

County Council Meeting – 16 July 2013

REPORT OF THE CABINET

The Cabinet met on 28 May and 25 June 2013.

In accordance with the Constitution, Members can ask questions of the appropriate Cabinet Member, seek clarification or make a statement on any of these issues without giving notice.

The minutes containing the individual decisions for both 28 May and 25 June 2013 meetings are included within the agenda at item 14. Cabinet responses to Committee reports are included in or appended to the minutes. If any Member wishes to raise a question or make a statement on any of the matters in the minutes, notice must be given to Democratic Services by 12 noon on the last working day before the County Council meeting (Monday 15 July 2013).

For members of the public all non-confidential reports are available on the web site (www.surreycc.gov.uk) or on request from Democratic Services.

1. STATEMENTS/UPDATES FROM CABINET MEMBERS

There were none.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS ON POLICY FRAMEWORK DOCUMENTS

25 June 2013

A **CONFIDENT IN OUR FUTURE – CORPORATE STRATEGY 2013-2018**

1. The Council reviews and refreshes its Corporate Strategy each year. By confirming a long term vision for the county and setting priorities for the next year, the Corporate Strategy provides a clear sense of direction for Council staff and signposts the Council's approach for residents, businesses and partner organisations. As part of the Council's Policy Framework (as set out in the Council's Constitution) the Corporate Strategy must be approved by the County Council.
2. On 31 January 2012, the Cabinet endorsed *One County, One Team*, Corporate Strategy 2012-2017, which was subsequently approved by the County Council on 7 February 2012.
3. The Strategy has been reviewed following the election of a new Council. It retains the core themes of its predecessor, but also includes some new elements, reflecting the changing context in which the Council operates.
4. The *Confident in our future*, Corporate Strategy 2013-2018 acknowledges the achievements of the last four years and the positive difference the Council makes to people's lives every day. It describes how the Council will navigate the significant challenges it faces and continues to improve services for residents within the resources it will have. It provides a clear sense of direction for Council staff and Members and signposts the Council's approach for residents, businesses and partner organisations by setting out:

- **The Council's purpose:**
 - We are the Council elected to ensure that Surrey residents remain healthy, safe and confident about their future.
- **The Council's vision for 2018:**
 - To be delivering great value for Surrey's residents.
- **Six areas of focus** for the Council to achieve the vision:
 - **Residents:** Individuals, families and communities will have more influence, control and responsibility;
 - **Value:** We will create public value by improving outcomes for residents;
 - **Partnerships:** We will work with our partners in the interests of Surrey;
 - **Quality:** We will ensure high quality and encourage innovation;
 - **People:** We will develop and equip our officers and Members to provide excellent service; and
 - **Stewardship:** We will look after Surrey's resources responsibly.
- **The Council's Values**
 - **Listen:** We actively listen to others;
 - **Responsibility:** We take responsibility in all that we do;
 - **Trust:** We work to inspire trust and we trust others; and
 - **Respect:** We treat people with respect and are committed to learning from others.

5. *Confident in our future*, Corporate Strategy 2013–2018 is attached as Annex 1 to this report.

6. The Cabinet RECOMMENDS:

That *Confident in our Future*, Corporate Strategy 2013 – 2018 (Annex 1) be agreed.

B QUARTERLY REPORT ON DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER SPECIAL URGENCY ARRANGEMENTS – 1 APRIL 2013 TO 30 JUNE 2013

1. The Cabinet is required under the Constitution to report to Council on a quarterly basis the details of decisions taken by the Cabinet and Cabinet Members under the special urgency arrangements set out in Article 6.05(f) of the Constitution. This occurs where a decision is required on a matter that is not contained within the Leader's Forward Plan (Notice of Decisions), nor available 5 clear days before the meeting. Where a decision on such matters could not reasonably be delayed, the agreement of the Chairman of the appropriate Select Committee, or in his/her absence the Chairman of the Council, must be sought to enable the decision to be made.

There have been no such decisions during the last quarter.

**Mr David Hodge
Leader of the Council
5 July 2013**

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