

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT WOODHATCH PLACE, 11 COCKSHOT HILL, REIGATE, SURREY, RH2 8EF, ON 21 MAY 2024 COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM, THE COUNCIL BEING CONSTITUTED AS FOLLOWS:

Saj Hussain (Chair)
Tim Hall (Vice-Chair)

Maureen Attewell	Eber Kington
Ayesha Azad	Rachael Lake BEM
Catherine Baart	Victor Lewanski
Steve Bax	David Lewis (Cobham)
John Beckett	David Lewis (Camberley West)
Jordan Beech	Scott Lewis
Luke Bennett	* Andy Lynch
* Amanda Boote	Andy MacLeod
Dennis Booth	Ernest Mallett MBE
Harry Boparai	r Michaela Martin
* Liz Bowes	Jan Mason
Natalie Bramhall	Steven McCormick
Helyn Clack	Cameron McIntosh
Stephen Cooksey	Julia McShane
Clare Curran	Sinead Mooney
Nick Darby	Carla Morson
Fiona Davidson	Bernie Muir
Paul Deach	Mark Nuti
Kevin Deanus	John O'Reilly
Jonathan Essex	Tim Oliver
Robert Evans OBE	Rebecca Paul
r Chris Farr	George Potter
Paul Follows	Catherine Powell
Will Forster	Penny Rivers
* John Furey	John Robini
Matt Furniss	* Becky Rush
Angela Goodwin	Joanne Sexton
Jeffrey Gray	Lance Spencer
David Harmer	Lesley Steeds
Nick Harrison	Mark Sugden
Edward Hawkins	Richard Tear
* Marisa Heath	Ashley Tilling
Trefor Hogg	Chris Townsend
Robert Hughes	* Liz Townsend
Jonathan Hulley	Denise Turner-Stewart
r Rebecca Jennings-Evans	Hazel Watson
* Frank Kelly	Jeremy Webster
Riasat Khan	Buddhi Weerasinghe
Robert King	Fiona White
	Keith Witham

*absent

r = Remote Attendance

31/24 CHAIR [Item 1]

Under the motion of Robert Evans OBE, seconded by Jonathan Essex, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

That Saj Hussain be elected Chair of the Council for the Council Year 2024/25.

STATUTORY DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:

Saj Hussain made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

The Chair expressed his thanks to the Members of the Council for electing him as Chair for a second year and gave a short speech.

32/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 2]

Apologies for absence were received from Amanda Boote, Liz Bowes, Chris Farr (remote), Marisa Heath, Rebecca Jennings-Evans (remote), Frank Kelly, Andy Lynch, Michaela Martin (remote), Liz Townsend.

33/24 MINUTES [Item 3]

The minutes of the meetings of the County Council held on 19 March 2024 and 9 April 2024 were submitted, confirmed and signed.

34/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 4]

There were none.

35/24 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS [Item 5]

The Chair:

- Informed Members of the deaths of Chris Norman, former Conservative county councillor for the Chertsey division, and Barbara Musgrave, formerly Councillor Pattman, former county councillor for the Shere division; and led the Council in a moment of reflection.
- Highlighted the recent Chair's Volunteers' Reception for volunteers nominated by Members, welcomed those nominations and noted that it was encouraging to see the number of volunteers that support the county.
- Noted that the rest of his announcements could be found in the agenda.

36/24 VICE-CHAIR [Item 6]

Under the motion of Clare Curran, seconded by Will Forster, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

That Tim Hall be elected Vice-Chair of the Council for the Council Year 2024/25.

STATUTORY DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:

Tim Hall made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

The Vice-Chair expressed his thanks to the Members of the Council for electing him as Vice-Chair for a second year and gave a short speech.

37/24 LEADER'S STATEMENT [Item 7]

The Leader of the Council made a detailed statement. A copy of the statement is attached as Appendix A.

Members raised the following topics:

- Endorsed the Leader's comments about Leigh Whitehouse, Interim Chief Executive, and Katie Stewart, Executive Director - Environment, Infrastructure and Growth, thanking them for their service to the Council.
- Noted that the Council appeared to be in limbo, with significant change in senior staff and a cancelled Cabinet meeting, that was not good enough for residents.
- Agreed with the need to renew, noting the significant work ahead for the permanent Chief Executive.
- Thanked officers in Children's Services for their work and dedication in ensuring continued improvement, however noted the two weaknesses identified by Ofsted in its recent report: the inconsistent standard in letters to vulnerable families, and the need to improve the consistency and quality of the Council's direct work with children and families across Surrey.
- Feared for the financial future of local government and the Council, councils' funding had been cut by 25% since 2016, further cuts would be detrimental just as they were dealing with increased inflation costs and service pressures.
- Noted that vulnerable residents in Surrey paid the price for governments not fixing social care, called on the Leader to continue to lobby for a proper solution.
- Reflected on the last year where there had been improvement, verges were being cut and mapped, although the quality of the cutting could be improved.
- Noted that there was progress on the backlog of Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs), with more educational psychologists, however MindWorks was closed to neurodiversity diagnoses leaving children and schools to struggle.
- Noted that the number of complaints their political group received on Children's Services remained high. Children's homes and extra care housing were being built and more Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) places were provided, yet that costed more than budgeted and took longer than planned.
- Noted the forthcoming changes to senior officers and a general election, it was the last year Members could work together before the 2025 local elections.
- Noted that the biggest challenge faced by the Council was setting a balanced budget by bridging the gap between 'no one left behind' and what is delivered, welcomed more Member engagement on the draft budget but there remained challenges still to be addressed with strained revenue and capital budgets.
- Noted the need to look at areas of high expenditure holistically, for example looking at the interdependencies with children's social care, seeking continuous improvement and early intervention and prevention were fundamental.
- Noted the need to maximise the support for foster carers, to attract and retain them to care for Surrey's children to the best of their ability.
- Noted that the management and scrutiny of the capital programmes that provide better outcomes for children and reduce revenue costs and a clear strategy for performance improvement were critical, SEND places must be of the right type and location.

