

## **ANNEX B – EXAMPLES OF AWARDS AND PRAISE RECEIVED**

- The council was crowned '**local authority of the year**' at the Improvement and Efficiency South East Awards in March 2013. The award was for the Public Value Reviews programme, which unearthed £279 million to be delivered by 2016. The council also won a silver award at the same event for supporting older and vulnerable people through working closely with boroughs and districts.
- Surrey was shortlisted for the '**Council of the Year**' award at the Local Government Chronicle Awards 2013.
- The council's new five year approach to road maintenance planning has been used as an example of **excellent work** by the Cabinet Office. The programme was used as an example of 'how to cut waste, improve efficiency and encourage a more collaborative supply chain' in the procurement process.
- Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change Ed Davey has backed the council's '**Switch and Save**' scheme to help people cut the cost of their energy bills. His support came as the number of people registering for the scheme topped 2,700 in January 2013. Esher and Walton MP, Dominic Raab, has also offered his support.
- BT's Managing Director of Next Generation Access, Bill Murphy, has praised the council's Superfast Broadband plans as being "**world-leading**". Commenting on the council's aim to ensure virtually 100% access to superfast broadband before the end of next year, Mr Murphy said, "I don't think you'll find anyone else in the world with those types of numbers".
- The council's shared service centre – which provides support for HR, finance and purchasing – has been handed the Government's **Customer Service Excellence Standard** for the second year running.
- In May 2013, the council was named by the Government as one of the country's **top 10 councils to do business with**. The award was won jointly with East Sussex County Council as the two councils have been working together on giving firms more opportunities to clinch public sector deals.
- Justice Secretary, Chris Grayling, has backed the council's initiative to drive **increased apprenticeship numbers**. He applauded Surrey for "embracing the need for that real focus on apprenticeships" after the council pledged to boost the job prospects of 500 teenagers by April 2014.
- The '**Supersticker**' initiative from Trading Standards – a sticker that residents can use to give legal force to notices telling doorstep sellers to leave – has been endorsed and given national recognition by the Trading Standards Institute, Daily Mirror and MoneySavingExpert.com, amongst others.
- The new **Dorking library** has been short-listed for the high profile Bookseller Industry Awards Library of the Year Award. One of our librarians, **Kay**

**Hadwick**, from Redhill Library, has also won the prestigious **Librarian of the Year Award** from the Publishers Publicity Circle, an independent trade body that highlights high standards in library services. She was nominated in her work for promoting reading and a programme of events to draw attention to works of new and established authors.