

County Council Meeting –11 February 2014

REPORT OF THE CABINET

The Cabinet met on 17 December 2013 and 4 February 2014. The report from the meeting to be held on 4 February 2014 will be circulated following that meeting.

In accordance with the Constitution, Members can ask questions of the appropriate Cabinet Member, seek clarification or make a statement on any of these issues without giving notice.

The minutes containing the individual decisions for 17 December 2013 meeting are included within the agenda at item 11. The minutes of the 4 February 2014 meeting will be submitted to the next County Council meeting. Cabinet responses to Committee reports are included in or appended to the minutes. If any Member wishes to raise a question or make a statement on any of the matters in the minutes, notice must be given to Democratic Services by 12 noon on the last working day before the County Council meeting (Monday 10 February 2014).

For members of the public all non-confidential reports are available on the web site (www.surreycc.gov.uk) or on request from Democratic Services.

1. STATEMENTS/UPDATES FROM CABINET MEMBERS

Tower Awards

The Tower Awards for Customer Service Excellence recognise colleagues in Surrey who go above and beyond expectations in order to deliver outstanding customer service.

Nominations can come from colleagues, Members, or residents and are considered by a judging panel that meets quarterly. Winners are awarded a badge of membership and will join a group that is making a real change to Surrey.

A Tower Award is a badge of honour – it is a signal that your colleagues and customers recognise your dedication and hard work. So, if you know someone who deserves to be recognised for their exceptional customer service, please consider nominating them for a Tower Award. The online nomination form can be found on the Surrey public website.

Helyn Clack
Cabinet Member for Community Services

2. RECOMMENDATIONS ON POLICY FRAMEWORK DOCUMENTS

CONFIDENT IN OUR FUTURE, CORPORATE STRATEGY 2014 – 2019

The Cabinet will be considering Confident in our Future, Corporate Strategy 2014 – 2019 at its meeting on 4 February 2014. A copy of the Cabinet report is attached as an Appendix to this report and the recommendation arising from the Cabinet's meeting will be circulated as a supplementary paper.

3. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

17 December 2013

A SURREY CYCLING STRATEGY

1. The County Council developed the Surrey Cycling Strategy to support the development of cycling as a means of transport and to secure economic, health and environmental benefits for Surrey. The Strategy also sets out plans to address the increase in cycle casualty rates and the local impacts of the increase in sports cycling and cycling events. Its aim is to get more people in Surrey cycling, more safely and it has a series of objectives to support the achievement of this aim.
2. The Strategy forms part of the Surrey Transport Plan and is the basis for the development of a series of Local Cycling Plans for each of the Surrey boroughs and districts, under the guidance of the Local Committees. It sets out clear plans and priorities, supported by appropriate governance structures to ensure a partnership approach and has been the subject of extensive public consultation which has informed the strategy.
3. It is supported by a new Framework for Coordinating and Approving Events on Surrey's Highway, which puts in place robust and transparent mechanisms for processes and decision-making governing events.
4. The 2012 Olympic Games positioned Surrey as a centre for cycling and presented a once in a lifetime opportunity to realise the economic, health and environmental benefits from this. Through a partnership approach, the Strategy seeks to ensure that the benefits of this legacy result in more Surrey residents cycling for transport and leisure and that all Surrey children have the opportunity to learn to ride a bike safely.
5. The issues and challenges in relation to cycling differ considerably in different parts of the county. For that reason, the strategy proposes the development of Local Cycling Plans, overseen by the Local Committees, which can properly reflect local circumstances.
6. A successful legacy also requires the County Council to take steps to tackle the rising levels of cyclist casualties, to encourage respect and consideration amongst all road users and to ensure that cyclists who come to the Surrey

countryside show respect and consideration for local communities. It also requires the County Council to continue to support major events that showcase our beautiful county and bring benefits to Surrey, but ensure that they are properly managed so as to minimise disruption and ensure no individual communities are affected by multiple events.

7. The Surrey Cycling Strategy has been developed through dialogue with key stakeholders and through an extensive public consultation exercise. The strategy sets out the County Council's commitment to getting more people in Surrey cycling more safely. It also sets out measures to tackle the increase in cyclist casualties on Surrey's roads and measures to address the impacts of the surge in popularity for sports cycling, particularly in parts of rural Surrey.
8. The strategy priorities and objectives are as follows:
 - Demonstrating leadership
 - Improving highway infrastructure for cycling for transport and health
 - Encouraging everyone to share the road
 - Giving every child in Surrey the opportunity to learn to ride a bike
 - Managing the impacts of sports cycling and events
 - Realising the economic and community benefits of sports cycling and events
 - Consultation analysis
 - Safety and Infrastructure
 - Sharing the road
 - Benefits for residents
 - Managing the impacts of sports cyclists
 - Realising the economic benefit to the Surrey economy
 - Major events
9. The increase in the number of events taking place on closed and open roads, has led to concerns from local communities regarding their impact, especially in rural areas. A Framework for Coordinating and Approving Events on the Highway is proposed, firstly to set out Surrey County Council's expectations of event organisers, and secondly to specify the criteria that will be considered by the County Council prior to permitting road closures under section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
10. The Framework defines the process by which event organisers apply for closed road events, including the requirement to consult with elected representatives, residents and businesses. Event plans will be scrutinised by a safety advisory group, and agreement for road closure will be subject to safe and satisfactory plans being in place.
11. **The Cabinet AGREED that:**
 1. The Surrey Cycling Strategy be approved as set out in Annex 1 to the Cabinet report submitted.

2. The role of Local Committees in developing affordable Local Cycling Plans be approved.
3. The continued engagement with Central Government to press for further funding for investment in cycling provision be approved.
4. Active engagement with the police and other local authorities in a similar position to Surrey on key aspects of cycling safety and regulations, as the basis for dialogue with central government, be approved.
5. The Framework for Coordinating and Approving Events on Surrey's Highway be approved as set out in Annex 3 to the Cabinet report submitted.

B QUARTERLY REPORT ON DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER SPECIAL URGENCY ARRANGEMENTS: 1 OCTOBER – 31 DECEMBER 2013

1. The Cabinet is required under the Constitution to report to Council on a quarterly basis the details of decisions taken by the Cabinet and Cabinet Members under the special urgency arrangements set out in Article 6.05(f) of the Constitution. This occurs where a decision is required on a matter that is not contained within the Leader's Forward Plan (Notice of Decisions), nor available 5 clear days before the meeting. Where a decision on such matters could not reasonably be delayed, the agreement of the Chairman of the appropriate Select Committee, or in his/her absence the Chairman of the Council, must be sought to enable the decision to be made.

There have been four such decisions during the last quarter, as follows:

- (i) *Adoption of Forty Foot road, Leatherhead*

Reason for Urgency:

To respond to a formal petition concerning an unadopted road, which was not maintainable by the Highways Authority and was suffering from significant deterioration.

- (ii) *Treasury Management Issue*

Reason for Urgency:

The Local Government Association was acting on behalf of the Council. Given the continuing uncertainty over the timing and amount of the final settlement, the Council needed to ensure that it received best Value for Money and authorisation was needed by 25 October 2013.

- (iii) *Amendment to the Waste Contract to deliver the Waste Strategy*

Reason for Urgency:

To consider information not available when this item was previously considered by Cabinet on 23 July 2013 and to review the decision to vary the Council's Waste Contract, in the light of that update.

(iv) *Disposal of Perry Hill Lodge, Worplesdon*

Reason for Urgency:

To agree measures to complete the disposal of this property, as previously authorised.

**Mr David Hodge
Leader of the Council
31 January 2014**

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