- Stressed that the Council must spend taxpayers' money well, learning from the overspend from Unit4/MySurrey delivered eighteen months late.
- Noted that all must consider the Council's core values of being excellent, open, working together, respecting others; officers must draw on Members', residents' and the voluntary sector's knowledge to improve services.
- Noted that the MindWorks situation, Foster Carers' Charter roll out and letters to parents and carers about one point of contact did not fulfil those values.
- Referred to research which found that limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius could reduce economic costs of climate change by two thirds, a one degree Celsius rise could cause a 12% decline in Gross Domestic Product, Surrey's 5 million tonnes of emissions equated to £4.5 billion of annual damage.
- Noted that it was estimated that at half the cost of a national approach and delivering three times the benefits, council-led climate action would achieve net zero by 2050. Asked how the Leader would lobby the issue, scaling up Surrey's capital programme and to encourage other councils to do the same.
- Referred to research that Sure Start centres improved educational, physical and mental health outcomes, substantially reducing SEND and mental health costs and reducing hospitalisations. Queried what the impact was of closing family centres across Surrey and reducing support given to preschool children.
- Noted that when the MindWorks contract was recently scrutinised, the NHS reported that their medical model was no longer working and called for the support in moving to a social model.
- Noted that in 2011 the Council recognised the positive outcomes for young people from the former universal youth delivery service, especially for those most vulnerable, that preventative work reduced costly interventions.
- Asked whether the Leader would agree with the NHS about the need to recognise the links between universal children services, schools and the NHS, to be part of the Council's commitment to leaving no one behind.
- Asked whether the Leader would agree that the Council must lobby the Chancellor to increase funding to councils to provide universal youth services and to be able to lead in greater climate action.
- Noted that potholes and fly-tipping were an ongoing issue for many residents, called for the better monitoring of temporary traffic lights and noted that the frequency and quality of grass cutting needed to be addressed.
- Asked the Leader to use his influence to lobby National Highways to improve the traffic flow around Wisley, M25 junction 10/A3 Wisley interchange.
- Referred to the Ofsted report where the number of staff vacancies and overreliance on agency staff was highlighted, asked the Leader how he planned to address that.
- Asked the Leader whether he and his Cabinet would try to improve Surrey's relations with London through the Mayor of London.
- Noted that when they became a Member, there were nine officers paid over £100,000, that figure was now forty-two.
- Called for stopping the approach of resolving problems by appointing more directors. Under the new Chief Executive, the senior leadership team must be leaner and more targeted, focusing on the appointment of frontline officers where there were many vacancies and agency staff.
- Welcomed the new online grass cutting map for verges and decision to go back to contracting out the maintenance to the borough and district councils.
- Noted disappointment in verges without sight line implications to highways, that despite declaring a Climate Emergency and developing a Local Nature Recovery Strategy, the Council backtracked on reducing the amount of grass cuttings during summer with uncut grass being vital to wildlife and biodiversity.

38/24 CHANGES TO CABINET PORTFOLIOS [Item 8]

The Leader introduced the report noting the addition of Jonathan Hulley as the Deputy Member for Strategic Highways.

A Member requested that in such reports going forward, the Leader should highlight the specific changes to the portfolios compared to previous versions.

RESOLVED:

That Council noted the Leader's changes to Cabinet Portfolios.

39/24 ANNUAL REVIEW OF POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY [Item 9]

The Chair referred to the report of the Monitoring Officer in the first supplementary agenda.

RESOLVED:

That Council adopted the scheme of proportionality as set out in Annex 1 to this report for the Council year 2024/25 (Appendix B).

40/24 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES [Item 10]

The Chair referred to the nominations as published in the first supplementary agenda and noted that he had been notified by the Conservative Group that they wished to add Tim Hall as an additional substitute to the Planning and Regulatory Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the Council agreed: (Appendix C)

1. To appoint Members to serve on the Committees of the Council for the Council year 2024/25 in accordance with the wishes of political groups.
2. To authorise the Chief Executive to make changes to the membership of any of the Council's Committees as necessary during the Council year in accordance with the wishes of political groups.
3. To appoint the Council's representative to the Surrey Police and Crime Panel for the Council year 2024/25.
4. To appoint up to two Members to the Buckinghamshire County Council and Surrey County Council Joint Trading Standards Service Committee, one of whom must be a Cabinet Member; the other in an advisory non-voting role.
5. To note the Leader's appointments to the Council's Executive Committees.

41/24 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN [Item 11]

The Chair referred to the nominations in the first supplementary agenda.

RESOLVED:

That the Members listed (Appendix D) are duly elected as Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen respectively of the Select Committees and Regulatory Committees as shown for 2024/25.

42/24 APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM HEAD OF PAID SERVICE [Item 12]

The Leader as Chairman of the People, Performance and Development Committee, introduced the report noting that Michael Coughlin, Executive Director - Customer, Digital and Transformation, had kindly postponed his retirement from the Council to act as the Interim Head of Paid Service after Leigh Whitehouse, Interim Chief Executive, leaves and prior to Terence Herbert joining the Council as the permanent Chief Executive.

RESOLVED:

That the County Council appointed Michael Coughlin to act as Interim Head of Paid Service for Surrey County Council from 3 June 2024 until 18 August 2024.

43/24 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE [Item 13]

The Chairman of the Audit and Governance Committee introduced the report, noting his thanks to the former Independent Member, Terry Price, who stood down after two years on the Committee; he brought a wealth of experience and expertise. He noted that following an interview process, the recruitment panel unanimously decided to offer the role to Matthew Woods, concluding that the candidate had the suitable breadth of experience and knowledge needed to fulfil the role.

RESOLVED:

That Council agreed to the appointment of Matthew Woods as the Independent Member of the Audit and Governance Committee for a period of four years.

44/24 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION [Item 14]

The Chair noted the proposed changes to Parts 3 and 6 of the Constitution.

RESOLVED:

1. Approved the amendment to Part 3, Section 3, Part 4 of the Constitution as set out in paragraph 3 of this report.
2. Approved the revised Officer Code of Conduct (Part 6(03)) as set out in Annex 1 to this report.
3. Noted the changes to Part 3, Section 2 of the Constitution (Scheme of Delegation) made by the Leader on 26 March 2024.

45/24 MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME [Item 15]

Questions:

Notice of thirteen questions had been received. The questions and replies were published in the second supplementary agenda on 20 May 2024.

A number of supplementary questions were asked and a summary of the main points is set out below:

(Q1) Robert Evans OBE asked what discussions the Cabinet Member has had with the other councils, Heathrow Airport and other interested agencies. He asked whether he would encourage those responsible to review the schemes under consideration

and the more imaginative options from abroad. He asked for an update back to Council when the conclusions of the work become available in June.

The Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Economic Growth noted that the matter had been debated for several years, hoped that a preferred route would be identified by June that all involved could support. Reiterated that the Council supported the southern rail link - currently the bus service - looking at enhancing that with Heathrow Airport and providing more stop points accessible off the M25 to avoid the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) and the airport's parking charges.

(Q2) Catherine Powell noted that she was unclear what targeted provision was being provided to disadvantaged children and young people, and asked the Cabinet Member to provide the list of schools that had been prioritised for support.

The Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Lifelong Learning reiterated the work underway such as the extension of the early years entitlement targeted at children from a disadvantaged background. She explained that the Council did not have direct authority over schools, schools were the responsibility of school governors or trustees and headteachers. Delivering the Lifetime of Learning Strategy which included the closing of that attainment gap, must be done in partnership with those responsible including the Surrey Alliance for Excellence (SAfE) which oversees the improvement work in schools. Surrey had a large number of children who do less well than their peers in other counties, noted the work in London and the northern Powerhouse working in partnership to address the gap. Noted that she was happy to discuss the work of the education partnership with the Member.

(Q3) Jonathan Essex noting residents' concerns which included a major house fire on 12 May 2024 in Banstead, asked how Banstead Fire Station and its large Surrey Police owned setting could not be made fit for purpose. In the meantime, asked that the Council accepts the lease extension until 2026 offered by Surrey Police, enabling a consideration of the alternative options and any details shared in the supplementary response be shared on the consultation website.

Robert Evans OBE referred to the response to part d) paragraph 2 that the crews and equipment were moving and the services minimum availability of fire engines would not change. Asked whether the Cabinet Member was aware that a similar assurance was given in Spelthorne that despite the closure of two fire stations and reopening of another, the fire cover would not change; that cover reduced at night. Sought assurance that the fire cover provision would not change for Banstead and that there were no further closures of fire stations or reductions in service to come.

Rebecca Paul thanked the Cabinet Member for meeting with her and Councillor Luke Bennett last week to discuss their concerns around the proposed closure of Banstead Fire Station. As provided in the response regarding Banstead Village, requested the response times before and after the proposals to be provided for Tadworth, Walton, Kingswood, Burgh Heath, Chipstead and Woodmansterne.

Steven McCormick noted concern in the reduction in the number of appliances available at Epsom Fire Station, as an appliance was moved from there to Banstead Fire Station. Regarding the proposed closure of Banstead Fire Station, asked whether Epsom Fire Station would revert to two appliances, if not he asked what the plan was to provide Epsom and Ewell with adequate coverage and how that would be done.

Tim Hall (Vice-Chair) noted that it would be helpful if Members could have a better explanation of the mapping and why Whyteleafe was the preferred location. Asked

the Cabinet Member whether there could be a Member Development Session to explain the mapping and how the motorway links in.

Luke Bennett regarding the proposals to close Banstead Fire Station, asked whether it was a proper consultation, and if not what the key objectives of that consultation process were.

Jan Mason recalled that Epsom used to have three pumps, now it only had one. Noted the building of more houses and heavy traffic loads in the borough, sought to ensure that the provision in place for Epsom Fire Station was sufficient. She asked why she had not been informed of the proposals.

The Cabinet Member for Fire and Rescue, and Resilience responded to Jonathan Essex noting that the Surrey Police owned land where Banstead Fire Station was located, was likely to be sold. He noted that Banstead Fire Station was not fit for purpose: there was no yard for the crews to do their drills, there was nowhere to store their Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when it was contaminated, and there were no facilities for different genders. He added that Banstead Fire Station did not match the risk of Surrey and where the Surrey Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) should be. Responding to the Member's request, he would provide a written response.

Responding to Robert Evans OBE, the Cabinet Member noted that there were no plans to change the provision of twenty fire engines in the day and sixteen at night.

Responding to Rebecca Paul, the Cabinet Member noted that he was happy to provide some additional information, he reiterated that it was about risk and was not based on response times.

Responding to Steven McCormick, the Cabinet Member noted that there was no risk-based evidence to say a second vehicle was required at Epsom Fire Station; the level of risk was based across the county, not on individual areas.

Responding to Tim Hall (Vice-Chair), the Cabinet Member noted that the operation of the dynamic tool could be seen live at SFRS, which showed the location of the risks and how vehicles were moved across the county to manage those risks. He was happy for there to be a Member Development Session on the matter.

(Q4) Catherine Baart asked whether the Cabinet Member could provide more information about how the Council has established that most parents favour the current termly model.

The Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Lifelong Learning would provide that information.

(Q5) Fiona Davidson quoted from NHS England's national framework published in April 2023 about the importance of 'universal, equitable and timely access to autism assessment in every ICB (Integrated Care Board) is important.' The risk of poor life outcomes was increased when there were barriers to diagnosis. Asked whether the Cabinet Member would agree that the current MindWorks neurodiverse assessment and diagnosis process and practise, restricted and withheld access to an autism diagnosis.

(Q5) Trefor Hogg welcomed the recognition of the impact the backlogs and insufficient capacity were having on vulnerable children and their families. He asked

the Cabinet Member and Leader for their help to establish the effective governance of MindWorks that was required.

Fiona White asked whether the Cabinet Member would agree that failing to intervene before a child is in crisis would affect that child for the rest of their life. Referring to the evidence given at the joint select committee meeting, she asked whether the Cabinet Member would agree that the Council should be expected to demand that MindWorks provide an improved service. The service must be designed to meet children's needs, the Council should demand that central government properly funds that provision and anything less contradicts the Council's ambition of 'no one left behind'.

George Potter noted that one reason why an autism diagnosis was difficult was because many of the symptoms were indistinguishable from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), society overlooked a non-traumatised autistic person. Noted the failings in the education system and society to adapt to people who are different. He asked whether the Cabinet Member would agree that the service provided inflicted further trauma on children with autism by preventing them from getting the timely support needed.

Jonathan Essex sought assurance that the Council would raise the issue with the ICB about the rationing of access to mental health which must end, as it was inconsistent with the Council's ambition of leaving no one behind in Surrey.

The Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Lifelong Learning stressed that the matter was being prioritised by the directorate, working with system leaders across the health system and partners to resolve it. She agreed with the points made, noting the need to focus on resolving the issues at the earliest possible opportunity for children, young people and their families.

(Q6) Robert Evans OBE noted that since 2021 only around ten percent of the claims for pothole damage were successful, with £190,000 being paid out. Asked the Cabinet Member whether he considered the rejected ninety percent of claims to be fraudulent, and if he did not, asked what the criteria used to judge successful claims were.

