

CABINET DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken by the Cabinet on Tuesday, 26 October 2021 and will take effect on 04/11/2021 unless the call-in procedure has been triggered. **CALL-IN DEADLINE: 03/11/2021.**

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 Regulatory Business Manager or relevant Committee Manager.

The Cabinet at its meeting on Tuesday, 26 October 2021 considered the following matters and resolved:

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

There were no apologies.

- **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 28 SEPTEMBER 2021** (Item 2)

The Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 28 September 2021 were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

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

There were none.

Members' Questions (Item 4a)

There was one member question from Will Forster. The questions and responses were published as a supplement to the agenda.

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

There was one public question. The question and response was 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)

RESOLVED:

At the County Council meeting on 12 October 2021, Lance Spencer moved a

motion under Standing Order 11. It was agreed for the motion to be referred to Cabinet for consideration.

1. That the Cabinet Member for Environment write to the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, the new Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, the Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, and Alok Sharma, President of COP26 to urge sufficient funding and policy change to allow local government to make urgent progress in meeting its challenges meaningfully in the financial year 2022/23.
2. That the Cabinet Member for Environment review and update the existing communications and engagement plan, before the next meeting of the Council, to set out how we will engage with the 1.2 million residents, eighty-one Members and businesses across Surrey so they fully understand the transformation needed for Surrey to meet its carbon reduction targets.

The Community, Environment and Highways Select Committee scrutinised, as part of its pre-decision scrutiny process, the Government's new National Bus Strategy for England (Bus Back Better). Recommendations were considered by Cabinet at its meeting.

3. That the recommendations from the Communities, Environment and Highways Select Committee on the National Bus Strategy, Bus Back Better be noted.

- **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.

- **SURREY'S GREENER FUTURES CLIMATE CHANGE DELIVERY PLAN (CCDP) (Item 9)**

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet approves the Greener Futures Climate Change Delivery Plan for 2021 – 2025 (Delivery Plan).
2. That Cabinet approve the Council's 2030 Net Zero Carbon Programme (the 2030 Programme), which sets out how the Council's organisational emissions will be reduced, on the basis that any resulting significant new policy will be brought to future Cabinet meetings for approval.
3. That Cabinet approves the initial Greener Futures Finance Strategy (the Finance Strategy), noting the quantum of investment necessary to meet our 2030 and 2050 carbon reduction targets, that the plan will be reiterated over time and recognising that where appropriate future investment will need to be considered as part of the Council's MTF5.
4. That Cabinet approves the initial Greener Futures Communications and Engagement Plan (the Engagement Plan), whose priorities will be updated on a six-monthly basis; recognising the critical role of partners in delivering net zero carbon.
5. That delegated authority for approving any further changes to the Delivery Plan is given to the Executive Director for Environment, Transport and Infrastructure in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment, to enable the plan to evolve and adapt to local and national developments.

Reasons for Decisions:

The Delivery Plan and associated annexes document the proposed approach to meeting the targets set out in the Climate Change Strategy agreed by the SCC Cabinet in May 2020. The Delivery Plan is Surrey-wide, not a plan solely for SCC. It must have broad ownership by the public sector, residents, communities and business for successful delivery, and it must continue to remain relevant to existing and new partners to ensure continued ownership. National policy and technology are rapidly changing so the Delivery Plan must also be agile. Therefore, it is recommended that delegated authority be given to the Executive Director for Environment, Transport and Infrastructure in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment to evolve the Delivery Plan.

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

- **NATIONAL BUS STRATEGY - BUS BACK BETTER - A BUS SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR SURREY (Item 10)**

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet welcomes the level of aspiration and the proposed initiatives set out in the draft Bus Service Improvement Plan for Surrey, including the proposed measures aiming to ensure buses can operate reliably on Surrey's roads.
2. That Cabinet agrees that the draft Bus Service Improvement Plan for Surrey be submitted to the Department for Transport by the 31 October 2021 deadline, with authority delegated to the Executive Director for Environment, Transport and Infrastructure in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure to agree the final document.

