

204/211 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS [Item 4a]

There were 5 member questions. The questions and responses were published as a supplement to the agenda.

In response to his first question, Will Forster asked if residents had been engaged with as part of the active travel bids. The Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure explained that residents had been engaged with through the commonplace map and local walking and cycling investment plans. All interested parties and community groups very heavily engaged with to ensure funding was going into the right places. With regards to his second question, Will Forster asked for the Cabinet Member to inform him as to when the equality impact assessments on the pride crossings would be completed. This was agreed.

In response to his question Jonathan Essex welcomed the response and commitment to considering carbon impacts in the budget and asked for confirmation to when this would be happening. The Leader explained that the Greener Futures Board had looked at this issue and officers had agreed to go away and look at a more detailed budget around the greener futures delivery plan. The Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed that the council was establishing carbon costs for the decisions being taken.

In response to her member question, Catherine Baart queried that once funding had been agreed from government, if the Cabinet Member could share an assessment of what the bus element of the transport plan would be and how this would contribute to the carbon emissions reduction target. The Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure agreed to do this and explained that the investment in hydrogen buses was progressing and a number of these buses would be purchased in due course. With regards to her final question, the Cabinet Member for Property and Waste confirmed that the strategy is for the council's investment portfolio to be net zero by 2030.

205/21 PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 4b]

There was one public question. The question and response was published as a supplement to the agenda.

206/21 PETITIONS [Item 4c]

There were none.

207/21 REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED ON REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE [Item 4d]

There were none.

208/21 REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES , TASK GROUPS, LOCAL COMMITTEES AND OTHER COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL [Item 5]

The report of the Children, Families, Lifelong Learning & Culture Select Committee was introduced by the Vice Chairman of the Select Committee. It was explained that the Select Committee considered the transformation of Surrey County Council's community children's homes and took evidence from the Cabinet Member for children and families and senior officers regarding the transformation. The Select Committee felt the risks were manageable and reasonable in relation to the benefits of this transformation. The Select

Committee was satisfied that the proposals as presented to it would enable the Council to better support looked after children and contain costs pressures. The report of the Children, Families, Lifelong Learning & Culture Select Committee was welcomed by the Cabinet Member for Children and Families.

The report of the Adults and Health Select Committee was introduced by the Select Committee Chairman who explained that the older peoples commissioning Strategy came to the Select Committee twice. The Select Committee appreciated being given the opportunity to review and comment on draft versions of the strategy, and were pleased to see that the feedback provided by the Members of the committee had been incorporated into the paper. The Cabinet Member for Adults and Health thanked the Select Committee for their robust scrutiny. The Leader echoed thanks to all the Select Committees for their work which helps inform Cabinet and policy making.

RESOLVED:

1. That the recommendations from the Children, Families, Lifelong Learning & Culture Select Committee be noted.
2. That the report of the Adults and Health Select Committee be noted.

209/21 LEADER / DEPUTY LEADER / CABINET MEMBER/ STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST CABINET MEETING [Item 6]

There is one decision taken by the Strategic Investment Board at its meeting on 16 November.

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.

210/21 COVID-19 DELEGATED AND URGENT DECISIONS TAKEN [Item 7]

It was explained that £5.3 million had been received from government towards some of the winter pressures and the report set out how this money was being allocated.

RESOLVED:

1. That the decision taken by officers since the last meeting be noted.

Reason for decision:

To inform the Cabinet of decisions taken by officers under delegated authority.

211/21 CABINET MEMBER OF THE MONTH [Item 8]

The report was introduced by the Cabinet Member for Children and Families who made the following key points:

- holds political responsibility for the leadership, strategy and the effectiveness of this authority's children services
- is the only councillor in the authority who has a statutory role
- Since 2018, the Council had been on a wide ranging and very extensive transformation programme and this has included the Children's Directorate. Children social care is much improved and a great deal of progress has been made.
- There is continuing and unrelenting focus on driving up the quality of frontline social work and building strong relationships with children, young people and their families.
- In the most recent Ofsted monitoring visit, it was recognised that progress had been made with care leavers and it is widely acknowledged that the services for care leavers are a barometer of work done with children and young people overall.
- A full Ofsted inspection is expected in the early part of 2022.
- Thanks were given to social workers and all the staff in the wider children's workforce and also to all foster carers.