George Potter highlighted that the current process for submitting a claim for compensation discouraged claimants as it was onerous, requiring multiple independent quotes, exact measurements of the damage to the vehicle, details of the precise time, the weather conditions and the direction of travel. He asked the Cabinet Member whether he would be reviewing the criteria for individuals to seek compensation to improve the rate of successful claims.

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources responded to Robert Evans OBE noting that he did not believe that ninety percent of the claims were fraudulent, those claims did not meet the criteria. He noted that the Council has a duty to protect its finances and money raised largely from residents, there cannot be a process that pays out to every claim. The current system was fair, and the criteria were published on the Council's website, there were no plans to review those.

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources responded to George Potter, noting that the issues were complex, the process was similar to submitting a claim to an insurance company. There were no plans to review the criteria for determining whether compensation would be paid.

(Q7) Catherine Powell stressed that the provision of the right places and the right type of places was important. Asked whether the Cabinet Member could provide the reports referenced in her written response.

The Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Lifelong Learning would share those reports.

(Q8) Jonathan Essex referred to question b) clarifying that he sought to understand the road maintenance deficit regarding the amount of money needed to restore the road network up to its current condition, the answer referred to defects. He noted that if it was not currently possible to provide that information broken down between concrete and tarmac roads, he asked for that information to be provided broken down by borough and district, to see the geographic spread. Asked whether the Cabinet Member would agree that it would be useful to create a record of where the concrete roads were across the county, using that information to compare the road maintenance deficit between concrete and flexible roads.

Keith Witham asked the Cabinet Member how there was a fine milling programme without the Council having a record of the concrete roads in Surrey to which it applied. The estimate of between five and ten percent of Surrey's roads being concrete, could equate to several hundred miles, and those were mainly in residential areas and had been tarmacked over which had since deteriorated. Asked whether the Cabinet Member would agree to review the matter, to provide Members with more information about the fine milling process, what was happening where and when, and to liaise with Members who have concrete roads in their division.

The Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Economic Growth responded to Jonathan Essex, noting that he would look to get a breakdown of the cost of bringing all roads - concrete and flexible - up to standard by district and borough. He estimated that to cost between £300 and £600 million across the entire highway network and pavements. Improvements were being seen with the Council's investment of £76-£100 million a year, potholes and defects were decreasing. Noted that many roads were made of concrete in the north east of Surrey, it was a challenge where those had been tarmacked over. He noted that it was more costly to repair concrete roads and they were noisier, but those lasted longer compared to flexible roads.

Responding to Keith Witham, the Cabinet Member noted that the tarmacking over of concrete roads would be replaced by fine milling, he was happy to share information with Members on their known locations and was happy to schedule a Member Development Session on fine milling.

(Q9) Catherine Baart asked the Cabinet Member whether he could review the decision not to include utility works on minor roads in the Roadworks bulletin and for letters and advance warning signage to go out in every case regarding utility works on minor roads.

The Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Economic Growth encouraged the Member and residents to sign up to one.network - a free service - to get an alert for all roadworks locally. Noted that the Roadworks bulletin did not include any roadworks which were unlikely to cause a level of disruption. There were over 110,000 permits issued on Surrey's 3,000 miles of road and of the works 70% were utility works, most of the works on minor roads related to broadband works on pavements.

(Q10) Catherine Powell asked the Cabinet Member whether she had any concerns that schools in deprived areas where parents and carers were unable to transport their children, were becoming vulnerable to closure. She also asked whether she was following up with central government regarding changes that might help the Council to support those areas.

The Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Lifelong Learning reiterated that the School Organisation Plan was being reviewed and work with schools was underway about the sustainability of small schools across Surrey. She had attended a seminar with the Executive Director - Children, Families and Lifelong Learning, by the Diocese of Guildford looking at the viability of small church schools. She noted that the viability of smaller schools was a national issue due to the falling birth rate. She noted that the South East region was looking at strategies to address the issue, working in partnership with schools. It was vital for the system to work together to protect small schools, which were valuable community assets particularly in rural areas.

(Q11) Catherine Baart asked the Cabinet Member whether it was possible to detail the cost of the places which were deemed to be prohibitive for families.

The Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Lifelong Learning noted that she would liaise with the service to see whether it would be prepared to share such information with families, noting that there might be commercial interests.

(Q12) Catherine Powell noted that she and the Cabinet Member received an email from the Surrey County Fostering Association (SCFA) overnight regarding the comparison of the contents of the Foster Carers' Charter published on the website than that presented at the Corporate Parenting Board, significant differences remained. She asked the Cabinet Member to commit to working with her and the Surrey County Fostering Association and the Fostering Service to resolve the inconsistency, as the Charter was critical to attract and retain foster carers.

The Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Lifelong Learning recognised the value that foster carers have to the Council and care system and thanked them for making a difference to children's lives. She had noted her apologies to the leadership of the SCFA for the unfortunate errors which meant that the published Charter had not been collectively endorsed. She would liaise with the service to resolve the issues for the re-published Charter, and to move forward positively with the SCFA. Emphasised the need to celebrate and champion the work of foster carers during Foster Care Fortnight and hoped Members were able to engage with the Fostering Service.

(Q13) Catherine Baart highlighted that the Council had been awarded Bronze Carbon Literate Organisation status and asked the Cabinet Member whether there was an ambition and plan for the Council to reach the Platinum level.

In the Cabinet Member for Environment's absence, the Leader noted that he would ask the Cabinet Member to provide a response. He believed that the Council has that ambition and would find out where it was on that journey.

46/24 STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS [Item 16]

Jonathan Hulley (Foxhills, Thorpe & Virginia Water) made a statement on thanking two officers: Melanie Hall and Amy Verrill, from the West Learning Disability and Autism Team. They worked tirelessly to find suitable supported living accommodation

for a constituent, making a better future and lasting difference for them and their family.

Steven McCormick (Epsom Town & Downs) made a statement on the need to reflect on the unintended consequences from decisions, exploring alternative solutions that do not degrade residents' health and quality of life. Since planning permission was granted to the Chalk Pit in Epsom, residents faced the consequences of continued noise and air pollution, and an increase in Heavy Goods Vehicles. That increase in traffic was a safety risk and accelerated the wear and tear of the roads.

47/24 REPORT OF THE CABINET [Item 17]

The Leader presented the report of the Cabinet meetings held on 26 March 2024 and 23 April 2024.

