

## CABINET DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken by the Cabinet on Tuesday, 25 October 2022 and will take effect on 03/11/2022 unless the call-in procedure has been triggered.

**CALL-IN DEADLINE: 02/11/2022.**

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, 25 October 2022 considered the following matters and resolved:

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

Apologies were received from Jordan Beech.

- **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 27 SEPTEMBER 2022** (Item 2)

These were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

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

There were none.

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

There were two 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)

**RESOLVED:**

That the two reports from the Communities, Environment and Highways Select Committee be noted.

- **LEADER / DEPUTY LEADER / CABINET MEMBER/ STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST CABINET MEETING (Item 6)**

**RESOLVED:**

That the decisions taken since the last Cabinet meeting be noted.

- **CABINET MEMBER OF THE MONTH (Item 7)**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Cabinet Member of the Month update be noted.

- **A COUNTY DEAL FOR SURREY (Item 8)**

**RESOLVED:**

1. That Cabinet note the leading role the council has taken to engage with partners and key stakeholders to develop initial draft proposals for negotiation with Government on a County Deal for Surrey.
2. That Cabinet approve the initial draft core set of proposals for negotiation with Government for inclusion in a County Deal for Surrey, that have been developed in line with Level 2 of the Government's Levelling Up Devolution Framework.
3. That Cabinet endorse the approach to begin preparations for the integration of Surrey-wide LEP functions into a County Deal, subject to the outcome of negotiations with Government
4. That Cabinet endorse the approach to begin exploring appropriate governance arrangements for each of the "core" proposals in collaboration with the relevant Surrey's strategic partnership boards and other relevant key stakeholders.
5. That Cabinet approve the approach to negotiations with Government, noting that the initial draft proposals are likely to be subject to change during negotiations and that any final County Deal for Surrey deal will be brought to Cabinet and Full Council for approval.

**Reasons for Decisions:**

The Government's Levelling Up White Paper presents a rare opportunity for the council to pursue a devolution deal for Surrey that will bring new powers, freedoms and flexibilities, better enabling the council to deliver for residents against the 2030 Community Vision, the council's four strategic priorities (Growing a sustainable economy; Tackling health inequality; Enabling a greener future; and Empowering communities), and work towards the overarching ambition of No One Left Behind.

*(The decisions on this item can be called-in by the Communities, Environment and Highways Select Committee)*

- **A COUNTY STRATEGY FOR HOUSING, ACCOMMODATION AND HOMES: BASELINE ASSESSMENT** (Item 9)

**RESOLVED:**

1. That Cabinet endorse the consultative research work undertaken in partnership, to establish a strategic baseline assessment of accommodation and housing across the county
2. That Cabinet approve the proposed deliberative engagement approach to secure the views and buy-in of partner bodies to the identification of strategic priorities for accommodation and housing in Surrey
3. That Cabinet agree to a further report, confirming the Accommodation and Housing Strategic needs and priorities, coming to the Cabinet meeting in January 2023.

**Reasons for Decisions:**

1. The housing circumstances and conditions in which one lives have a profound effect on many aspects of our lives. Housing, accommodation, and homes across Surrey reflect a complex mix of tenures, provision, quality, quantity and affordability and accessibility and in a number of these respects presents serious challenges. Housing also has a distinct impact on the economy and its potential to grow.
2. In considering these issues, it is apparent that an evidenced, joined-up, county-wide partnership strategic approach to housing, accommodation and homes would be beneficial in providing ambition, focus, direction, and alignment across the whole Surrey housing system.
3. Acknowledging the complexity and potential sensitivity, the recommendations seek to secure endorsement at this stage of the engagement, assessment and analysis of the current position and proposed next steps, to provide a common platform of awareness and understanding of the key issues, in order to drive strategic priorities for action and improved delivery and outcomes, over time, in pursuit of ensuring more residents in Surrey live in secure, affordable, and sustainable housing, are able to fulfil their full potential and make their best contribution to economic, civic and community life.

*(The decisions on this item can be called-in by the Communities, Environment and Highways Select Committee)*

- **A SKILLS PLAN FOR SURREY** (Item 10)

**RESOLVED:**

1. That Cabinet endorse the emerging outcomes and priorities of the Skills Plan for Surrey and recognise its role in relation to the forthcoming 'Lifetime of Learning' strategy.

