

CABINET – 24 April 2018

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Members Questions

Question (1) Hazel Watson (Dorking Hills):

In response to my supplementary question at Cabinet on 27th March 2018, the Leader of the Council stated that he would consider my request for an inquiry along the lines of a serious case review into the Parsons Green incident, after taking advice from the Chief Executive. Can the Leader of the Council now confirm that he will agree to such an inquiry?

Reply:

I can confirm that a learning review, along the lines of a serious case review, has been carried out with local partners and an independent chair/report author. The resulting report is still being considered by the Home Office, and has not been disclosed publicly. The local learning points are being considered and implemented by the Prevent Executive Group, which is made up of the multi-agency leads. Surrey County Council had already actioned its key recommendations before the incident. We will continue to focus on ensuring that the Council's work in this area is as good as it can be and, with the agreement of the Home Office and local partners, we will share the report when the current deliberations are complete.

**Mr David Hodge CBE
Leader of the Council
24 April 2018**

Question (2) Jonathan Essex (Redhill East):

As a result of the £9.7m savings proposed for Early Help by 2020 in the Medium Term Financial Plan, can the Cabinet Member please confirm whether, and if so how these savings will affect the staff deployed as youth and community workers, and the level of youth provision across Surrey.

Reply:

The county council's youth work provision is delivered by Family Services. The Family Services staffing re-structure which is currently under way has delivered savings of £2.46M savings largely through an extended period of freezing vacancies and integrating functions within the service. There is no requirement for compulsory redundancies as a result of this re-structure.

The current youth work staffing which is dedicated to the open access youth centre delivery is 794 hours across Surrey each week. Following the restructure this will be 618 hours per week; a difference of 176 hours. Each district and borough will have a dedicated neighbourhood youth and community worker who, supported by part time workers, will deliver the open access offer, as well as facilitating targeted group work. The impact of the overall staffing reduction is being mitigated by more flexible delivery alongside partner organisations under new borough and district youth work delivery groups. The objective of these delivery groups is to enhance the partnership offer of youth activities and youth work available to young people within each of Surrey's districts and boroughs.

**Mrs Clare Curran
Cabinet Member for Children
24 April 2018**

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