

County Council Meeting – 5 December 2017

## REPORT OF THE CABINET

The Cabinet met on 31 October and 28 November 2017.

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 31 October meeting is included within the agenda at item 13. The minutes of the 28 November 2017 meeting will be circulated separately. Any 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 4 December 2017).

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

### RECOMMENDATIONS ON POLICY FRAMEWORK DOCUMENTS

#### A PROCUREMENT STANDING ORDERS

1. The Cabinet Member for Property and Business Services introduced this report and explained that as part of the transformation programme for Orbis, the Procurement Service has been through significant change over the past year in order to deliver a broader commercial role for the Council. Revising the Procurement Standing Orders (PSOs), which set out how the Council governs spending by officers on goods, works and services, will help to support these changes.
2. **The Cabinet AGREED:**  
  
That the proposed changes to Procurement Standing Orders (PSOs) were noted and RECOMMENDED to full Council for final approval on 5 December 2017.

***The Cabinet RECOMMENDS that the County Council approves the proposed changes to Procurement Standing Orders (Annex A).***

### REPORTS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

#### B LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN REPORT WITH A FINDING OF MALADMINISTRATION – REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

1. This report concerned the Local Government Ombudsman's findings in response to a complaint concerning the service provided to a Surrey family.
2. The production of the Monitoring Officer report is a statutory requirement under Section 5A of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. The Council's Monitoring Officer has to report to the Council's executive body

(Cabinet) when the Local Government Ombudsman has conducted an investigation into a complaint against the Council and has found that maladministration causing injustice has occurred.

3. Children's Services have apologised unreservedly to the family, who experienced drift and delay in receiving the right help and support for their son. They have reported that, since the time they let the family down, they have reviewed and are improving the system and processes to ensure children with special educational needs are identified better and earlier and supported well for as long as is needed. This has been overseen by the Improvement Board with a focus to improve outcomes for children in Surrey.
4. **That the Cabinet:**
  1. Considered the Ombudsman's report and the response from Children's Services,
  2. Satisfied itself that steps have been taken to address the findings and consider whether any other action should be taken, and
  3. Noted that the Monitoring Officer will be bringing her report to the attention of all councillors.

***The Cabinet RECOMMENDS that the County Council notes the local government ombudsman report (Annex B) with a finding of maladministration.***

**Mr David Hodge, Leader of the Council  
24 November 2017**