Recommendations on Policy Framework Documents:

There were no reports with recommendations for Council.

Reports for Information/Discussion

26 March 2024:

- A. Surrey Infrastructure Plan - Phase 5 Schemes
- B. Chennestone Primary School - Roof Replacement Works

23 April 2024:

- C. Kalima Gypsy Roma Traveller Camp, Woking
- D. Your Fund Surrey - The Haslemere Link Community Hub
- E. Ash Vale Community Wellbeing Meeting Place and New Scout Headquarters

- F. Quarterly Report on Decisions Taken Under Special Urgency Arrangements: 12 March 2024 - 13 May 2024

RESOLVED:

1. Noted that there had been one urgent decision since the last Cabinet report to Council: Chennestone Primary School - Roof Replacement Works: Cabinet, 26 March 2024.
2. Adopted the report of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 26 March 2024 and 23 April 2024.

48/24 MINUTES OF CABINET MEETINGS [Item 18]

No notification had been received by the deadline from Members wishing to raise a question or make a statement on any matters in the minutes.

[Meeting ended at: 12.05 pm]

Chair

Leader's Statement – Annual County Council, 21 May 2024

Mr Chairman, Members, this meeting comes at a time when this council is at a point of renewal, a brief period of some changes that will rejuvenate us on our journey of improvement, that we have been embarking on for the last six years.

I look forward to welcoming our new Chief Executive Terence Herbert when he arrives later this summer, and he is already playing an important role in how we shape the rest of the Leadership Team here as we look to add to the outstanding talent we have at the top of the organisation.

Terence brings with him valuable experience in successfully tackling many of the challenges local government is currently facing, and first-hand knowledge of how we can continue our improvement and development as a council that truly serves its residents.

I must also give thanks to Leigh Whitehouse, for whom this will be his final council meeting here at Surrey before he departs to take on the Chief Executive role at West Sussex.

There is no doubt that Leigh has played an instrumental part in the improvement of this organisation, helping establish a sound financial footing to give us the stability and foundations to deliver real progress.

Over the last few years, we have faced monumental challenges, and the external financial pressure has been intense. Without Leigh's work and sound judgement, it would have been extremely difficult to navigate through those challenges as successfully as we have.

I wish Leigh all the very best in his next challenge and I'm sure our paths will cross as he goes about that work just next door.

Following Leigh's departure and ahead of Terence's arrival, Michael Coughlin has agreed to act as Head of Paid Service.

Michael is vastly experienced, has been our Deputy Chief Executive previously, and knows this organisation inside and out. I'm grateful to him for stepping up and keeping us firmly on track over the next few weeks.

This morning, Leigh sent out a note to all Members and staff to announce that after more than four years as a key Executive Director here at Surrey, and most recently Executive Director for Environment, Infrastructure and Growth, Katie Stewart will be leaving us in the summer to take up a new post as Executive Director at City of London corporation.

Katie has been with us since March 2020, leading the Council's Emergency Response to the pandemic alongside her 'day job' and an energetic champion for staff in her different roles and I am sure you will all join me in congratulating her on her new post and wishing her well for the future.

I also set out in that note details of the revised CLT structure including an interim Executive Director of Highways who will provide additional strategic capacity and give us the enhanced delivery focus it requires over the coming months.

I recognise that the appointment of a new Chief Executive – as well as other changes to our Corporate Leadership Team that are in process – can be unsettling, but we have a clear vision, and a clear plan, that we are cracking on with and delivering.

Our foundations are now solid. This is not comparable to the last time this council saw such changes to its top team back in 2018.

As we face challenges like every other council, we are in the best possible shape to overcome them.

The building blocks we've put in place over the last six years are bearing fruit, our improvement is measurable and clear, we are delivering day-in day-out, and we are focused on our collective vision.

We ARE building a stronger, sustainable economy in Surrey.

We ARE developing stronger, thriving, empowered communities.

We ARE progressing our vision for a greener future in line with our targets.

We ARE putting practical measures in place, alongside our partners, to tackle health inequality within the county.

And we are totally committed to our ambition that no one in Surrey is left behind.

As Leader, as Cabinet, as the political administration of this council and indeed I hope all Members, are unwavering in that direction of travel, and that ambition.

Any change to the Directors, Executive Directors, even Chief Executive, will not alter that focus – that north star.

It may bring new ideas and new approaches in how we get there but our destination remains the same.

And our commitment to delivering for the people of Surrey remains steadfast.

Every single day.

We started this journey towards the back of the pack, struggling if we're honest, with a lot to fix and a lot of catching up to do.

We have now progressed steadily and consistently, around obstacles and through turbulent surroundings, and we are now rightly recognised as a leading authority.

We're having a brief pitstop to re-fuel, re-fresh and revitalise – and the driver might be changing – but we're ready to continue the journey in the best shape possible, to kick on to successfully reach our ambition.

Mr Chairman, our progress is clear.

Just last week we received our latest report from an Ofsted focused visit to Children's Services, which noted that 'progress for children is evident in the improved quality and timeliness of assessments, the increased timeliness of visits to children, and a more consistent application of thresholds'.

Our comprehensive improvement programme in this area is delivering, and children and families are having better experiences, more positive relationships with social workers, and ultimately will see outcomes that demonstrably improve their lives.

We know there is more to do but it is evident that we are on the right track, and we will not let up in that improvement journey.

I'm proud of our staff, and our leadership, who work extremely hard and put children and families at the heart of everything we do.

This is just one area of our comprehensive transformation – our continuous improvement as a council.

We are focused on improving and modernising how we deliver our services – the things that people rely on in life, that we have a responsibility to provide.

We cannot do things in the same way as we always have, and over the last six years we've been adapting, adopting best practice, innovating, finding ways to be more effective and use new skills and technology that can revolutionise how we deliver services - continuous improvement.

Our current areas of focus in this space include improving the system and experiences of families with children who have additional needs and disabilities, and as I just outlined, we are seeing progress in this area already thanks to focused investment and a clear plan.

Our Fire & Rescue Service is improving, with His Majesty's Inspectorate recently discharging the sole area of concern following a robust improvement plan being put into action.

We are also currently consulting on the Community Risk Management Plan, using robust evidence, data and technology, planning and structuring our resource so we are able to most effectively keep the people of Surrey safe long into the future.

