

CABINET DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken by the Cabinet on Tuesday, 28 September 2021 and will take effect on 07/10/2021 unless the call-in procedure has been triggered.
CALL-IN DEADLINE: 06/10/2021.

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, 28 September 2021 considered the following matters and resolved:

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

Apologies were received from Natalie Bramhall.

- **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 20 JULY 2021** (Item 2)

The Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 20 July 2021 were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

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

Sinead Mooney declared an interest in that her husband had a role with one of the three contractors who had bid for the term maintenance contract for highway services. She abstained from taking part in discussions regarding Items 10 and 19.

Members' Questions (Item 4a)

There were nine 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)

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)**

RESOLVED:

1. That the report from the Communities, Environment and Highways Select Committee on the procurement of highways' term maintenance contract and the policy on the use of safety cameras in Surrey be noted and recommendations agreed.

- **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.

- **CABINET MEMBER OF THE MONTH (Item 8)**

RESOLVED:

That the Cabinet Member of the Month report be noted.

- **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPELTHORNE JOINT COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION FOLLOWING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMITTEE SYSTEM BY SPELTHORNE BOROUGH COUNCIL (Item 9)**

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet agrees the changes to Spelthorne Joint Committee constitution, to reflect the change from a Cabinet to a Committee system within Spelthorne Borough Council, as set out in this report and Annex A.

Reasons for Decisions:

To ensure that the Joint Committee constitution is fit for purpose.

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

- **AWARD OF TERM MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR HIGHWAY SERVICES**
(Item 10)

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet approves the award of the Term Maintenance Contract to the successful bidder; and authority be delegated to finalise and enter into contract with the successful bidder to the Executive Director for Environment, Transport and Infrastructure in consultation with the Executive Director for Resources and the Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure.

Reasons for Decisions:

For several years, the Council has worked with private sector partners to deliver highway maintenance and improvement activities across the county on its behalf, and with the current arrangements expiring in April 2022 a new contract arrangement needs to be determined.

Following approval of the Procurement Strategy in September 2020, officers from Highways and Transport supported by officers from across the Council including Procurement, Legal Finance and Strategic Commissioning have conducted a “Competitive Procedure with Negotiation” procurement exercise to identify the next Term Maintenance provider.

Following the recent completion of that procurement process, officers are now able to recommend the contract be awarded to the most “economically advantageous” bidder as explained in the Part 2 report.

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

- **GREEN HOMES GRANT LOCAL AUTHORITY DELIVERY (GHGLAD) FUNDING** (Item 11)

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet Approves the addition of £3.2m to the capital programme from Government’s GHG LAD grant funding, for 21/22 (less 1% revenue costs for SCC admin).
2. That Cabinet delegates the approval to accept any future government grant funding for the purposes of decarbonising housing in Surrey to the Capital Programme Panel.

Reason for Decisions:

The recommendations in this report contribute towards the delivery of two of the dial up areas in the refreshed organisation strategy. The first is supporting a greener future in Surrey. Housing in Surrey accounts for 28% of the county’s carbon emissions. This is a challenging sector in which to achieve net zero carbon by 2050 due to lack of funding and incentive for homeowners to install insulation, renewable energy and low carbon heating measures. The GHGLAD programme helps to overcome these issues by providing a full grant to low-income households for decarbonisation measures.

The second dial up area is tackling health inequalities. Approximately 7% of households in Surrey are in fuel poverty, which largely impacts upon low-income

households and is linked to increased winter illnesses and deaths. The GHLAD programme helps to reduce fuel poverty by providing grant funding to improve the energy efficiency of energy inefficient homes resided in by fuel poor households.

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

- **POLICY ON THE USE OF SAFETY CAMERAS IN SURREY** (Item 12)

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet approve the policy on the use of safety cameras in Surrey presented in Annex 1.

Reason for Decisions:

Higher vehicle speeds increase the risk of collisions. Also, the higher the speed the more severe the consequences are likely to be. Safety cameras have proven to be a very effective intervention to reducing casualties at the worst casualty hotspots where speeding or failure to comply with red traffic signals have been part of the problem.

In more recent years there has been greater use of average speed cameras as these can encourage greater compliance with the speed limit over a longer stretch of road compared with spot speed cameras. The policy presented here will ensure that safety cameras will continue to be deployed effectively in Surrey to reduce road collisions. It also allows for deployment at other locations to reduce the impact of speeding traffic in local communities where there might be concerns over air quality, noise pollution and congestion. It will also free up police officer enforcement resources to be deployed to tackle other locations.

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

- **SURREY OUTDOOR LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT - PHASE 1, THAMES YOUNG MARINERS** (Item 13)

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet approves the total funding of £6.2m. This comprises £4.2m to be transferred from the current pipeline within the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) that was approved on 9 February 2021 as part of the capital programme. An additional £2m of capital investment has been identified through this business case to enable a comprehensive rebuild of the site, address significant repair and maintenance requirements and to extend and enhance the site's facilities which will generate additional income for the Council.