3. That Cabinet support the proposed draft governance arrangements that will oversee the delivery and further development of the draft Bus Service Improvement Plan.
4. That a further report is taken to Cabinet once levels of Government funding are confirmed, setting out the interventions and improvements to be delivered in partnership with Surrey's bus operators.

Reasons for Decisions:

The Government's aspirations in the National Bus Strategy, to be delivered through Bus Service Improvement Plans and Enhanced Partnership schemes, support the Council's own intentions within the emerging new Surrey Transport Plan, to encourage modal shift and to deliver a reduction in carbon and other emissions from the transport sector.

A Cabinet Member for Highways & Infrastructure report on 29 June 2021 gave approval to proceed with the development of Enhanced Partnerships with bus operators and to issue a notice of intent to prepare Enhanced Partnership Schemes, as set out in section 138F of the Transport Act 2000.

The Bus Service Improvement Plan in the next task, to be completed and submitted to the Department for Transport (DfT) by 31 October 2021.

This council and our bus operator partners will then develop and enter into formal Enhanced Partnership arrangement, to commence on 1 April 2022.

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

- **ECONOMY AND GROWTH UPDATE REPORT: DELIVERING A PROGRAMME FOR GROWTH** (Item 11)

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet note the update on the work undertaken to address the challenges and opportunities set out within Surrey County Council's Economic Strategy Statement to 2030: Surrey's Economic Future.
2. That Cabinet acknowledges the role and contribution of the One Surrey Growth Board to the development of the economic growth future work programme set out
3. That Cabinet agrees the forward programme of work to deliver Surrey's Economic Future, as detailed in Annex 1.
4. Cabinet notes that a further update will be presented to Cabinet in Spring 2022.

Reasons for Decisions:

The work programme to deliver on Surrey's Future Economy Strategy is at an early stage of development and needs to remain agile to take advantage of current opportunities as well as responding to the challenges which are limiting the productivity and growth of the Surrey economy. Updates are presented to Cabinet to ensure the work programme remains aligned to the Council's priorities and responsive to the needs of residents and businesses.

Since the last update to Cabinet in April 2021, the programme of work has been significantly refined and expanded to incorporate detailed and deliverable projects. A further five projects have been identified for feasibility work to deliver on the objectives of the Strategy. Approval is sought from Cabinet to agree the

updated work programme to reflect the addition of the five new projects detailed in section 21 of this report.

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

- **SURREY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN- PHASE 1 SCHEMES** (Item 12)

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet agree the implementation of the Phase 1 projects identified in this report and set out in Appendix 1, within the approved budget envelope, subject to the final business case for each scheme being approved by the Capital Programme Panel.
2. That Cabinet agree to the establishment of a Surrey Infrastructure Programme Board to oversee development and delivery of schemes to be chaired by the Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure.

Reasons for Decisions:

The recommendations will enable the development and delivery of infrastructure schemes that meet a wide range and outcomes and demonstrate deliverability and affordability. They enable the implementation of the first phase of schemes and the introduction of a second phase that requires further feasibility work, creating a flexible system for developing and delivering infrastructure schemes. The process is intended to remain dynamic with new schemes added to the long list as they are identified, and a continuous programme of schemes developed taking them from concept through to delivery identifying suitable funding opportunities as they progress.

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

- **ACQUISITION OF LAND AT TICE'S MEADOW, FARNHAM** (Item 13)

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet approves the freehold purchase of land known as Tice's Meadow, Farnham, dependent on receipt of 45% of the purchase price from a consortium of key partners, as previously agreed. The purchase price and transaction costs are commercially sensitive at this time and are set out in the Part 2 report.
2. That Cabinet delegates authority to the Director of Land and Property and the Executive Director of Resources, in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Property, to conclude contracts and completion and to recover agreed capital contributions from its key partners. The capital contributions are commercially sensitive at this time and are set out in the Part 2 report.
3. That Cabinet agrees that Surrey County Council takes over as lead accountable body for the Aftercare and Management Scheme, in partnership with its public sector partners and approved private bodies.
4. That Cabinet notes that Surrey County Council will become responsible for the Aftercare Management Scheme as set out in paragraph 8 in this report, and the associated costs noted in the Part 2 report.

