

County Council Meeting – 12 July 2016

REPORT OF THE CABINET

The Cabinet met on 24 May and 21 June 2016.

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 24 May and 21 June 2016 meetings are included within the agenda. 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 11 July 2016).

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REPORTS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

24 May 2016

A TRAVEL ASSISTANCE POLICIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES

1. The Children and Families Act 2014 and associated statutory guidance set out the local authority's responsibilities in respect of travel assistance for those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). The existing policies were reviewed and a revised policy for those who are pre-16 (Annex 1 to the Cabinet report of 24 May 2016) and a new policy for those who are 16-25 years old (Annex 2 to the Cabinet report of 24 May 2016) have been adopted. The policies went through a 12 week period of consultation and were updated in light of feedback. The proposed policies supported delivery of the Council's Wellbeing and Resident Experience strategic goals, in addition to the SEND 2020 Development Plan.
2. The Local Authority is required to have robust, equitable, coherent and transparent policies in line with Department for Education (DfE) Home to School Transport Statutory Guidance (July 2014) and the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Code of Practice 2014. The policies also ensure there is an equitable approach to Post 16 travel for learners with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and a more flexible approach for families choosing to use the parent mileage scheme.
3. **The Cabinet AGREED:**
 1. That the updated policy for Travel Assistance for Children and Young People with an Education, Health and Care plan/statement of special educational needs (pre 16) from 1 September 2016 be adopted.
 2. That the updated policy for Travel Assistance for Children and Young People with an Education, Health and Care Plan/statement of special educational needs (16-25 years) from 1 September 2016 be adopted.

3. That the proposed charge per day to all post 16 students with an Education, Health and Care Plan starting in year 12 from September 2016 onwards be approved.
4. That the charge to post 16 students be adjusted annually from 1 September, by the March Retail Price Index or Consumer Price Index whichever is the lower rate.
5. That the County Council mileage rates be set in line with the Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) rates that are designed to cover fuel and running costs for each mile of travel.

21 June 2016

B ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SHAREHOLDER BOARD

1. As part of its strategy to innovate in developing new models of delivery and to benefit from the freedoms introduced by the Localism Act, Surrey County Council established a Shareholder Board, which reports annually to the Council. The purpose of the Board is to safeguard the Council's interest as shareholder and to take decisions in matters that require the approval of the Council as owner of a company.

2. The Cabinet AGREED:

That the Annual Report of the Shareholder Board, Annex A to the submitted Cabinet report (and also attached as Annex A to this report) be endorsed and that the report be presented to Council at its meeting on 12 July 2016.

C SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSFORMATION PLANS

1. Surrey County Council is playing an important role in the development of the three Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) across Surrey. These Plans will play a pivotal role in shaping the future health and care landscape across Surrey.
2. NHS Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) are place-based, five-year plans built around the needs of local populations. They are intended to identify benefits to be realised in the short and longer term – helping organisations within the STPs to meet their immediate (2016/17) financial challenges and ensure that the investment secured by the NHS in the Spending Review does not merely prop up individual institutions but is used to drive sustainable transformation in patient experience and health outcomes over the longer-term.
3. STPs will be the overarching strategic plan for local health and care systems covering the period October 2016 to March 2021 and represent a significant shift in NHS planning towards a place-based approach (as opposed to solely asking individual NHS organisations to produce their own plans). In addition to covering all areas of CCG and NHS England commissioned activity, STPs will also include plans around integration with local authorities.
4. Whilst the STPs are principally NHS plans, the Council's involvement in their development and implementation will be crucial to ensure the achievement of the shared aims of the council and health partners around improving health outcomes and greater integration of health and care services. The national

guidance and direction from NHS England makes it clear that local authorities should be fully engaged in the STP process to ensure they are truly 'place-based'. STPs will also be the single application and approval process for being accepted onto programmes with NHS transformation funding for 2017/18 onwards.

5. The Cabinet AGREED:

1. That the update on the emerging NHS Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) be noted.
2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Wellbeing and Health, to sign off the STPs on behalf of the Council through its membership of the relevant STP Transformation / Programme Boards.

D QUARTERLY REPORT ON DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER SPECIAL URGENCY ARRANGEMENTS: 1 APRIL – 30 JUNE 2016

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 Scrutiny Board, or in his/her absence the Chairman of the Council, must be sought to enable the decision to be made.

There have been no urgent items in this quarter.

**Mr David Hodge, Leader of the Council
1 July 2016**

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