And of course, we are on track to deliver our decarbonisation programme for Surrey County Council by 2030 with the recent approval of a new training facility for Surrey

Fire and Rescue which will significantly reduce our carbon emissions, as well as the relocation from Quadrant Court to Victoria Gate in Woking later this year.

Another important area of focus is the transformation of Adult Social Care – how we manage the high, and growing demand within an ever-changing care market.

And how we deliver the very best appropriate accommodation and technology to support people's strengths to live independently for longer.

This type of prevention is at the heart of this work, and at the heart of our ambition.

We must enable and empower our communities and our residents to thrive – and to be resilient.

We must be proactive - as an organisation, and as a system of partners in Surrey across health, the voluntary sector, and other public service delivery.

By making our communities stronger, by supporting people early and by helping people help themselves, we can help prevent people getting to crisis point, reduce demand on our services, and live healthier lives with better opportunities and experiences.

And we must do this particularly for people and in communities that need us the most – to level up our county and ensure nobody is left behind.

With our multi disciplined 'team around the community' model in our Adults, Wellbeing and Health Partnerships directorate, we are working with our partners to do just that – building strong support infrastructures around our towns and villages alongside our key stakeholder partners, the District and Boroughs, the Police, the VCSE, businesses, and of course the health system.

Another key focus of our improvement that cuts across everything we do is our customer service.

We want our residents to have a positive experience of engaging with us and our services – every single time.

We want to improve the customer journey, make it better and smarter, so people don't need to keep coming back to us.

We want to make it as easy as possible for people to do what they need to do, to find the information they need to find, to reach the solution they need to reach.

Our work in this space is huge, and it will impact every area to truly make sure we get it right for our residents.

This transformation work will help us be an organisation that is fit for the future.

We have done it before – we are still doing it – and we will keep doing it.

The world is changing, demand for services is increasing, new challenges are emerging, and budgets are being stretched.

We have to be proactive in getting ourselves in the best shape to cope, and to thrive.

We have to see those challenges and tackle them head on, rather than react too late.

We have to continuously improve – and we are.

Another tangible area of that improvement is our highways.

We know that the state of our roads continues to be a source of frustration for our residents.

The increasingly wet weather really impacts our roads – which are some of the busiest in the country – and the road network across every area of the UK is feeling battered at the moment.

We are focused on doing everything within our power to improve the quality of our road network.

We know it's our most visible universal service – vital for everyone and hugely frustrating when it's not working, not safe or in poor condition.

Mr Chairman, we are delivering on this.

Right now, we have 112 surface dressing schemes about to start, we've invested over £8m to deliver real improvements on 85 miles of our busiest areas of the network.

And this is just one aspect of our enhanced maintenance programme for roads and pavements which will see us deliver a further £300m worth of vital improvements by 2028.

We're working hard to reduce the impact caused by works on our network – being innovative in the way we use new materials to reduce the time spent on site, as well as planning further ahead to coordinate with other works providers.

Utility companies' emergency demands in Surrey are amongst the top 5 highest in the UK, and we know this is causing disruption and further impacts on the quality of our highways network.

We will continue to hold utility companies to account. We want essential works to be completed quicker, better traffic management, better coordination, and better resident

communications to ensure they play their part to manage the significant congestion on the network caused by their works.

I will not let up on this until it's improved, and with Jonathan Hulley appointed as an additional Deputy Cabinet Member, he will take responsibility for driving through the recommendations from the Task and Finish Group.

We're also scaling up our own communications with residents about our highways, providing clear, informative on-the-ground signage and local, bespoke weekly updates, and improving how we respond to their enquiries.

Mr Chairman, last week I had the pleasure of attending the official launch of Business Surrey, the County Council's new business facing brand and business support service - a platform which is key to delivering our strategic priority to support the sustainable growth of our economy.

I was joined by the Chancellor of Exchequer and local MP Jeremy Hunt, along with representatives from businesses and public sector partners from across the county.

The event reinforced what many of you know - Surrey has a fantastic economic story to tell.

More than 100,000 businesses here, a great location, a highly skilled workforce and world-leading R&D, creating an economy which contributes more than £50 billion a year to UK plc.

Business Surrey is focused on taking that further, using our new powers inherited from Local Enterprise Partnerships to provide free support to businesses across the whole of Surrey for the first time.

By going live with such a service within weeks of LEP powers being transferred across to the County Council, Surrey is well ahead of the national curve.

I'm pleased to say thousands of people have already engaged with Business Surrey since the website went live last month.

And I look forward to updating you on progress in the months to come.

More progress. More improvement. Making Surrey a better place.

Mr Chairman, Surrey is a great county, full of great people.

We have a huge responsibility as a council to help people go about their day to day lives, supporting those who need us most from cradle to grave, to keep improving people's life chances, and make sure Surrey remains the very best place to live, work, and do business, long into the future.

Our plan is working. We are delivering.

There is of course more to do, further to go, and we must keep up the momentum behind our improvement plans.

We may be seeing a change in our Corporate Leadership Team, but we will not change course, we will not lose sight of our ambition that no one in this county is left behind.

We are a strong local authority – robust in the face of challenge and unwavering in our commitment and ambition – we are cracking on, we are delivering, and we will not stop.

Thank you.

REVIEW OF POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY – MAY 2024**Report of the Monitoring Officer**

1. The Council is asked to formally review the proportional political allocation of places on committees and to adopt a scheme of proportionality for the Council year 2024/25.
2. By law, seats on committees must be allocated in proportion to the political composition of the Council. An authority can only decide that it wishes to adopt an arrangement other than a proportional one if no Member votes against it.
3. The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires that as far as reasonably practicable, the following principles must be adhered to when determining the allocation of seats on committees to political groups:
 - (a) The seats on a committee cannot be allocated to members of one political group.
 - (b) The largest group on the council must be allocated the majority of seats on any committee.
 - (c) Subject to (a) and (b) the total number of committee seats allocated to each political group must reflect the proportion of total members of the authority from each political group.
 - (d) Subject to (a) to (c) above, the number of the seats on a committee which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the number of all the seats on the committee as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority.
4. The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires local authorities to review committee membership and political representation annually and when notice is received of a change in the size of the political groups.
5. There were no by-elections held in May 2024 and the Conservative Group now consists of 44 Members, the Liberal Democrat Group consists of 16 Members, the Residents Association/Independent Group consists of 16 Members, the Labour Group consists of 2 Members, the Green Group consists of 2 Members and there is 1 other Member who is not part of a group.
6. In determining the allocation of seats on ordinary committees, the proportion that each political group forms of the total membership of the Council is applied to the total number of elected Member seats on each committee. Generally, fractional entitlements of less than one half are rounded down and entitlements of one half or more are rounded up. So that this process of rounding does not result in advantage to one political group, the aggregate membership of all the ordinary committees must also be in line with the proportions on the County Council.
7. Due to the principle at 3(b) above that a majority group must have a majority on all committees, the Conservative Group must have 52 seats allocated to them. This is two more seats than the proportionate entitlement and these seats must come from the proportionate allocation of seats to the Residents Association/Independent Group and Liberal Democrat Group, who have an equal entitlement to the number of seats on committees. In agreement with

Group Leaders and in order to ensure compliance with the law, the Liberal Democrat Group have agreed to have two less seats than they would proportionately be entitled to.

