

County Council Meeting – 5 February 2019

REPORT OF THE CABINET

The Cabinet met on 18 December 2018 and 29 January 2019.

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 18 December meeting is included within the agenda at item 12. 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 February 2019).

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B. ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR SURREY'S COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS, THE COORDINATED SCHEMES THAT WILL APPLY TO ALL SCHOOLS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020 AND SURREY'S RELEVANT AREA

The Cabinet was asked to agree the Admission Arrangements for Surrey's Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools and Co-ordinated Schemes for all schools for September 2020 at its meeting on 29 January 2019. The full report, Enclosures and Appendices are set out in the Cabinet agenda.

The Cabinet AGREED:

Recommendation 1

That the published admissions number for Reception at Furzefield Primary School is decreased from 60 to 58 for September 2020.

Recommendation 2

That the admission arrangements for Wallace Fields Junior School are amended so that the measuring point used to assess nearest school and home to school distance will be the nearest gate of either Wallace Fields Infant School or Wallace Fields Junior School.

Recommendation 3

That children previously in state care outside England who left that care as a result of being adopted are given priority under criterion two for children with an exceptional social/medical need.

Recommendation 4

That Surrey's Relevant Area is agreed as set out in Enclosure 3 to the Cabinet report.

Recommendation 5

That the Published Admission Numbers (PANs) for September 2020 for all other community and voluntary controlled schools (excluding Furzefield Primary School which is covered by Recommendation 1) are determined as they are set out in Appendix 1 of Enclosure 1 of the Cabinet.

Recommendation 6

That the aspects of Surrey's admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2020 for which no change is proposed, are agreed as set out in Enclosure 1 and its appendices.

Recommendation 7

That the primary and secondary coordinated admission schemes that will apply to all schools for 2020 are agreed as set out in Enclosure 2 of the Cabinet report.

The County Council would have already considered the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools and co-ordinated schemes for September 2019 (as set out in the Cabinet paper from 29 January 2019).

C. REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET 2019/20 AND KEY FINANCIAL STRATEGIES to 2023/24

The Cabinet considered a report on the Revenue and Capital Budget 2019/20 to 2023/24, Corporate Strategy and Key Financial Strategies at its meeting on 29 January 2019.

The County Council would already have considered the following Cabinet recommendations:

Note the following important features of the revenue and capital budget

1. The Executive Director of Finance's statutory conclusions in his Section 25 statement.

Proposed budget: Cabinet recommendations to County Council for the revenue and capital budgets

2. Approve the net revenue budget requirement be set at £886.1 million (net cost of services after service specific government grants) for 2019/20 (Annex 6 of the submitted report), subject to confirmation of the Final Local Government Financial Settlement
3. Approve the total council tax funding requirement be set at £731.5 million for 2019/20. This is an increase in the level of the council tax of 2.99% (Annex 6 of the submitted report).
4. That for the purpose of section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Council formally determines that the increase in Council tax is not such as to trigger a referendum.
5. Set the County Council precept for band D Council Tax at £1,453.50, which represents a 2.99% up-lift. This is a rise of 81p a week from

2018/19's precept of £1,411.29. This includes £102.39 for the Adult Social Care Precept, which remains at the same level as last year. A full list of bands is as follows:

Council Tax Band	2018/19 £	2019/20 £
Band A	940.86	£969.00
Band B	1,097.67	£1,130.50
Band C	1,254.48	£1,292.00
Band D	1,411.29	£1,453.50
Band E	1,724.91	£1,776.51
Band F	2,038.53	£2,099.51
Band G	2,352.15	£2,422.51
Band H	2,822.58	£2,907.01

6. The Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy for 2019/20 (Annex 3)
7. The application of a further £6.4m in the current 2018/19 financial year to fund the transformation under the capital receipt flexibilities policy (Annex 3).
8. The use of £13.8m in the 2019/20 financial year, to fund the transformation under the capital receipt flexibilities policy (Annex 3).
9. That the underlying balance on the general fund remains set at £21.3m as at 1 April 2019.
10. The Total Schools Budget of £520.1m (Annex 1).
11. Overall indicative budget envelopes for Executive Directorates and individual services for the 2019/20 budget (Annex 1).
12. Note the indicative budget envelopes for 2020-24 (Annex 1).
13. Approve £413.8m indicative five year capital programme, with £129.2m capital investment in 2019/20 (Annex 1).

Capital Strategy: Cabinet recommendations to Council:

14. The Capital Strategy for 2019-24 (Annex 4)
15. The policy for making a prudent level of revenue provision for the repayment of debt (the Minimum Revenue Provisions policy)

D. TRANSFORMATION PROPOSALS – DELIVERING BETTER SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS

The Cabinet considered a report on the five initial areas that fall under the service transformation theme. The council is seeking to reform these areas in order to be able to deliver improved outcomes for residents with a focus on the most vulnerable and ensure we are doing the very best we can for residents within a sustainable budget. The report sets out proposals for the future in the following areas, taking account of public consultation and engagement and Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs):

- Children’s Centres
- Special educational needs and disability (SEND)
- Libraries and culture
- Community Recycling Centres (CRCs)
- Concessionary bus travel.

The Cabinet AGREED:

Children’s Centres

1. The remodelling of the remaining Children’s Centres to create Family Centres as part of a wider Family Service to support families with children aged 0-11 that are the most vulnerable was endorsed.
2. That the number of Children’s Centres in Surrey be reduced from 58 centres to 21 centres and satellite sites, to be located in areas where children are most likely to experience poor outcomes. At least one main centre in each district and borough supported by the use of satellites, outreach workers and community venues.
3. That the number of mobile Family Centres in Surrey be reduced from two to one in order to reach areas where there are small numbers of vulnerable children and families.

Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

4. That the broad support from consultation respondents for the proposed principles for transformation of SEND services was noted, namely:
 - Children with special educational needs are identified earlier and supported in a timely and effective way in order to improve their outcomes and wellbeing.
 - There is an increased focus on earlier intervention and prevention to offer help and meet needs at the earliest opportunity, reducing the demand on high cost, high need interventions.
 - Children and young people are helped to become resilient and independent so that they can lead independent and fulfilling lives in their own communities.
 - The voices of our children, young people and families are heard so they can shape and inform how we work together to get the best results.
 - Surrey’s early years settings, schools, colleges and other providers are able to support children to live and grown up locally and achieve their full potential.
5. That the broad support from consultation respondents for the areas of transformation for SEND services was noted, namely:
 - Early identification and support
 - Developing local services and managing the market

- Partnership working
 - Improving policy and practice.
6. That further engagement and co-design activity will be undertaken with families, health partners, education and other partners to explore the feedback, ideas and concerns shared through the consultation and develop the council's draft SEND strategy into a jointly owned Surrey special educational needs and disabilities strategy and long term action plan was noted.
 7. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Children, Families, Lifelong Learning and Culture, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for All Age Learning, to approve the final joint strategy and the long-term action plan, once completed subject to paragraph 77 of the submitted report and further Cabinet decision as necessary.
 8. That in the event that any of the co-design activity work, strategy identification and/or action plan gives rise to a change in the delivery of services that necessitates consultation and public engagement that will be undertaken alongside consideration to our Public Sector Equality and Section 11 Children Act 2004 duties.

Libraries & Culture

9. That the refinements, in italics, to the five strategic principles of the proposed Libraries and Cultural Services Strategy, reflecting consultation feedback was noted. These are:
 - Libraries and cultural services provide and enable opportunities for everyone to learn, access information, acquire new skills, literacy and be involved in their communities.
 - There *will be* a focus on the wellbeing and strengthening of communities, particularly the most vulnerable, to enable them to be resilient, *providing touch points and safe spaces*.
 - Libraries and cultural services are most effective and efficient when they work in partnership with the public, voluntary, community and private sectors, including through the creation of shared spaces *creating a model of financial sustainability*.
 - New technologies, including digital, enable libraries and cultural services to reach new audiences, and existing audiences in new ways, and offer 24/7 access.
 - Volunteers are crucial community advocates and assets in libraries and cultural services, who also gain valuable skills and relationships through the work they do.
10. That the Executive Director for Children, Families, Lifelong Learning and Culture will prepare detailed proposals with partners, including district and borough councils, for a proposed future model for library and cultural services in Surrey based on the five newly adopted strategic principles was noted.
11. That a second public consultation be carried out setting out the detailed proposals referred to in Resolution 9 above.

Community Recycling Centres

12. That the community recycling centres (CRCs) located at Farnham and Lyne (Chertsey) be retained, based on the current and projected use of these sites.
13. That the current prices for materials in the charging waste scheme be maintained.
14. That a charge for construction wood and roofing felt from Monday 1 April 2019 or as soon as practically possible after this be introduced.

15. That an annual application fee for van, trailer and pick-up permits from 1 May 2019 be introduced, when all permits are due for renewal.
16. a) That the CRCs located at Bagshot, Cranleigh, Dorking and Warlingham be retained until 30 September 2019, but restrict their use to accepting recycling materials only.
 - b) During this period assess whether different models for operating and funding these four CRCs could achieve the same saving as closing them. If that service cannot be achieved then proceed with their closure on 1 October 2019.
 - c) In the event that the four CRCs close, extend the opening hours of Camberley, Caterham and Leatherhead CRCs from six days per week to seven days per week.
17. That the Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste establish a task group to work with officers to develop a new waste strategy for Surrey County Council by September 2020, considering the implications of the Government's Resource and Waste Strategy and to ensure the waste service is affordable within the current financial strategy.
18. That the non-statutory additional travel concession for disabled pass holders and offer the national statutory English National Concessionary Travel Scheme (ENCTS) in Surrey from 1 April 2019 be withdrawn. Disabled pass holders will be able to travel for free between 09.30 and 23.00 on weekdays, all day at weekends and on bank holidays
19. That companion passes be retained, so from 1 April 2019 entitled pass holders and a companion can travel for free between 9:30am and 11:00pm on weekdays, all day at weekends and bank holidays.
20. That officers would continue discussions with bus operators on a commercial offer of a reduced fare or flat fare scheme in the county was noted.

E. QUARTERLY REPORT ON DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER SPECIAL URGENCY ARRANGEMENTS: 1 DECEMBER – 1 FEBRUARY 2019

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 Standing Order 56 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.
2. A Part 2 item was dealt with under Special Urgency at the 1 February 2019 Leader's Decision meeting – Deed of Modification Relating to Disposal of Land. Details from the decision sheet were as follows:

RESOLVED:

The recommendations as laid out in the Part 2 report were agreed by the Leader of the Council.

Reasons for decisions

The reasons for recommendations were as laid out in the Part 2 Report.

[In accordance with Standing Order 56.1 (Special Urgency), the Chairman of the Corporate Overview Select Committee agreed that the decisions on this item could not be reasonably deferred so this item was not subject to call in]

The Cabinet RECOMMENDS that the County Council notes that there has been one urgent decision in this quarter.

**Mr Tim Oliver, Leader of the Council
1 February 2019**

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