

CABINET DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken by the Cabinet on Tuesday, 29 June 2021 and will take effect on 08/07/2021 unless the call-in procedure has been triggered.

CALL-IN DEADLINE: 07/07/2021.

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, 29 June 2021 considered the following matters and resolved:

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

There were no apologies.

- **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 01 JUNE 2021** (Item 2)

The Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 01 June 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 three public questions. The questions and responses were published as a supplement to the agenda.

- **PETITIONS** (Item 4c)

There were none.

- **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)

There were none.

- **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)**

There were none.

- **SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL STRATEGY AND DELIVERY - 2021 AND BEYOND (Item 8)**

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet reaffirms and endorses the strategic direction of the Council, recognising the progress and achievements to date.
2. That Cabinet acknowledges the impact that Covid-19 has had on residents, communities and economy, and the changed context the Council now faces.
3. That Cabinet recognises the financial challenge that the organisation continues to face and endorses the twin-track approach to budget setting in the short and medium terms.
4. That the initial elements of a high-level strategic programme, to be developed further be approved to ensure the ambitions of the Community Vision 2030 and Organisation Strategy priorities are achieved.
5. That the indicative target operating model and workforce of the future for the Council, required to achieve our ambition and priority objectives be approved.

Reason for decision:

The challenges brought about by Covid-19 make it even more important that we achieve our ambitions to be an agile, flexible and responsive organisation that engages directly with communities and utilises innovations in digital and data to transform the way we design and deliver services.

Endorsing our current ambitions and strategic direction and setting out a high-level delivery programme for the medium term will help us to add more value, make greater impact and improve services so they deliver the best possible long-term outcomes for residents. As part of this, more radically transforming our organisation to reform its function, form, focus and culture will be key.

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

- **IMPROVING MENTAL HEALTH OUTCOMES, EXPERIENCES AND SERVICES IN SURREY** (Item 9)

RESOLVED:

1. That the work commissioned and undertaken by the Surrey Mental Health Partnership Board be acknowledged.
2. That the recommendations and implementation programme arising from that work, which will drive improvements across the mental health system are endorsed.
3. That the Council's role and contribution to emotional wellbeing and mental health outcomes, experiences and services in Surrey be acknowledged.

Reason for Decision:

Tackling health inequality is one of the Council's four strategic priorities. Poor mental health is a key factor in a range of conditions and personal situations, such as substance abuse, unemployment, poor physical health, that create and/or worsen health inequality. The mental health system in Surrey is under great stress and struggling to manage the demands made upon it. This report and its recommendations, the work to date and the work proposed are intended to support the mental health system deal with the immediate demands and pressures as well as building an effective and sustainable improvement programme.

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

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

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet review the findings from the March 2021 Ofsted Focused Visit and the updated improvement plan and priorities as set out by children's services in response to the feedback received.
2. That Cabinet receive a further update on the progress made delivering the children's services 'Getting to Good' plan and the improvement priorities resulting from the Ofsted Focused Visit in early Autumn 2021.
3. That the cross-cutting approach on how 'getting to good' across the directorate be noted, which also includes services for children with additional needs (SEND) and services for children with emotional wellbeing or mental health issues (CAMHS), highlighting some key areas of focus; performance, retention, professional development, partnerships and finances.

Reason for Decision:

Children's services improvement is a high priority for the Council. It is important that Cabinet is aware of the evidence of progress made to improve services so far, as determined by both internal and external scrutiny and of the ongoing, ambitious and innovative improvement plan which is driven by a focus on improving outcomes for children and families and goes well beyond resolving only the issues highlighted by Ofsted, the Department for Education (DfE) and the

Commissioner.

The routine national inspection activity resumes from May 2021 at which point Ofsted will begin a gradual restart of the Inspecting Local Authority Children's Services (ILACS) programme for local authority children's services. Although the timetable for inspection is not notified in advance, we are anticipating a full re-inspection of Surrey's children's services later in 2021 or early in 2022.

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

- **VARIATION TO ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR SURREY'S COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021 AND SEPTEMBER 2022** (Item 11)

That Cabinet recommends that the County Council approves the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools and co-ordinated schemes.

1. That, subject to the new School Admissions Code coming into force on 1 September, the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for 2021 and 2022 are varied to give top priority for children adopted from state care outside England, alongside looked after children and other previously looked after children.

Reason for Decision:

- It will ensure the local authority complies with the new School Admissions Code that is due to come in to force on 1 September 2021.
- It will ensure that children adopted from state care outside England are given the same priority for admission as children adopted from state care in England.

- **SUPPORTED INDEPENDENT LIVING - FEASIBILITY STUDY** (Item 12)

RESOLVED:

1. That capital funding of £1.9m from the capital programme Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) pipeline allocation for Supported Independent Living for a feasibility study to progress supported independent living accommodation schemes at four identified sites up to full planning applications be approved.
2. That procurement of appropriate supply chain partners for the delivery of all associated services required, in accordance with the Council's Procurement and Contract Standing Orders be approved.
3. Regarding the procurement of supply chain partners, that the Executive Director of Resources and the Director of Land and Property be authorised to award such contracts within the +/-5% budgetary tolerance level.