8. The number of seats of each group on the Council and the resulting number of seats on committees and percentages are as follows:

	Conser vative	Residents' Association & Independent	Liberal Democ rats	Labo ur	Green	Other	Total
Number of Council seats	44	16	16	2	2	1	81
Number of seats on committees	52	18	16	2	2	1	91
Percentage	58%	20%	18%	2%	2%	1%	100%

N.B The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 require a constituted political group to be two or more members.

9. The proportional allocation of committee seats is set out in Annex 1 below.

RESOLVED:

That Council adopted the scheme of proportionality as set out in Annex 1 to this report for the Council year 2024/25 (Appendix B).

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Report to County Council AGM, 23 May 2023
Local Government and Housing Act 1989
Local Government (Committees and Political Groups Regulations) 1990
Proportional Representation Table
Constitution of the Council

SCHEME OF PROPORTIONALITY 2024/25

	CON	RA & IND	LIB DEM	LAB	GREEN	OTHER	To tal	Previous figs
SELECT COMMITTEES								
Adults & Health	7	3	2	1	0	0	13*	13
Children, Families, Lifelong Learning & Culture	7	2	3	0	1	0	13*	13
Communities, Environment & Highways	7	3	2	0	1	0	13	13
Resources & Performance	7	2	2	1	0	1	13	13
PLANNING & REGULATORY COMMITTEE	6	3	2	0	0	0	11	11
AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE	4	1	1	0	0	0	6*	6
PEOPLE, PERFORMANCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	4	1	1	0	0	0	6	6
SURREY PENSION FUND COMMITTEE	4	1	1	0	0	0	6*	6
							81	81
MEMBER CONDUCT PANEL	6	2	2	0	0	0	10	10
TOTAL	52	18	16	2	2	1	91	91

* additional co-opted members are appointed to these committees

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: 21 MAY 2024**APPOINTMENT OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES****ADULTS AND HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE (13)**

Politically proportionate scrutiny committee. Co-opts three district & borough councillors. The committee has responsibility for statutory health scrutiny in Surrey.

Conservative (7) Trefor Hogg Helyn Clack John Furey David Harmer Rebecca Jennings-Evans Frank Kelly David J Lewis (Camberley West)	Residents' Association & Independent (3) Dennis Booth Ernest Mallett MBE Michaela Martin
	Liberal Democrats (2) Angela Goodwin Carla Morson
	Labour (1) Robert Evans OBE

SOUTH WEST LONDON AND SURREY JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (2)

Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Statutory Health Scrutiny function

Trefor Hogg

SOUTH WEST LONDON AND SURREY JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE SUB-COMMITTEE (1)

Chairman of Statutory Health Scrutiny function

Trefor Hogg

FRIMLEY PARK JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (4)

Trefor Hogg Richard Tear Michaela Martin Carla Morson
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CHILDREN, FAMILIES, LIFELONG LEARNING AND CULTURE SELECT COMMITTEE (13)

Politically proportionate scrutiny committee with four co-optees: two diocesan representatives (Catholic and Church of England), appoints at least two Parent-Governor representatives as the select committee with responsibility for scrutiny of the executive’s education functions.

<p>Conservative (7)</p> <p>Robert Hughes Bernie Muir Rebecca Jennings-Evans Rachael Lake BEM John O’Reilly Mark Sugden Jeremy Webster</p>	<p>Residents’ Association & Independent (2)</p> <p>Fiona Davidson Chris Townsend</p>
	<p>Liberal Democrats (3)</p> <p>Fiona White Liz Townsend Ashley Tilling</p>
	<p>Green (1)</p> <p>Jonathan Essex</p>

**COMMUNITIES, ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS SELECT COMMITTEE
(13)**

Politically proportionate scrutiny committee.

<p>Conservative (7)</p> <p>Luke Bennett Liz Bowes Cameron McIntosh Mark Sugden Richard Tear Buddhi Weerasinghe Keith Witham</p>	<p>Residents' Association & Independent (3)</p> <p>Andy MacLeod John Beckett Jan Mason</p>
	<p>Liberal Democrats (2)</p> <p>Lance Spencer Stephen Cooksey</p>
	<p>Green (1)</p> <p>Catherine Baart</p>

RESOURCES AND PERFORMANCE SELECT COMMITTEE (13)

Politically proportionate scrutiny committee.

<p>Conservative (7)</p> <p>Tim Hall David Harmer Edward Hawkins Robert Hughes Andy Lynch Lesley Steeds John O'Reilly</p>	<p>Residents' Association & Independent (2)</p> <p>Nick Darby Steven McCormick</p>
	<p>Liberal Democrats (2)</p> <p>Hazel Watson Lance Spencer</p>
	<p>Labour (1)</p> <p>Robert King</p>

	Other (1) Riasat Khan
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PLANNING & REGULATORY COMMITTEE (11)

Politically proportionate non-executive committee with responsibility for decisions on planning and development control; licensing and registration functions; commons registration; health an safety; births, deaths and marriages and rights of way and highways.

<p>Conservative (6)</p> <p>Victor Lewanski Edward Hawkins Jonathan Hulley Scott Lewis Jeremy Webster Richard Tear</p> <p>Substitutes (up to 7):-</p> <p>David Harmer Trefor Hogg Mark Sugden Buddhi Weerasinghe Keith Witham Luke Bennett Tim Hall</p>	<p>Residents' Association & Independent (3)</p> <p>Ernest Mallett MBE Catherine Powell Chris Farr</p> <p>Substitutes (up to 7):-</p> <p>Nick Darby Amanda Boote</p>
	<p>Liberal Democrats (2)</p> <p>Jeffrey Gray John Robini</p> <p>Substitutes (up to 7):-</p> <p>Harry Boparai Stephen Cooksey Fiona White</p>

AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (6)

Politically proportionate non-executive committee with responsibility for decisions on audit, governance and financial account matters.