That the Cabinet Member of the Month report be noted.

212/21 2022/23 DRAFT BUDGET AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY TO 2026/27 [Item 9]

The report was introduced by the Leader who explained that the council was the custodian of public money and it was absolutely right that the public know what this money was being spent on. A public consultation on the budget had been launched. The Leader believed that the council had done a very effective job in building a sustainable financial base, whilst delivering improved services. The Leader explained all the services delivered to residents including specific responsibilities to adult social care and children's social care. The council spent £1m every day on delivering adult social care and half a million pounds on children services.

The council's transformation programme had delivered savings of around £75m. The council's reserves are in a sustainable position and the council had been in a position to deliver an effective response to Covid-19. With this said, pressures are on the council's budget with regards to social care funding. There was an expectation that in three years' time there would be an opportunity to move funding from the NHS into social care. The council would continue to lobby the government on this. The report mentions council tax although a council tax increase will not be announced until the government's final settlement has been received. There was a comprehensive capital programme in place focusing on better outcomes for people and reducing revenue spend.

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources started by thanking officers for their hard work in putting together the draft budget. Special thanks was given to the directorates for working with finance to stay within the budget envelopes. There were no surprises in the draft budget and the council was building adequate reserves in contingency in place to manage future uncertain season pressures. The draft budget reflects the Council's ongoing commitment to funding transformation, with £10m per annum of

transformation funding continuing to be included in the base budget. Scrutiny will be involved in reviewing budget proposals and the online draft budget consultation for residents will run until 28 December.

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet note the 2022/23 Draft Budget and Medium-Term Financial Strategy to 2026/27, including progress to date in setting out spending pressures and efficiencies, as set out in Annex A.
2. That Cabinet note the provisional budget gap of £19.5m for 2022/23 and the next steps required to close the gap.
3. That Cabinet note the proposed Capital Programme for 2022/23 to 2026/27 of £1.9bn set out in Section 6 and Annex B.
4. That Cabinet note the Executive Summary of Resident Engagement set out in Section 9 and Annex C.

Reason for Decisions:

In January 2022, Cabinet will be asked to recommend a Final Budget for 2022/23 to full Council for approval in February. The draft budget sets out proposals to direct available resources to support the achievement of the Council's corporate priorities in the refreshed Organisation Strategy, giving Cabinet the opportunity to comment on the proposals and next steps.

The draft budget also provides an update on the continuing transformational changes and the 'Twin Track' approach which are required to ensure that the Council can continue prioritising outcomes for residents, while managing growing demand for services and safeguarding future financial resilience and sustainability.

(The decisions on this item can be called-in by the Resources and Performance Select Committee)

213/21 A CHILD POVERTY ACTION PLAN FOR SURREY [Item 10]

The report was introduced by the Cabinet Member for Children and Families who explained that many families with children were struggling and in bringing this paper to Cabinet, she presented the framework of a far-reaching and coordinated strategy for the council to deliver on the vision of no one left behind. 55% of residents who were just about managing before the pandemic found themselves falling into significant financial hardship, eligibility for free school meals rising by 26%, and most food banks experiencing over 100% increases in demand, accordingly there was a clear case to act to ensure that Surrey families are supported out of relative poverty brought on by the pandemic. The report covers the framework for how the strategy will look and the strategic response to child poverty will form part of the report on the state of poverty in Surrey going to Council in December.

The report was welcomed by the Cabinet who agreed there were child poverty issues across the county and work with partners needed to be undertaken to address these. Members welcomed the targeting of the key issues that led to poverty which would be included in the strategy to Council.

