

CABINET DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken by the Cabinet on Tuesday, 28 November 2023 and will take effect on 07/12/2023 unless the call-in procedure has been triggered. **CALL-IN DEADLINE: 06/12/2023.**

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, 28 November 2023 considered the following matters and resolved:

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

There were none.

- **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 31 OCTOBER 2023** (Item 2)

These were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

- **PROCEDURAL MATTERS** (Item 4)

There were none.

- **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS** (Item 4a)

There were six member questions. The questions and responses were published in a supplement to the agenda.

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

There were no public questions.

- **PETITIONS** (Item 4c)

There were none.

- **REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED ON REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE** (Item 4d)

There were none.

- **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.

- **2024/25 DRAFT BUDGET AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY TO 2028/29** (Item 8)

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet note the 2024/25 Draft Budget and Medium-Term Financial Strategy to 2028/29, including progress to date in setting out spending pressures and efficiencies, as set out in Annex A.
2. That Cabinet note the provisional budget gap of £13.5m for 2024/25 and the next steps required to close the gap.
3. That Cabinet note the proposed Draft Capital Programme for 2024/25 to 2028/29 of £1.9bn set out in Section 6 of the report and Annex B
4. That Cabinet note the summary of Resident Engagement and next steps set out in Section 9 of the report.

Reasons for Decisions:

In January 2024, Cabinet will be asked to recommend a Final Budget for 2024/25 to full Council for approval in February. The draft budget sets out proposals to direct available resources to support the achievement of the Council's corporate priorities, balanced against a challenging financial environment, giving Cabinet the opportunity to comment on the proposals and next steps.

The draft budget also provides an update on the Council's SWITCH (Surrey Way, Innovation, Transformation and Change) programme, setting out the medium to long term portfolio of redesign and transformational change that will enable greater financial sustainability for the Council.

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

- **SURREY SCHOOLS FUNDING 2024-25** (Item 9)

RESOLVED:

1. That the Council implements the Department for Education's (DfE) recommended Minimum Per Pupil funding Level in full;

2. That Cabinet approves the Schools Forum's formula recommendations for schools as set out in Annex 3, be approved; and the decisions in Annex 4 implemented;
3. That Cabinet approves the transfer of 1.0% (estimated at £8.2m) from the Schools' block DSG to the High Needs DSG (subject to approval by Secretary of State).
4. That delegated authority is given to the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning in consultation with the Executive Director of Children, Families and Lifelong Learning and the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Lifelong Learning to approve amendments to the funding rates in the schools formula as appropriate, following receipt of the DSG settlement and DfE pupil data in December 2023. This is to ensure that total allocations to schools under this formula remain affordable within the council's DSG settlement.

Reasons for Decisions:

To comply with DfE regulations requiring formal council approval of the local funding formula for Surrey's primary and secondary schools.

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

- **COORDINATED ADMISSIONS SCHEME FOR SEPTEMBER 2025** (Item 10)

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet recommends that County Council approves the coordinated admissions scheme for 2025 in accordance with the requirements of the School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Coordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations and the School Admissions Code at its meeting on 12 December 2023.

Reasons for Decisions:

- The coordinated admissions scheme for 2025 is essentially the same as 2024 with dates updated
- There is just one point of clarification in paragraph 3 of the primary and secondary scheme (pages 3 and 9 of Annex 1), but this does not alter current practice
- The coordinated admissions scheme will enable the County Council to meet its statutory duties regarding school admissions
- The coordinated admissions scheme is working well
- The Local Authority has a statutory duty to publish its coordinated admissions scheme for 2025 by 1 January 2024
- The proposed scheme meets the statutory requirements of the School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Coordination of Admission

Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012 and the School Admissions Code

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

- **CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRESS ASSESSMENT 2022/23** (Item 11)

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet note the findings and approve the key areas of focus for next year as well as the approach to mitigate the evident shortfalls as set out in the conclusions.

Reasons for Decisions:

Part of the council's net-zero commitments is to produce an annual report [1]; synthesising a substantial amount of national and local data to ensure we understand if carbon emissions are reducing in line with the net-zero targets. Whilst the scope has not changed, the progress report identifies where we need to focus our attention to address the most challenging areas and ensure the Delivery Plan is as impactful and cost effective as possible.

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

- **APPROVAL TO PROCURE: SKILLS BOOTCAMPS** (Item 12)

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet gives 'Approval to Procure' for the commissioning of Skills Bootcamps in Surrey up to the value of £2.325m for financial year 2024-25 in the priority sectors identified, should SCC be successful in its bid for Bootcamps.
2. That Cabinet approves the delegation of the appropriate procurement route to market and any contract award decisions to the Executive Director responsible for Economic Growth in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Economic Growth.

Reasons for Decisions:

Skills Bootcamps are an established mechanism for addressing skills gaps in key sectors of the economy. There is funding available from the Department for Education to cover the costs of delivery of Skills Bootcamps by local FE colleges and training providers, as well as Surrey County Council's setup and contract management costs.

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

- **2023/24 MONTH 6 (SEPTEMBER) FINANCIAL REPORT** (Item 13)

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet notes the Council’s forecast revenue budget (after the application of the full contingency budget) and capital budget positions for the year.

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)

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