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Minutes of the meeting of the
Runnymede JOINT COMMITTEE
held at 7.00 pm on 19 November 2018
at Chertsey Halls, Heriot Road, Chertsey, Surrey, KT16 9DR.

Surrey County Council Members:

- * Miss Marisa Heath
- Mrs Yvonna Lay
- * Mr Mel Few
- * Mr Mark Nuti
- * Mrs Mary Angell (Chairman)
- Mr John Furey

Borough / District Members:

- * Cllr Jim Broadhead
- * Cllr Peter Taylor
- * Cllr Alan Alderson
- * Cllr David Parr
- * Cllr Nick Prescott
- * Cllr Peter Waddell (Vice-Chairman)

* In attendance

Open Forum Questions

Questions and responses from the informal open forum session are attached as an Annex to the minutes.

31/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Apologies were received from Mrs Yvonna Lay and Mr John Furey.

32/18 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING [Item 2]

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2018 were approved as a correct record.

33/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

There were no declarations of interest.

34/18 PETITIONS AND PETITION RESPONSES [Item 4]

No petitions were received.

35/18 WRITTEN MEMBER QUESTIONS [Item 5]

No public questions were received.

36/18 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 6]

No questions were received.

37/18 DECISION TRACKER (FOR INFORMATION) [Item 7]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officers attending: Gregory Yeoman, Partnership Committee Officer

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: None.

Member Discussion – key points:

The decision tracker was reviewed by the committee and the updates were noted.

38/18 PRESENTATION FROM SCC LEAD CABINET MEMBERS FOR PEOPLE AND PLACE (SERVICE MONITORING AND ISSUES OF LOCAL CONCERN - AGENDA ITEM) [Item 8]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officers/members attending: Tim Oliver, SCC Lead Cabinet Member for People; Colin Kemp, SCC Lead Cabinet Member for Place; Claire Fuller, Senior Responsible Officer, NW Surrey CCG

Petitions, Public Questions/Statements: None

Member discussion – key points

Tim Oliver, Colin Kemp and Claire Fuller gave a presentation on changes to support the health and wellbeing of residents. As is well known, the County Council has significant budget pressures, arising from increased costs in adult social care and special educational needs, which account for a significant portion of the budget. In order to manage cost a process of transformation is underway to focus on early help and prevention, whilst maintaining front line services. Members have already seen the vision, and the County Council will be looking to have a greater understanding of residents' priorities and be more transparent as it works towards implementing this.

Surrey Heartlands is looking at changing systems so they are not centred on hospitals and integrating with other health and social care agencies by joining up computer systems and co-locating staff. The emphasis will be on partnership and working together rather than on competition between providers. With refreshed priorities, the 'first one thousand days' was a key focus – particularly relevant when the committee heard that the best indicator of a child's readiness for school was their mother's mental health at age 14. Resident involvement is a key aspect as well, and 3000 residents have signed up as members of the Citizen Panel to provide information and feedback through surveys, workshops and working groups. Contributions to the conversation on the development of health provision are being invited right across the sector, including from paramedics, physios, pharmacists and occupational therapists.

Rationalising the County estate will be an important element with services being provided through hubs rather than separate buildings. The aim will be to maintain levels of service and use savings made from divesting buildings to support this.

Cllr Oliver stated that the Health and Wellbeing Board composition was under review to ensure that it included the best selection of partners and encouraged conversation among a wide range of groups to encourage cooperation. Only 20% of health needs are influenced by health care, the remaining 80% are influenced by other factors such as lifestyle and environment, and local authorities can provide the means to impact this 80%, and ideally this would increase prevention.

Comments from members included:

- the importance of sporting and recreational facilities in developments, which would address a number of elements in the '80%' such as obesity and weight problems, physical inactivity, and mental health
- the importance of supporting the mental health of children in the care system and the continuation of CAMHS
- health practices whose catchments cross over into more than one local authority may be affected by unintended consequences of service reviews
- shared responsibility for the provision of services was a welcome idea
- a CCG-style arrangement on the shared services side, to both understand the need and commission the services, would be a step in the right direction.

The chairman thanked Tim Oliver, Colin Kemp and Claire Fuller for the presentation.