Reason for Decision:

The decisions recommended in this report will contribute to enabling the Council to:

- i. Meet the need, identified by the Council's Adult Social Care (ASC) team, for supported independent living accommodation units in the four identified sites.
- ii. Enable local residents with Learning Disabilities and/or autism to have

- their own accommodation to improve their independence and wellbeing.
- iii. Make an essential contribution towards the Council's strategic objective to tackle health inequality, in line with the 2030 Community Vision to ensure no-one is left behind.
- iv. Potentially release assets for alternative use or disposal, where identified as surplus to supported independent living requirements by the ASC team.

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

- **SURREY'S GREENER FUTURES CLIMATE CHANGE DELIVERY PLAN (CCDP)** (Item 13)

RESOLVED:

1. That the proposed approach and principles underpinning the development of the Greener Futures Climate Change Strategy Delivery Plan for achieving net zero 2050 be approved.
2. That Cabinet agree to continue to fully engage partners, in particular districts and boroughs, in developing and shaping the Plan.
3. That Cabinet agree the pivotal role of behaviour change in delivering the county's net zero targets and the outline approach for engaging and empowering communities to act.
4. That the crucial role that all partners must play in delivering and approving the establishment of a Greener Futures Board to provide countywide leadership to this agenda be agreed.
5. That the full county Greener Futures Climate Change Delivery Plan, the Council's own Net Zero Delivery Plan and a robust Greener Futures Finance Strategy be brought back to Cabinet in Autumn 2021.

Reason for Decision:

Having declared a climate emergency and published the Greener Futures Climate Change Strategy in 2020, it is now essential to have an evidence-based delivery plan that shows how Surrey's target of net zero by 2050 can be achieved.

Surrey County Council has a crucial role to play in delivering and driving this agenda and must ensure that the resources and levers that are within its control, and the influence that can be brought to bear, are utilised to maximum effect.

However, the Council is only one part of the solution, and ultimately all partners must play their part in the implementation of a jointly developed, owned and delivered plan, with a strong governance framework to provide strategic direction.

Most importantly, delivering the ambitions of the Greener Futures Climate Change Strategy will require a step change in how our communities live, work and play, and therefore the critical role of enabling residents and businesses to make more sustainable choices is highlighted as a major focus.

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

- **THE SURREY TRANSPORT PLAN (FOURTH EDITION)** (Item 14)

RESOLVED:

1. That the evidence base and development of the first draft of the Surrey Transport Plan (4th edition) be noted.
2. That the draft fourth edition of the Surrey Transport Plan be approved and be put forward for statutory consultation between the 5 July 2021 and 24 October 2021, noting the following in particular:
 - a) The vision, objectives and outcomes.
 - b) The “Avoid / Shift / Improve” Framework.
 - c) The nine new policy areas identified.
 - d) The sustainable travel hierarchy and street’s family framework.
 - e) The four impact strategies to deliver the expected outcomes.
3. That the requirement to consider, as part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS), additional investment into more sustainable transport infrastructure and/or to reprioritise existing capital commitments to deliver the ambitions of the new Surrey Transport Plan, pending initial feedback from the consultation be noted.
4. That the launch of the statutory consultation and delegate sign-off of consultation contents to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure and Executive Director for Environment, Transport & Infrastructure be approved.
5. That the development of a programme to support delivery of the Surrey Transport Plan which will include a funding strategy and a set of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) be approved. If required, projects and programmes will be brought back to Cabinet with costed delivery plans for future approval.

Reason for Decision:

Achieving the scale of carbon emissions reduction to deliver net zero carbon by 2050, requires a step change in how transport services and its infrastructure are planned, delivered, maintained, and used. This will need the Council, partner organisations, businesses, and all of Surrey’s residents to act now and work together to make changes in when, where, and how they choose to travel, including adopting digital opportunities. The plan sets out policies to support these changes by developing and enhancing safe, cleaner, greener ways of travelling and accessing services and opportunities. Behaviour change, innovation, and uptake of technology such as electric vehicles, will all be integral to meet the challenge of achieving the county’s target of net zero carbon by 2050. The plan also supports the importance of ensuring that our transport policies and networks enables a prosperous economy and healthier, better connected communities.

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

- **2021/22 MONTH 1 (APRIL) FINANCIAL REPORT** (Item 15)

RESOLVED:

1. That the Council’s forecast revenue and capital budget positions for the year be noted.
2. That the increase to Public Health’s budget to fund PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) medicine and other initiatives recommended by the Public

Health Leadership Team and approved by the Executive Director of Resources 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]

- **SUPPORTED INDEPENDENT LIVING - FEASIBILITY STUDY** (Item 17)

See Minute 127/21.

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