**Reasons for Decisions:**

The Skills Plan for Surrey sets out the challenges and opportunities facing the Surrey economy in terms of recruitment and skills. Due to the combination of factors impacting the Surrey labour market which have seen substantial increases in demand for people and skills against a decreasing level of supply, action is required by both Surrey County Council and a wide range of partners, including

businesses and training providers, to positively impact this agenda. Through doing so, we can help to support economic growth and provide greater opportunities for Surrey's residents, supporting the principle of leaving no one behind.

*(The decisions on this item can be called-in by the Communities, Environment and Highways Select Committee)*

- **HEALTHY STREETS FOR SURREY DESIGN GUIDE (Item 11)**

**RESOLVED:**

1. That Cabinet endorse the Healthy Streets for Surrey guide.
2. That Cabinet agree adoption of the guide as County Council policy for the design of streets in all new developments in the County.
3. That Cabinet agree to apply the approach to all County Council public realm schemes.
4. That Cabinet strongly recommends the guidance to the Boroughs and Districts.
5. That Cabinet delegates any amendments to the policy to the Cabinet Member for Transport, Infrastructure and Growth and the Executive Director for Environment, Transport and Infrastructure.

**Reasons for Decisions:**

Surrey County Council has a significant role in the design and implementation of new development, particularly in respect of streets specifically and transportation in general. As such, the County Council as the local Highway Authority advises the county's Boroughs and Districts on the transportation implications of applications for planning permission. The Surrey Street Design Guide, 'Healthy Streets for Surrey,' is being produced in order to assist developers, the Boroughs and Districts and the community to understand what standards the County Council will be seeking when considering proposals. The aim is to deliver high quality, attractive, safe, accessible and sustainable development and well-designed places.

*(The decisions on this item can be called-in by the Communities, Environment and Highways Select Committee)*

- **DE-REGISTRATION OF LAND AT STRINGERS COMMON AND DESIGNATION OF REPLACEMENT LAND TO FACILITATE JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT WORKS FOR WEYSIDE URBAN VILLAGE (Item 12)**

**RESOLVED:**

Subject to the agreement of the matters arising in paragraph 57 of the report with Guildford Borough Council, it was agreed that Cabinet delegate authority to the Executive Director of Environment, Transport and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, Infrastructure and Growth and Cabinet Member for Environment, to:

1. Undertake a public consultation exercise into the proposed de-registration of land at Stringers Common and related works.
2. Finalise the exact plot boundaries for the Commons Act applications in light of matters arising from public consultation, completion of the junction design and agreement of suitable mitigation measures.
3. Further to such consultation and subject to consideration of responses, prepare and submit a joint application with GBC under section 16 of the Commons Act to the Secretary of State seeking to:
  - de-register land at Stringers Common to facilitate junction improvement works at Moorfield Rd / Woking Rd – shown on the indicative accompanying plan (Annex A); and
  - register suitable replacement common land at Jacobs Well Road - shown on the indicative accompanying plan (Annex A).

### **Reasons for Decisions:**

Planning permission was issued by GBC in March 2022 for the Housing Infrastructure Fund-enabled Weyside Urban Village (WUV), a major mixed used scheme including the construction of 1,550 dwellings, a local centre, employment uses, replacement Council depot and replacement traveller's site at Slyfield Green.

In order to facilitate that scheme, road and junction improvement works will be required at the Woking Rd junction with Moorfield Rd, for which Surrey are the highway authority. These improvement works are proposed to be undertaken on land which is currently registered common land at Stringers Common, where SCC is the landowner.

*(The decisions on this item can be called-in by the Communities, Environment and Highways Select Committee)*

- **NATIONAL BUS STRATEGY - BUS BACK BETTER - AN ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP FOR SURREY (Item 13)**

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That Cabinet agree the Enhanced Partnership Plan for Surrey, inclusive of proposed governance arrangements to start on 3 November 2022.
2. That Cabinet confirm support for the delivery priorities set out in the draft Enhanced Partnership Scheme, which will be formally agreed by the Enhanced Partnership Board for implementation, with progress and performance updates to be presented to the Cabinet Member for Transport, Infrastructure and Growth, who is also chair of the Enhanced Partnership Governance Board.
3. That Cabinet agree that a public consultation be carried out to obtain the views of residents and stakeholders on the future bus network in Surrey, with the findings and proposed next steps to be presented to a meeting of Cabinet in early 2023.
4. That Cabinet agree that the public consultation material be approved by the Director for Highways and Transport in consultation with the Cabinet

Member for Transport, Infrastructure and Growth prior to the consultation launch.

