Response to Cllr Jonathan Essex's supplementary question

Michael Coughlin, Executive Director of Transformation, Partnerships and Prosperity:

"The Coast to Capital and LEP schemes, some of which were submitted to government, are attached.

Since the Surrey Climate Change Strategy (CCS) was endorsed at Cabinet in April, officers have been working on the approach to its effective delivery. With input from a number of partners and officers from across the Council, this has focused on how partners and the Council can best use recovery efforts and investment to accelerate the ambitions set out in Surrey's Greener Future, building on the work of the Member Task Force.

This has included consideration of the role that Government must play and we are discussing and developing joint lobbying opportunities with District and Borough Councils and other partners including ADEPT, with reference to the recommendations in recent publications by the Committee for Climate Change and other sources. We have also responded to the recent funding calls issued by Government, which have been designed to accelerate green economy and carbon reductions through Placed-based approaches.

With regards to building insulation and sustainable transport, whilst we are in the Covid-19 pandemic, the economic development strategy is in an interim form. Over the Summer and into the Autumn we will be working to ensure those links are pulled together ahead of bringing the strategy back in a fuller form next year.

Our developing economic strategies and plans are being informed by the opportunities which are presented by the climate change agenda. Initial research suggests that Surrey will benefit from around 28,000 new local 'green jobs' by 2050 with particular strengths emerging in the area of low emission vehicles and infrastructure. We will be working with partners across skills, business and research to ensure we are able to capitalise on the opportunities this and other clean growth developments present".

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