

**CABINET – 30 MAY 2017**

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

**Member Questions**

**Question (1) from Mrs Hazel Watson (Dorking Hills):**

Please outline the work that the County Council has done since the beginning of the year to lobby the Government over the Crossrail 2 project.

**Reply:**

Crossrail 2 is a clear and stated priority in our Surrey Rail Strategy. It is a vital scheme and has the ability to deliver a huge boost to the UK economy.

Crossrail 2 predicts that some 200,000 jobs and 200,000 new homes will result from the scheme, making a major contribution to solving the housing crisis and supporting key employment centres. In addition, Crossrail 2 will support many thousands of jobs across the country. This is because it forms a key part of the national infrastructure pipeline giving manufacturing businesses the certainty they need to invest in skills and training to deliver world-class products.

For these reasons the Leader pressed the case for an early and positive investment decision on Crossrail 2 with the Chancellor of the Exchequer prior to the dissolution of Parliament. The team here at Surrey has also continued to work proactively with the promoters of the scheme, alongside our Borough and District colleagues. We will continue this work throughout 2017, pressing the case for investment and assisting with the development of this vital scheme.

Several meetings have been held in recent months, with a detailed consultation planned for this Summer looking at the next phase of scheme detail. We are ready to continue to work with the Government after the election.

**Mr Mike Goodman**  
**Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport**  
**30 May 2017**

**Question (2) from Mrs Hazel Watson (Dorking Hills):**

What does the Cabinet Member believe would be the suitable level for a cap on social care costs were one to be introduced and how would this affect Surrey residents?

**Reply:**

The Cabinet Member welcomes the government's plan to introduce a cap on care costs as this will safeguard Surrey's residents from facing excessive care costs. The Government has confirmed its plans to publish a green paper on social care later in the year after the general election.

**Mr Mel Few**  
**Cabinet Member for Adults**  
**30 May 2017**

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