39/18 HIGHWAYS UPDATE (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) [Item 9]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officers attending: Andrew Milne, Area Highway Manager

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: None.

Member Discussion – key points:

The Area Highway Manager (AHM) stated that the final elements of corrective work at Runnymede roundabout were being completed imminently. He introduced recently-released additional information concerning the proposed 2019/20 Joint Committee highway budgets. An increase in capital funding to approximately £180,000 was expected for infrastructure, and divisional members would retain their £7,500 allocation. However, the revenue budget (currently c.£168,000) would be reduced to zero. The AHM recommended that members kept their allocation aside for essential maintenance work.

The Cabinet Member for Place recognised the challenges that the revised budget would cause; it was a time to think creatively about how work could be funded and to prioritise carefully. He stated that the final amounts had not yet been set and that he hoped to lift some of the current restrictions on what the members' allocations could be used for. The formula used to divide the total

capital budget across the 11 boroughs and districts could be reviewed as well, so it is not based on mileage of highway. Surrey will receive a £7.4m share of the £440m announced to support infrastructure in the Chancellor's recent budget; again this was based on the length of the road network in Surrey rather than traffic volumes and the Cabinet Member stated that work was continuing to try and get this approach changed.

It was pointed out that only three divisional members had used their £7,500 allocation for 2018/19 and therefore the opportunity to instigate works had been lost.

Resolved

The Joint Committee (Runnymede) **noted**:

- (i) the progress with schemes and revenue funded works for the 2018/19 financial year.
- (ii) the budgetary position.
- (iii) that a further Highways Update will be brought to the next meeting of this Committee.

Reasons for recommendations:

The above recommendations are made to enable progression of all highway related schemes and works.

40/18 ON-STREET PARKING ENFORCEMENT UPDATE (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) [Item 10]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officers attending: Dave Curl, Parking Strategy & Implementation Team Manager, Surrey County Council; Mervyn Robins, Parking Services Manager, Runnymede Borough Council

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: None

Member Discussion – key points:

Dave Curl introduced the report, outlining the split in responsibilities between the county and the borough with regard to parking.

Following a question from a member of the public about the timing of visits by Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) and the roads they were patrolling, Mr Robins stated that there were three CEOs covering the borough from 7am to 6pm during the week and 8am to 4pm at weekends. If the public notified the borough of areas experiencing particular parking problems then the CEOs could be directed accordingly. Cllr Nuti (Chertsey) said that he would look at how the CEOs are used to make sure that all areas of the borough are covered appropriately.

The report included figures showing the 2017/18 revenue and costs associated with parking enforcement. These were presented using the standard templates adopted by all eleven boroughs and districts. The costs shown were shared equally between the county and borough.

Finally, of the apparently high number of penalty charge notices that were cancelled, the majority were cancelled because of mitigating circumstances rather than errors on the part of the CEOs.

The Runnymede Joint Committee **noted** the content of the report.

Reasons for recommendations:

Waiting and parking restrictions that are suitably/adequately enforced will help to:

- Improve road safety
- Increase access for emergency vehicles
- improve access to shops, facilities and businesses
- Increase access for refuse vehicles and service vehicles
- Ease traffic congestion
- Better regulate parking

The Joint Committee can contribute towards these objectives in partnership with the enforcement team.

41/18 FLOODING: LESSONS LEARNT AND PREPAREDNESS (SERVICE MONITORING AND ISSUES OF LOCAL CONCERN) [Item 11]

The Chairman had decided shortly before the meeting that this report would be deferred until the next formal meeting (March 2019) in order for additional important information to be added. She apologised for having to make this decision at short notice and it was noted that members of the public had been given the opportunity to raise any flood-related questions in the open forum as a result.

42/18 FORWARD PROGRAMME 2018/19 (FOR INFORMATION) [Item 12]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officers attending: Gregory Yeoman, Partnership Committee Officer

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: None

Member Discussion – key points:

The Chairman and Borough leader agreed to talk after the meeting about the priority topics that the Borough would like to see on future agendas.

43/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING [Item 13]

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 18th March 2019 at 7.00pm.

Meeting ended at: 9.00 pm

Chairman

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