Jonathan Essex spoke on the item explaining that around 60,000 Surrey households on Universal Credit had lost the COVID up lift of around £20 a week. He asked if the strategy which focuses on child poverty could extend

beyond its current framework to address all forms of poverty. The Cabinet Member for Children and Families commented that although the thrust of the work was in relation to children and families no groups would be excluded. The Cabinet Member for Education and Learning spoke about the adult learning service which was supporting adults move into the job market. These programmes extended from basic literacy and numeracy to professional skills for the workplace.

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet endorse the strategic response to child poverty.
2. That Cabinet acknowledge a new poverty working group of officers across all services responsible for consolidating this strategic framework, and scoping the costs and benefits of undertaking new interventions within this framework for consideration by Cabinet.
3. That Cabinet agree to continue its leadership of putting a response to poverty at the heart of the refresh of the Surrey Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Reasons for Decisions:

A strategic response to child poverty will ensure that SCC stays true to its principle of 'no one left behind' and deliver a number of benefits to Surrey residents. A more aligned strategy around support services will ensure cross-cutting understanding of personal circumstances; more tailored advice and support, more effective signposting between services and community offerings, effective targeting of hardship funds for families, and new projects to mitigate and impact the root causes of poverty in the county.

(The decisions on this item can be called-in by the Children, Families, Lifelong Learning & Culture Select Committee)

**214/21 TRANSFORMATION OF SURREY CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL SERVICES
[Item 11]**

The report was introduced by the Cabinet Member for Children and Families. The report addressed the vulnerabilities in the current staffing structure and management capacity, strengthening the specialised purpose for each home and developing a new provision for children with autism experiencing crisis. This change was necessary to ensure that children receive the best care appropriate for their needs close to their families and communities. It was explained that the first preference was to put children into a family placement or foster home. However, sometimes residential care was a positive option for children with the highest level of need. Currently a significant proportion of very vulnerable children were placed outside Surrey. This transformation will ensure the in-house homes are able to specialise in caring for the children with the highest and most complex needs. Maximizing occupancy levels in each home. The transformation would require revenue funding which would be offset in part by health contributions.

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet agree to the transformation of Surrey County Council's community children's homes that will update the current staffing establishments, approve the specialisation of purpose for each home, implement new job descriptions and scope out the management spans of each home.

2. That Cabinet agree to the transformation of Surrey County Council's specialist crisis provision for young people with mental health difficulties that will update the current staffing establishment, implement new job descriptions and scope out the management spans of the home.
3. That Cabinet agree to the transformation of Surrey County Council's residential services for children with disabilities that will update the current staffing establishments to ensure continued legal compliance, implement new job descriptions, as well as allow development of a new joint-funded crisis provision for children with autism.
4. That Cabinet note the intended funding position, which includes significant health funding contributions and that this investment will enable efficiencies by containing or saving costs on commissioning external placements, therefore having a neutral budgetary effect.

Reason for Decisions:

In order to meet the current and future needs of children who need residential care, transformation and investment in the in-house children's homes is required. This is

- to ensure children receive the best care that is appropriate for their needs, close to their family and communities.
- to contribute to meeting the Council's legal duty to ensure that as far as is possible and consistent with the welfare of the children concerned it has sufficient homes for looked after children in the county, now and in the future
- to meet the Council's legal duties to operate children's homes of good quality
- to develop services to meet children's diverse and complex needs in partnership with other statutory agencies
- to contain increasing costs and budget pressures

Transformation will ensure the in-house homes are able to specialise in caring for the children with the highest and most complex needs, maximising the occupancy levels in each home and preventing, where appropriate, those young people going to out of county placements at additional cost to the council. This is an important measure designed to contribute to the Council meeting its statutory sufficiency duty.

