

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET
HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 2.00 PM
AT ASHCOMBE SUITE, COUNTY HALL, KINGSTON UPON THAMES,
SURREY KT1 2DN.**

These minutes are subject to confirmation by the Cabinet at its next meeting.

Members:

*Mr Tim Oliver (Chairman)	*Mr Mike Goodman
*Mr Colin Kemp (Vice-Chairman)	*Mrs Mary Lewis
*Dr Zully Grant-Duff	*Mrs Julie Iles
*Mrs Sinead Mooney	*Mr Matt Furniss
*Mr Mel Few	*Ms Denise Turner-Stewart

Deputy Cabinet Members:

*Mrs Natalie Bramhall	* Miss Alison Griffiths
*Mr Mark Nuti	

* = Present

Members in attendance:

Mr Keith Taylor (Shere)
Mrs Fiona White (Guildford West)

21/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

There were none.

22/20 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 28 JANUARY 2020 [Item 2]

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2020 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

23/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

There were none.

24/20 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS [Item 4a]

There were none.

25/20 PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 4b]

There was one question from a local resident. This and the response are attached as an annex to these minutes.

26/20 PETITIONS [Item 4c]

There were none.

27/20 REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED ON REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE [Item 4d]

There were none.

28/20 REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES , TASK GROUPS, LOCAL COMMITTEES AND OTHER COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL [Item 5]

There was one report from the Guildford Joint Committee which was discussed with item 7 (Bus Lane Enforcement), to which it related.

29/20 LEADER / DEPUTY LEADER / CABINET MEMBER/ STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST CABINET MEETING [Item 6]

RESOLVED:

That the delegated decisions taken since the last meeting of the Cabinet be noted.

Reason for decision:

To inform the Cabinet of decisions taken by Cabinet Members, Strategic Investment Board and the Committee in Common subcommittee under delegated authority.

30/20 BUS LANE ENFORCEMENT [Item 7]

Mr Keith Taylor introduced the report from the Guildford Joint Committee and explained the work around enforcement that was being planned locally and that this work was now in jeopardy due to a change in county policy. He went on to say that the Joint Committee had received late notice of the proposed changes and requested that money raised in Guildford be used on traffic alleviation in Guildford. He also requested that Guildford be treated the same as Woking where there was bus lane enforcement in its High Street.

Mrs Fiona White also spoke of the Guildford Joint Committee meeting and raised the issue of the short notice given on changes to the financial arrangements. She went on to talk about localism and how this policy change removed localism and questioned the committee's ability to take local decisions. She requested that the policy be changed or at least deferred until all boroughs had discussed the proposed changes.

The Cabinet Member for Highways introduced the main report and explained how in 2019 the County Council declared a climate emergency and was developing detailed plans to support the Greener Futures agenda. He spoke of the need for a consistent county-wide policy and that properly located and managed bus lanes would help improve bus transport efficiency and hence impact on the usage of private motor vehicles, potentially aiding both congestion and emissions. High Street, Woking would be brought in line with the new policy and any surplus revenue would be used for walking, cycling and buses across the county. The bus operators had seen the paper and welcomed the proposals.

Six other Cabinet Members spoke in support of the proposals.

The Leader responded to the Guildford Joint Committee report stating that he understood the concerns and recognised the issues raised about process; from which learning would be taken. He reiterated that Woking would be brought into line so there would be consistency across the county. He apologised if the report had not satisfied the Guildford Joint Committee but there was a need to move at pace and with consistency and fairness regarding revenue generated.

RESOLVED:

1. That the revised Bus Lane and Camera policy (Feb 2020) attached as Annex A to the submitted report be agreed.
2. That authority be delegated to the Director for Infrastructure & Operations in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways to introduce Bus Lane Enforcement.
3. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Highways to introduce new or amend existing bus lanes and determine any formal objections through the public formal Cabinet Member decision making meeting.
4. That the Cabinet Member for Highways enter into any new bus lane enforcement agency agreements or external enforcement contracts, subject to County Council procurement and governance processes and procedures.

Reason for decisions:

To ensure the County Council can effectively, efficiently and consistently manage bus lane enforcement and bus lane provision to support the growth of bus use in Surrey as a part of our Greener Futures agenda.

31/20 2019/20 MONTH 9 (DECEMBER) FINANCIAL REPORT [Item 8]

The Cabinet Member for Finance gave a detailed overview of the report which reflected revenue and capital budgets, the expected outlook for the remainder of the financial year and, also as a quarter-end report. It also included Treasury Management and Debt. Whilst there had been a negative movement on the revenue outlook since last month's report the Cabinet Member confirmed that a balanced budget still looked achievable.

RESOLVED:

To note the Council's forecast revenue and capital budget positions for the year.

Reason for decision:

To comply with the agreed policy of providing a monthly budget monitoring report to Cabinet for approval of any necessary actions.

Meeting closed at 2.32 pm

Chairman

CABINET – 25 FEBRUARY 2020**PROCEDURAL MATTERS****Public Questions****Question (1) Resident:**

Please can the committee explain to me why families are having to wait unacceptable times for Post Mortem's to be carried out? Please discuss, debate and sort this problem within the Coroner's Department.

Reply:

The Coroners service has experienced an unusually high number of referrals during the winter months, at the same time as there has been a reduction in the numbers of pathologists prepared to undertake post-mortems. This has regrettably resulted in a number of post-mortems having to be cancelled and rescheduled, leading to unavoidable delays.

Recent discussions with pathologists working in Surrey (including an additional two) have concluded with new agreements and terms being put in place that will give greater certainty over post-mortem arrangements going forwards. In addition, the Coroner's service has allocated more staff to deal with the high number of referrals.

These measures have led to an ongoing improvement in the situation since January. The steps being taken will continue to reduce the time between a referral being received and it being actioned.

Dr Zully Grant-Duff
Cabinet Member for Corporate Support
25 February 2020

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