<p>Conservative (4)</p> <p>Victor Lewanski Richard Tear Ayesha Azad Helyn Clack</p>	<p>Residents' Association & Independent (1)</p> <p>Steven McCormick</p>
	<p>Liberal Democrats (1)</p> <p>Stephen Cooksey</p>

Plus one co-opted independent member (1)
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PEOPLE, PERFORMANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (6)

Politically proportionate committee with responsibility for policies on staff pay & conditions, arrangements for consultation with unions, resolving disputes and promoting development and training. The Committee is also responsible for appointing and dismissing chief officers.

<p>Conservative (4)</p> <p>Tim Oliver Denise Turner-Stewart Sinead Mooney Mark Nuti</p> <p>Substitutes (up to 7 Cabinet Members):-</p>	<p>Residents' Association & Independent (1)</p> <p>Eber Kington</p> <p>Substitutes (up to 7):-</p> <p>Catherine Powell Michaela Martin</p>
<p>Natalie Bramhall Clare Curran Kevin Deanus Matt Furniss Marisa Heath David Lewis (Cobham)</p>	<p>Liberal Democrats (1)</p> <p>Will Forster</p> <p>Substitutes (up to 7):-</p> <p>Fiona White</p>

SURREY PENSION FUND COMMITTEE (6)

Politically proportionate non-executive committee with responsibility for the governance and administration of the Surrey County Council Pension Fund. The Committee is made up of elected Members as well as co-opted members who provide stakeholder membership. The co-opted members represent the members of the Fund (trade union representation), District and Borough Councils and other employers in the Fund.

<p>Conservative (4)</p> <p>David Harmer Trefor Hogg Richard Tear</p>	<p>Residents' Association & Independent (1)</p> <p>Nick Harrison</p>
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Robert Hughes	Liberal Democrats (1) George Potter
Co-opted Members (4)* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – One representative (trade union) from employee members of the Fund – Two representatives from Districts and Boroughs of the Fund; – One representative from all other employers in the Fund. 	

* Authorise the Chief Executive to appoint the co-opted Members of the Surrey Pension Fund Committee following nominations from each stakeholder group listed above.

MEMBER CONDUCT PANEL (10) *

A politically proportionate non-executive committee that will determine whether a Member or co-opted member of the Council has breached the Members' Code of Conduct, having regard to the Council's published arrangements for dealing with standards allegations.

Conservative (6) David Harmer Helyn Clack Liz Bowes Saj Hussain Keith Witham Tim Hall	Residents' Association & Independent (2) Eber Kington Amanda Boote
	Liberal Democrats (2) Paul Follows John Robini

**Must include Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council*

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL (1)

The role of the Panel will be to maintain a regular check and balance on the performance of the directly elected Police and Crime Commissioner. The Panel is hosted by Surrey County Council, and consists of one elected member (councillor) from each of Surrey's twelve local authorities and two co-opted independent members

Nominations received:	Rebecca Paul
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BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL AND SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL JOINT TRADING STANDARDS SERVICE COMMITTEE (2)*

Joint committee with Buckinghamshire Council to oversee the leadership and direction, oversight and governance of the joint service.

<i>Nominations received:</i>	Kevin Deanus Scott Lewis
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**One County Councillor, who must be a Cabinet Member. In addition, the County Council can appoint one county councillor to undertake a non-voting advisory role.*

The County Council is asked to note the following Committee Appointments made by the Leader of the Council:

JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE SURREY HILLS AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY (“SURREY HILLS BOARD”) (1)*

Joint committee consisting of representatives from local authorities, public bodies and agencies, landowners, land managers and farmers, and other special interest groups to oversee the AONB management plan.

<i>Appointment:</i>	Marisa Heath
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**Must be a Cabinet Member*

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD (4)*

<i>Appointment:</i>	Natalie Bramhall David Lewis (Cobham) Tim Oliver Denise Turner-Stewart
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**Up to five Cabinet Members including the Leader and Deputy Leader and the portfolio holders for Property, Waste and Infrastructure, and Finance and Resources.*

SURREY-WIDE COMMISSIONING COMMITTEES IN COMMON (3)*

<i>Appointment:</i>	Clare Curran
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	Sinead Mooney Mark Nuti Tim Oliver
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**The Leader, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, and Public Health, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, and the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Lifelong Learning.*

RESOLVED:

That the Council agreed: (Appendix C)

- (1) To appoint Members to serve on the Committees of the Council for the Council year 2024/25 in accordance with the wishes of political groups.**
- (2) To authorise the Chief Executive to make changes to the membership of any of the Council's Committees as necessary during the Council year in accordance with the wishes of political groups.**
- (3) To appoint the Council's representative to the Surrey Police and Crime Panel for the Council year 2024/25.**
- (4) To appoint up to two Members to the Buckinghamshire County Council and Surrey County Council Joint Trading Standards Service Committee, one of whom must be a Cabinet Member; the other in an advisory non-voting role.**
- (5) To note the Leader's appointments to the Council's Executive Committees as outlined above.**

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: 21 MAY 2024 ELECTION OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES 2024/25
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SELECT COMMITTEES		
	Chairman	Select Committee Task Group Leads
Adults and Health	Trefor Hogg	1. Angela Goodwin 2. Helyn Clack
Children, Families, Lifelong Learning and Culture	Fiona Davidson	1. Jeremy Webster 2. Chris Townsend
Communities, Environment & Highways	Keith Witham	1. Lance Spencer 2. Mark Sugden
Resources and Performance	Robert Hughes	1. Steven McCormick 2. Lesley Steeds
REGULATORY COMMITTEES		
	Chairman	Vice-Chairman
PEOPLE, PERFORMANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		
	Tim Oliver	Denise Turner-Stewart
AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE		
	Victor Lewanski	Richard Tear
PLANNING & REGULATORY COMMITTEE		
	Edward Hawkins	Richard Tear
SURREY PENSION FUND COMMITTEE		
	Nick Harrison	Trefor Hogg

RESOLVED:

That the Members listed (Appendix D) are duly elected as Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen respectively of the Select Committees and Regulatory Committees as shown for 2024/25.