(The decisions on this item can be called-in by the Children, Families, Lifelong Learning & Culture Select Committee)

215/21 LIBRARIES TRANSFORMATION UPDATE AND THE NEXT PHASE, MODERNISING OUR LIBRARY ESTATE [Item 12]

The Cabinet Member for Communities explained that in November 2019 the council set out its vision to transform the library service across Surrey. Since then huge changes had been made across Surrey libraries including increasing our digital offer. The report being presented sets out our strategy with regard to the properties that house the libraries. There was disparity amongst the properties which was being addressed. The Cabinet Member reiterated that libraries would not be closed but improved. Staff working in libraries were thanked for their dedication. The Cabinet Member for Property and Waste explained that the Library service had been working closely with

land and property and had identified a number of areas for Co-located services with library facilities being incorporated into a community style hubs.

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet agree the overall strategic intent and key principles that will underpin the development of a five-year modernisation plan for libraries across the county.
2. That Cabinet note that once this overall approach has been agreed, individual detailed business cases will subsequently be developed and brought forward for agreement as the programme is progressed. These will be based upon service analysis and prioritise key locations based on need and opportunity.

Reason for Decisions:

The Cabinet's agreement of these principles and an overall countywide framework for the modernisation of library properties will pave the way for specific individual library business cases to then be developed and formally brought forward for approval as required. It is essential these principles and parameters are agreed first, in order to ensure the overall countywide programme can meet the agreed vision for libraries, is affordable, and can be successfully delivered.

(The decisions on this item can be called-in by the Children, Families, Lifelong Learning and Culture Select Committee)

216/21 YOUR FUND SURREY APPLICATION - NORMANDY COMMUNITY SHOP AND CAFÉ LIMITED [Item 13]

The Cabinet Member for Communities explained that Keith Witham who was the local member in the area which the project fell was supportive of the project but as he was a shareholder in the Community interest company that was formed he could not take part in the proceedings of the Cabinet meeting or the advisory panel that took place earlier in the month. To date over 200 applications had been received. The Cabinet Member briefly explained that results of the community survey demonstrated strong community support for a shop and cafe and indicated residents' willingness to help set-up and then to volunteer in different capacities and contribute towards such a venture. A community share offer launched in relation to the project has generated £89,421, with over 280 people investing. The business plan for the project had been thoroughly scrutinised by finance and legal.

Nick Darby who sat on the YFS advisory panel spoke on the item stating that this was essentially a commercial venture and that the advisory panel had not been given the opportunity to review the business plan for the project. The Cabinet Member explained that the advisory panel was 'advisory' and that the relevant experts had been engaged with to carry out due diligence on the project. The Cabinet Member agreed to take away the comments made around sharing information.

There was support for the project from the Cabinet and it was commented that it was positive to see funding being used to support the local community.

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet approve the recommendation to fund project CF104 Normandy Community Shop and Café Limited – Normandy Community Shop and Café, for the full amount requested £518,354.
2. That Cabinet agree the further following conditions in awarding this funding:
 - a. That the project demonstrates a commitment to local skills, vocational training, volunteering and employment opportunities linked to the enterprise, including support for employment opportunities so the widest cross-section of residents can benefit from this project.
 - b. That the project demonstrates a commitment to sustainable practices in the operation of the shop and café premises, and that Surrey County Council, through its Greener Futures team, should provide support and advice.

Reason for Decisions:

The recommendations will enable expenditure from the Your Fund Surrey to be awarded to the Normandy Community Shop and café project. This application has been the subject of a rigorous assessment process by officers, as set out in the body of this report. Officers consider the project to meet the aims and published criteria of the fund and to satisfy the requirements to award funding.

The application is recommended for a full award of funding as the project has been formulated in response to a demonstrated community need which is extensively supported both in advocacy and financially by residents. It will provide the widest possible community benefit directly through using the shop and café but also in relation to the opportunities provided, such as training and employment.

The recommendation in the report will contribute towards the Surrey County Council's (SCCs) priority areas of growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit; tackling health inequality; enabling a greener future through using renewable energy and trading of local produce; and enabling communities through investing in a meaningful and lasting way in the Normandy community.

