

## **Cabinet Member for Environment & Waste Update**

### **Purpose of report:**

To share details of the Cabinet Member's priority areas of work including strategy and policy developments and provide an overview of the budget position and performance of services within his/her portfolio.

### **Introduction:**

#### **1. Future Surrey Bus Strategy**

We want to define a bold strategy for Surrey, setting an ambition that all local bus services in the county will be operated by ultra-low emission or zero emission buses by 2030.

#### **2. Unauthorised Waste Sites**

The number and scale of unauthorised waste sites in the County is of great concern. The law is not working at present, the planning system is impotent to rectify matters and the Environment Agency has insufficient resources to do so. In the meantime, the environment of Surrey is suffering. A letter to the minister is being drafted to highlight these concerns and to seek immediate action.

#### **3. Waste Servicing**

After the Cabinet paper on Waste, at the October meeting, a further strategy paper will be brought to Cabinet in the spring.

#### **4. Tree Planting**

A full Tree Strategy is being worked up, the first of the 1.2m trees was planted at the Surrey Hills Wood Fair on 5 October 19 by the Leader and Chairman of the Council.

#### **5. Climate Change**

The Greener Futures programme has been launched which will result in an ambitious Climate Change strategy for the county. The University of Surrey has been commissioned to undertake baseline emissions and strategy research and a Scrutiny Committee Task Group has been set up to analyse information received from residents and community groups through a call for evidence. A Climate Change Strategy will be delivered

after the December full council and a Surrey-wide Council Strategy developed in the spring.

**Recommendations:**

1. The Select Committee reviews the information contained in this update and offers feedback to the Cabinet Member.
2. The Select Committee considers where it may add value to the Cabinet Member's work through scrutiny and scopes topics as required.

**Next steps:**

The Cabinet Member is to return with a further update at the next formal meeting of the Committee.

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**Annex 1:** Cabinet Member Update to Full Council – 8 October 2019