**Reasons for Decisions:**

The National Bus Strategy aligns with several key themes in our recently adopted Surrey Transport Plan 4, in particular the hierarchy of modes and the ambition to shift journeys from the private car to other more sustainable modes. In our response to Bus Back Better, the Council has consistently highlighted the strong linkages to the aims and ambitions of the Council's Greener Futures programme and delivery of the Council's 2030 Community Vision.

With regard to future local bus provision, a public and stakeholder consultation is proposed to help us shape the future bus network and respond to the challenge of new travel patterns and bus use post Covid19. Furthermore, as part of the extension of Government's Bus Recovery Grant (revenue funding provided to LTAs to support bus services where patronage remains depressed post Covid19), the DfT requires all LTAs to undertake a bus network review. This aims to ensure the local bus network in each LTA is financially sustainable once Government recovery funding ends at the end of the current financial year.

Our proposed approach will meet Government's timeline of an EP being agreed by the autumn. It will also meet Government's requirement to assess the financial sustainable of the bus network, which is being supported by the proposed public and stakeholder consultation that will help shape the future bus network in Surrey.

*(The decisions on this item can be called-in by the Communities, Environment and Highways Select Committee)*

- **SURREY SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22** (Item 14)

**RESOLVED:**

1. That Cabinet notes the Surrey Safeguarding Adults Annual Report for 2021/22.

**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.

- **ALTERNATIVE PROVISION CAPITAL PROGRAMME** (Item 15)

**RESOLVED:**

1. That Cabinet approve delivery of the £43.2m Alternative Provision programme in full and the movement of £22.7m Alternative Provision Capital funding from pipeline to budget, and notes the proposed use of £14.7m grant funding and expected £5.77m capital receipts which can be used to fund the overall capital programme. This is in order to provide a total of 240 state-maintained alternative provision school places for children with who cannot attend mainstream educational settings because of permanent exclusion, health, emotional or mental health needs from

September 2024 onwards.

2. That Cabinet approve the delegation of authority to allocate resources from the approved £43.2m budget required for individual projects to Cabinet Members for Education and Learning, Finance and Resources, and Property and Waste, following Capital Programme Panel approval.

**Reasons for Decisions:**

Delivery of a Fit for Purpose state-maintained AP Education Estate that is aligned with DfE (Department for Education) accommodation guidelines that provides a full and high-quality education offer and meets the needs of vulnerable learners who cannot attend mainstream school for a variety of reasons including exclusion, or mental or physical health difficulties.

The provision of the full availability of 240 places for Surrey resident children to access on a short-stay basis across the county which supports the county-wide inclusion plan and adopted Alternative Provision Strategy.

Reduction in the sustained commissioning of high-cost independent AP places and more equitable deployment of resources, which enables SCC to provide for more local children on a stable financial footing.

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

- **2022/23 MONTH 5 (AUGUST) FINANCIAL REPORT** (Item 16)

**RESOLVED:**

1. That Cabinet note the Council's forecast revenue and capital budget positions for the year and the commitment to develop a budget recovery plan.
2. That Cabinet approve distribution of £2.4m of corporately held budget to uplift Directorates' pay budgets to align with the approved 2022/23 pay award (Para 12).
3. That Cabinet approve the transfer of c. £1m of the Council's £6.5m Transformation Investment for mental health interventions to the Public Service Reform directorate budget; transfer of the remaining £5.5m to the Council's reserves to sit alongside the £4m of funding received from Surrey Heartlands Integrated Care Board; and delegation of approval of future drawdowns of Mental Health Investment Fund monies to the Joint Executive Director for Public Service Reform (Paras 22-24).

**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.

*(The decisions on this item can be called-in by the Resources and Performance Select Committee)*

- **ALTERNATIVE PROVISION CAPITAL PROGRAMME** (Item 18)

See Minute 162/22.

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