(The decisions on this item can be called-in by the Communities, Environment and Highways Select Committee)

217/21 OLDER PEOPLES COMMISSIONING STRATEGY 2021-2030 [Item 14]

The report was introduced by the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health who explained that the report presents the Surrey County Council (SCC) Adult Social Care (ASC) Older People's Commissioning Strategy 2021 – 2030 for Cabinet approval. The strategy details the principles, ambitions and outcomes of work programmes and activity led by SCC Older People's Commissioning Team, with its various and numerous partners and stakeholders including health and community services. The strategy focuses on the next 9 years (and beyond) to align with Surrey's Community Vision. There was widespread recognition that the older people commissioning strategy cannot be delivered by Surrey County Council alone and that it needs strong support and

integrated collaborative working with health. The report was welcomed by members.

It was commented that the report showed a commitment to support people to stay healthy and independent as long as possible, to facilitate and enable people to continue living at home for as long as possible through timely care and support and to maintain a strong emphasis on strength based personalised care for older people who require intensive support in a specialist care environment.

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet approve the publication of the new Older People's Commissioning Strategy for Surrey residents, colleagues, and partners to form part of the exciting strategic plans for Adult Social Care commissioning as outlined within Adult Social Care's wider commissioning intentions.
2. That Cabinet agree that the content fulfils the purpose of defining clearly, at a high level, how the Adult Social Care Directorate will, from 2021 to 2030, continue to support older people to age well and live as independently as possible in Surrey.
3. That Cabinet delegate the review and implementation of the more detailed action plans and Market Position Statements as set out in the 2021 – 2030 strategy to Executive Director for Adult Social Care & Integrated Commissioning in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health. Further reports and updates can and will be brought to Cabinet where appropriate to highlight implementation progress. Where a decision about whether to invest significant financial resources in a new scheme or initiative is required to deliver elements of the Strategy this will be reported to Cabinet so a specific decision about this investment can be made by Cabinet.

Reasons for Decisions:

In 2019, ASC Commissioning went through a restructure, in response to recommendations made by a Local Government Association (LGA) review, which led to a positive change in the commissioning structure for ASC in Surrey.

The newly restructured Older People's Commissioning team has been in place since January 2020. This new strategy signals an encouraging change in our approach to what we do and how we will do it. It outlines positive improvements for existing services the council delivers and shares our ambition and commitment to innovation, partnership working and adapting at a pace that reflects the changing demographic and society Surrey residents live and work in.

Through coproduction with a wide cross section of residents, unpaid carers, staff, stakeholders, and providers it has become clear that a strategy is required in order to clearly communicate our intentions for older residents in Surrey and their families and unpaid carers. Therefore, it is essential that Cabinet recognise and approve the content of the Strategy and agree its publication. Cabinet is asked to note that in agreeing the Strategy commissioners will be able to continue the work with stakeholders and partners to produce more detailed work plans and Market Position Statements

(MPS). These will provide the necessary detail on how we will achieve these aims, including where SCC will lead the work and where it will require partners to lead along with areas of joint working for the health and care system as a whole.

(The decisions on this item can be called in by the Adults and Health Select Committee)

218/21 TRANSFORMATION OF ACCOMMODATION WITH CARE AND SUPPORT FOR WORKING AGE ADULTS: MODERNISING AND TRANSFORMING ACCOMMODATION WITH SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS [Item 15]

The report was introduced by the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health who explained that the report asked Cabinet agreement for the inclusion of a programme to support people with mental health needs in the existing Adult Social Care (ASC) Accommodation with Care and Support Strategy. The inclusion of a programme to support people with mental health needs in this Strategy recognises the importance that Surrey places on improving mental health outcomes, experiences, and services for people with mental health needs in Surrey. In response to rising pressures on mental health services a Surrey Mental Health Summit took place in November 2020. The Summit highlighted the inequalities that people with mental health needs face in Surrey. The mental health AwCS programme will contribute to tackling health inequality and empowering our communities by making sure no one is left behind. The ambitious strategy was welcomed by members.

