

CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS JULY 2019

CABINET MEMBER FOR ALL-AGE LEARNING

1. PRIMARY AND SECONDARY FAIR ACCESS PROTOCOLS 2019/20

Details of decision

The Cabinet Member approved the proposed Primary and Secondary Fair Access Protocols for 2019/20.

Reasons for decision

The recommendation was agreed for the following reasons:

- The local authority is required to have a Protocol in place in which all schools must participate
- The proposed Protocols meet the requirements of the 2014 Department for Education School Admissions Code
- The Protocol will ensure that children who are out of school can be placed in school quickly
- The Protocol will ensure that no school is expected to admit more than their fair share of children with challenging behaviour or children previously excluded from other schools

(Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families – 1 July 2019)

2. APPROVAL OF MAINTAINED SCHOOLS' DEFICIT

Details of decision

The following recommendations were agreed:

1. The level of balances held by Surrey maintained schools was noted.
2. A licensed deficit was approved for Wey House School.

Reasons for decision

The recommendations were agreed in order to set the parameters within which Wey House School's finances can be monitored.

(Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families – 1 July 2019)

CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS**3. PETITIONS****Details of decision**

That the response, attached as Appendix 1, be approved.

Reasons for decision

To respond to the petition.

(Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Highways – 2 July 2019)

Appendix 1

RESPONSE TO PETITION REGARDING STREET LIGHTING IN CAPEL

For years, residents of Capel have been demanding installation of street lighting in Capel but the local authority hasn't taken any steps to ensure street lights in the area.

Roads are dark and lack visibility post-sunset, especially when it's raining and during winters. Street lights are important to reduce crime and ensure our safety, especially women and children.

Due to the spate of crime in the area recently, residents are tired of trying to reach out to local authorities, who take no action to ensure our safety.

Submitted by: Ms Natasha Forrest-Dunn
Signatures: 217

Response:

There is no statutory requirement on local authorities in the UK to provide street lighting. The Highways Act employs local authorities to light roads but does not place a duty to do so.

The street lights in Surrey are maintained through a PFI contract which runs until 2035. The contract included an investment period which saw the replacement of 70,000 lighting columns and the refurbishment of a further 19,000.

Aside from this initial investment, the County Council does not have any funding available to install additional street lighting. The budget is allocated to maintain the lighting that is currently installed.

In certain circumstances, it may be possible for groups (such as residents associations or parish councils) to install additional lighting. If they are in the public highway, it may be possible for the County Council to adopt these into the PFI providing all costs are covered by the third party.

If you are interested in pursuing the installation of additional street lighting, we can arrange for our service provider to prepare a quotation. It is also recommended that you get in contact with the local parish council.

Matt Furniss
Cabinet Member for Highways

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