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CABINET MEMBER UPDATE: NATALIE BRAMHALL

Introduction:

1. I am pleased to update Resources and Performance Select Committee on the priorities in my portfolio area as Cabinet Member for Property for the next year.

Proposed achievements for 2021/22

Capital Delivery Projects

2. As the Cabinet Member for Property, I have a responsibility in maintaining oversight and ensuring the delivery of SCC's capital projects, facilities management, asset strategy and disposals, HGR.
3. I aim to deliver:
 - One GRT transit site
 - Two community hubs
 - Three children's homes, one with care leavers accommodation
 - Four supported independent living homes by 2023
 - New Shaw Family Contact Centre
 - Bookham Youth Centre
 - New Priory School on the Woodhatch site by September 2023
 - Adult Social Care sites
 - Bringing forward four co-located sites with community health, youth centre, library.
 - New SEN places

4. The delivery of these assets will support key service areas in Resources, Communities & Transformation, Children, Families & Lifelong Learning and Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care.

Facilities Management

5. I have a responsibility to review and transform the service. A cabinet report is scheduled for this month on the Transformation of FM services. An interim improvement plan is also being prepared and will run in parallel to improve the current services ahead of FM Transformation.

HGR

6. As the lead member for Property, I have a priority to ensure the delivery of new residential units by 2023/4.
7. To support this, work is being undertaken by the service:
 - Strengthen governance and capacity in wholly-owned companies (Halsey Garton)
 - Review of investment strategies to take a more proactive approach to the management of the commercial investment portfolio
 - Begin the residential development programme by the Council and its companies with a focus on a build to rent strategy that supports a range of private sector tenancies options
 - Progress the case for potential disposals.

Vacant & Surplus Properties

8. I have a priority to accelerate the programme for the disposal/repurpose of vacant and surplus properties. To support this, the service is currently implementing improved process/protocol to make better progress with vacant and surplus assets to:
 - Repurpose/dispose of any assets identified by services as surplus to requirement
 - Drive social and/or economic benefit and value where appropriate.

Conclusions:

9. The above demonstrates an ambitious and far-reaching programme of work that I am keen to lead for 2021/22 across my portfolio.

Recommendations:

10. It is recommended that the Resources and Performance Select Committee:
- a) Review the Cabinet Member priorities and offer feedback and thoughts as appropriate.
 - b) Express whether it is satisfied with the Cabinet Member plans and ambitions for 2021/22.
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