Reason for Decisions:

Capital development at Thames Young Mariners will enable SOLD to realise the potential in the site through a significant increase in service capacity, supporting the Council's strategic priorities for children, young people, and families by providing bespoke programmes of personal development, appropriate education, skills training and family support. It will further enhance SOLD's ability to work in partnership with services across the Children, Families and Lifelong Learning Directorate to support vulnerable children and young people including children

with a social worker, young people in contact with the criminal justice system and children missing education. Whilst focussing on children and young people, the facilities will also be available for all ages to support the Council's broader strategic objectives.

Commitment to the £6.2m capital investment would allow TYM to offer an all year-round programme. The lack of year-round residential and day facilities means the site can only operate April – October, with five months of no significant on-site activity. Market testing confirms that post-pandemic there is considerable unmet demand from the customer base for year-round and residential facilities.

The proposed investment will see TYM contribute significantly to the long-term financial sustainability of SOLD as the investment will be self-funding through the net surplus created each year. In addition, site assessments of the current property confirm that the facilities are increasingly unsafe and require urgent backlog maintenance works of £0.4m simply to make the site safe and facilities usable in the immediate term. Site assessments also confirm that in the next five years, a further £0.9m of capital forward maintenance will be required to maintain the facilities at an acceptable, safe standard.

In the mid to long term period, by proceeding with the proposed £6.2m capital investment programme at TYM, the Council will in total reduce its net maintenance liability by approximately £1m over the next ten year period as the current site is in very poor condition and will require significant works to maintain the standards of the building and surrounding site.

In the longer term, should the proposed works not proceed, in addition to the most urgent maintenance requirements, there is also a further requirement of maintenance works over the next 30 years of £1.68m based on an annual estimated cost of £56k for building and external areas. Lack of further investment will also put the achievement of planned revenue generation from TYM (circa £235k per annum by 2025/26) at serious risk.

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

- **APPROVAL OF PROCUREMENT ROUTE TO MARKET AND TO DELEGATE THE AWARD DECISION FOR SURREY ONLINE SCHOOL (Item 14)**

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet grants approval to procure a contract for the provision of Surrey Online School. The new contract will start on 1 September 2022. This will be a 3-year contract with the option to extend by an additional two years in 12 monthly increments, making the possible contract term 5 years in total. Current estimated annual value is circa £310,000 so total cost over the maximum 5-year period could be up to £1,550,000.
2. That authority for the contract award decision be delegated to the Executive Director for Children, Families and Lifelong Learning and the Cabinet Member for Education and Learning.

Reason for decision:

To comply with the Procurement and Contract Standing Orders agreed by the Council in May 2019 and to provide Cabinet with strategic oversight of planned procurement projects for 2021/22.

A new contract is required to meet the statutory obligation of Surrey County Council by providing quality assured learning experiences online for vulnerable children and children with additional needs.

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

- **MOLE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT SCHEME** (Item 15)

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet approve the procurement of services to deliver the Mole Bridge replacement scheme as part of the Capital Structures 2022/23 programme.

Reasons for Decisions:

The scheme will replace a bridge that has reached the end of its life and will make improvements to other aspects of the highway environment. This includes wider carriageway lanes and additional footway provision as well as improved visibility at the adjacent junction for all road users.

The termination of the existing Highways Term Partnering Contract and implementation of new Contract in April 2022 poses a risk to the delivery and the required timescales of this project. An alternative procurement route is therefore required, which will be determined through a procurement report.

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

- **WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES** (Item 16)

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet grants Approval to Procure a contract for the provision of the supply of Water and Wastewater Services. The new contract will start on 1 February 2022.
2. That authority for the contract award decision be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources.

Reason for Decisions:

This will allow Surrey County Council (SCC) to compliantly procure a contract for water, wastewater and ancillary services which will be designed to provide improvement in quality and reduction in cost of the current level of service provided to date.

(This item can be called in by the Resources and Performance Select Committee)

- **2021/22 MONTH 4 (JULY) FINANCIAL REPORT** (Item 17)

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet note the Council's forecast revenue and capital budget positions for the year, including the reset capital budget.

2. That Cabinet approve a £3.9m drawdown from the Infrastructure capital pipeline to fund an increase in the capital budget for Local Highway Schemes.

Reason for Decisions:

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

(This item can be called in by the Resources and Performance Select Committee)

- **AWARD OF TERM MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR HIGHWAY SERVICES**
(Item 19)

See Minute 166/21.

- **SURREY OUTDOOR LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT - PHASE 1, THAMES YOUNG MARINERS** (Item 20)

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet notes and agrees the financial details associated with the decision to agree the business case for the delivery of Phase 1 of the Surrey Outdoor Learning Development (SOLD) improvement programme at Thames Young Mariners (TYM).
2. That Cabinet notes the proposal for Option 3 as set out in the RIBA Stage 1 Report (Annex 1).

Reason for Decisions:

See Minute 169/21.

- **APPROVAL OF PROCUREMENT ROUTE TO MARKET AND TO DELEGATE THE AWARD DECISION FOR SURREY ONLINE SCHOOL** (Item 21)

See Minute 170/21.

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