is directed to the priority schemes in the time required and with the right local engagement

On this basis, consideration has been given to the prioritisation process required to achieve this aim. It is anticipated this will include the following aspects;

- Consultation outcomes
- Contribution to sustainable travel choices for commuting and leisure
- Contribution to a reduction in carbon emission
- Improvement in air quality through reduction in congestion
- Links to health, education, and jobs

We are taking a consultation approach that provides robust evidence. This consultative approach is not only important in helping us to prioritise but also in meeting the Government's expectations in the second round of schemes.

It is imperative that the consultation is representative of the communities that live around the proposed active travel schemes as well as the wider population across Surrey. The work will extend beyond the groups that typically participate in consultation exercises to reach those who, for whatever reason, do not typically engage in traditional consultation exercises but are nonetheless affected by the proposed changes.

Once the consultation has concluded, the schemes will be prioritised based on the results of the consultation and the factors explained later in this report. Those schemes that are unsuccessful in being prioritised for delivery will remain on list for future funding opportunities and review through the Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIP) programme.

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

- **APPROVAL TO PROCURE SCHOOL PROJECTS NOT APPEARING ON THE 2020/21 ANNUAL PROCUREMENT FORWARD PLAN (Item 13)**

RESOLVED:

1. That approval is given to Procure the 2021/22 projects listed in Annex 1; specifically the Priority Schools Building Programme (PSBP2), Schools Basic Needs (SBN) and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in accordance with Surrey County Council's (the Council) Procurement and Contract Standing Orders.
2. That within the +/-5% budgetary tolerance level, the Executive Director of Resources and Director of Land and Property are authorised to award such contracts, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member.

Reason for decision:

By approving this recommendation Surrey County Council will avoid the need to submit multiple individual requests for Approval to Procure the school projects, as well as individual contract award approvals for work taking place in 2021/22.

Enable the delivery of the Capital schools programme approved in the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

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

- **2020/21 MONTH 10 (JANUARY) FINANCIAL REPORT (Item 14)**

RESOLVED:

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

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 Resources and Performance Select Committee]

- **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC (Item 15)**

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.

- **APPROVAL TO PROCURE SCHOOL PROJECTS NOT APPEARING ON THE 2020/21 ANNUAL PROCUREMENT FORWARD PLAN (Item 16)**

RESOLVED:

See Minute 72/21

Reason for Decision:

See Minute 72/21

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

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