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet agree the inclusion of the Mental Health Programme within the scope of the Accommodation with Care and Support Strategy.
2. That Cabinet note the resources required to progress the Programme's requirements as part of the dedicated Transformation Support Unit funded Accommodation with Care and Support Programme Team.
3. That Cabinet approve in principle the site set out in Part 2 of this report to include supported independent living provision subject to further work to confirm the feasibility of developing the accommodation on the site, and if appropriate a further Cabinet decision to seek approval of the business case for allocation of financial resources in Surrey County Council's capital programme.

Reason for Decisions:

Tackling health inequality and empowering our communities are two of the Council's four strategic priorities. Poor mental health is a key factor in a range of conditions and personal situations, such as substance misuse, unemployment, poor physical health, that create and/or worsen health inequality. The mental health system in Surrey is under great stress and is struggling to manage the demands made upon it.

The mental health AwCS programme will contribute to tackling health inequality and empowering our communities by making sure no one is left behind. It will enable a strong focus on prevention and addressing services

gaps, alongside improving outcomes for people with mental health needs. It will achieve this by focusing on three specific areas: **a place to call home, support to recover, and short-term support.**

(The decisions on this item can be called-in by the Adults and Health Select Committee)

219/21 COORDINATED ADMISSIONS SCHEME FOR SEPTEMBER 2023 [Item 16]

The report was introduced by the Cabinet Member for Education and Learning who explained that as a local authority, we have a duty to determine a coordinated admission scheme each year by the 1st of January. The scheme describes the process by which we will coordinate applications for school places for our residents and for our schools. Cabinet was being asked to approve the coordinated scheme that is proposed for 2023. It was explained that this was a technical document but it ensured that we met our statutory duties in relation to school admissions.

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet recommends that the County Council approves the coordinated admissions scheme that will apply to all schools for 2023.

Reasons for Decisions:

- The coordinated admissions scheme for 2023 is essentially the same as 2022 with dates updated
- The coordinated admissions scheme will enable the County Council to meet its statutory duties regarding school admissions
- The coordinated admissions scheme is working well
- The Local Authority has a statutory duty to publish its coordinated admissions scheme for 2023 by 1 January 2022
- The proposed scheme meets the statutory requirements of the School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Coordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012 and the School Admissions Code

(The decisions on this item can be called-in by the Children, Families, Lifelong Learning & Culture Select Committee)

220/21 SURREY SCHOOLS AND EARLY YEARS FUNDING 2022- 23 [Item 17]

The report was introduced by the Cabinet Member for Education and Learning who explained that the report sets out the recommended funding formula for Surrey mainstream schools in 2022/23 and also proposes the principles to be adopted in the funding of early years in 2022/23. Cabinet was being asked to approve certain factors in the funding formula as recommended by the Schools Forum which was to approve the transfer of funding from the schools block to the high needs block dedicated schools grant subject to approval by the Schools Forum on 7 December. It was explained that the Schools Forum had provisionally supported a transfer from the schools block to the high needs block.

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet approve the proposals set out in Annex 3, that:

1. The Council implement the Department for Education's (DfE) recommended Minimum Per Pupil Level in full.
2. The Schools Forum's formula recommendations for schools and early years funding be approved.
3. The transfer of £3.6m (0.5%) from the schools block DSG to the High Needs DSG (subject to approval by Schools Forum on 7 December 2021) and carry forward of any unspent amount in to 2023/24 for the same purpose, be approved, subject to any agreement needed from the Department for Education.
4. Authority be delegated to the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education and Learning to approve amendments to the funding rates in the schools and early years formulae as appropriate following receipt of the DSG settlement and DfE pupil data in December 2021. This is to ensure that total allocations to schools under this formula remain affordable within the council's DSG settlement.
5. The changes to funding arrangements for state maintained special schools proposed by the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, following consultation with and agreed by Surrey's state maintained special schools, be implemented from September 2022.