Reasons for Decisions:

It is recommended that Cabinet approves Surrey County Council purchasing land in Farnham as set out in the Part 2 report. The land is a former quarry which has been restored and remains subject to a 20-year management plan for its enhancement and protection delivered in partnership with Waverley Borough Council, Farnham Town Council, Guildford Borough Council, and both Hampshire County Council and Rushmoor Borough Council, supporting the Blackwater Valley Partnership.

The purchase of land, on behalf of its local authority partners, protects against the risk of a private purchaser taking over and seeking to reduce public access or amenity benefit, and also averts the risk of land disposal possibly into small parcels that would make future purchase potentially more complex and expensive.

The Council's Natural Capital Estate provides 10,000 acres of high-quality landscape and recreational space. However, in Waverley open space of this kind is currently limited, so the purchase of this land provides an ideal opportunity to expand space available for residents and visitors. The area complements Surrey's existing land ownership known as Tongham Pool to the immediate east, and the Blackwater Valley Way (owned by Rushmore Borough Council) which sits along the northern boundary. It will also provide the opportunity for a number of circular walks within the site, and an additional attraction for visitors to explore wildlife and the natural environment.

Since the landscape quality of the site as a quarry was very low, there is a high net biodiversity value to be gained from active management of the site to maximise value delivered by the new wetland, woodland and grasslands.

By approving the purchase of the land Surrey County Council will support both its public sector partner authorities and the Greener Futures priority objectives.

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

- **SEND TRANSFORMATION** (Item 14)

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet notes the work being undertaken through the SEND Transformation programme, and endorses the strategic priorities, implementation plan and next phase of delivery, which will drive improvements across Surrey's SEND system.

Reasons for Decisions:

Surrey County Council is two years into a long-term programme of SEND transformation and is developing the next phase of planning and delivery to accelerate and embed change.

The report ensures that Cabinet is assured on the next phase of transformation, its delivery and the impact of the programme.

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

- **SURREY SAFEGUARDING ADULTS ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021** (Item 15)

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet notes the Surrey Safeguarding Adults Annual Report for 2020/2021.

Reasons for Decisions:

This recommendation demonstrates that the Council is fulfilling its statutory requirement under the Care Act 2014 in having established a Safeguarding Adults Board in its area.

It will support the SSAB to be transparent by providing information to the public on the performance of the Board and its strategic plan.

- **2021/22 MONTH 5 (AUGUST) FINANCIAL REPORT** (Item 16)

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet notes the Council's forecast revenue and capital budget positions.
2. That Cabinet approves the reset of Directorate budgets to distribute Covid-19 funding set out in paragraphs 7 to 10.

Reasons 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)

- **ACQUISITION OF LAND AT TICE'S MEADOW, FARNHAM** (Item 18)

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet approves the freehold purchase of the land known as Tice's Meadow Farnham at a purchase price of [E-18-21], plus estimated stamp duty land costs of [E-18-21], with legal and site transaction costs of up to a further [E-18-21]. See Annex 1, Draft Heads of Terms.
2. That Cabinet approves the capital investment of [E-18-21] towards this purchase price, which is dependent on receipt of 45% of the purchase price from a consortium of key partners, as previously agreed.
3. That Cabinet delegates authority to the Director of Land and Property and the Executive Director of Resources, in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Property, to conclude contracts and completion, contingent upon recovering agreed capital contributions from its key partners (as outlined in this Part 2 report indicating 45% towards the agreed purchase price).
4. That Cabinet agrees that Surrey County Council takes over as lead accountable body for the Aftercare and Management Scheme, in partnership with its public sector partners and approved private bodies.
5. That Cabinet notes that Surrey County Council will become responsible for the Aftercare Management Scheme as set out in paragraph 8 in the Part 1 report, and

the associated costs noted in this report.

Reasons for Decisions:

See Minute 194/21.

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

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