Reasons for Decisions:

To comply with DfE regulations requiring formal council approval of the local funding formula for Surrey's early years settings, primary and secondary schools.

(The decisions on this item can be called-in by the Children, Families, Lifelong Learning & Culture Select Committee)

221/21 SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO THE STATUTORY GATWICK AIRPORT NORTHERN RUNWAY CONSULTATION [Item 18]

The report was introduced by the Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure who explained that Gatwick Airport Limited's (GAL) consultation on its Northern Runway Project runs between 9 September and 1 December 2021. A statutory public consultation in advance of GAL's submission of their application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Planning Inspectorate for determination in 2022 was being undertaken. Cabinet was being asked to approve the response to the consultation. The council's response aligned with the response of authorities surrounding Surrey. The importance of Gatwick in supporting employment for Surrey residents, generating investment for the economy and retaining and attracting major businesses was recognised. However, the Council was of the view that with the environmental surface access issues and other infrastructure issues associated with expansion, these must be satisfactorily addressed before the proposal could be fully supported. The Cabinet Member stated that there was disappointment with the lack of engagement from Gatwick on the proposed project leading up to this consultation and the lack of technical information being shared by them.

The local member for Dorking Rural, Helyn Clack spoke on the item explaining that if the proposals were to go ahead these would have a detrimental effect on the Southern villages in her county division, especially the Charlwood ward. With regards to transport, Charlwood and other villages in the area would become the bottleneck for vehicles approaching the airport from the north and the west of the county. The impacts on health and wellbeing, light pollution, noise and vibrations were also discussed. The member welcomed the council's response to the consultation. It was commented why the railway service to and from Gatwick had not been included in the consultation response. The Cabinet Member stated that this had been included in the sustainable over land provision section.

RESOLVED:

1. That the statutory Gatwick airport northern runway consultation response attached at Annex 1 is approved by Cabinet.

Reason for Decisions:

The consultation response considers the potential impacts of GAL's scheme on SCC services and Surrey residents and businesses and sets out key asks of GAL to enable the likely effects to be fully understood.

In considering airport expansion in principle, the council has been consistent in emphasising that environmental and infrastructure issues must be satisfactorily addressed. Many of the comments made within the response reiterate concerns raised at both a political and officer level during consultation in 2018 on GAL's Airport Master Plan, which first proposed bringing the Northern Runway into routine use as one of its scenarios for future growth.

(The decisions on this item can be called-in by the Communities, Environment and Highways Select Committee)

222/21 STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD MID-YEAR REPORT - FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/21 & 2021/22 [Item 19]

The report was introduced by the Leader who stated that in 2015 the council started investing in commercial properties as did many other councils. These investments now total around £250m and there were regular reviews of these assets. The government had changed how local could use borrowing from the public works loan board and that it was no longer acceptable to invest in purely commercial enterprises. The Leader explained that the collection rates for those properties that are tenanted had been strong throughout Covid, with a 93% collection rate.

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet endorse the Annual Report of the Strategic Investment Board (Annex A).

Reasons for Decisions:

To inform the Council about the activities of the Strategic Investment Board.

The Strategic Investment Board has been established in accordance with best practice governance to ensure effective oversight and alignment with the strategic objectives and values of the Council.

(The decisions on this item can be called in by the Resources and Performance Select Committee)

223/21 2021/22 MONTH 6 (SEPTEMBER) FINANCIAL REPORT [Item 20]

The report was introduced by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources who explained that at M6, the Council was forecasting a full year £18.5m deficit against the revenue budget. The main areas of pressure continued to be demand and pricing pressures in adults and children social care and demand pressure in special education needs and disability provision. These were predominantly as a result of the pandemic.

On the 24 November 2020 Cabinet approved the Empty Homes proposal, which is aimed at reducing the number of empty properties across the county. The council had received an application relating to 2020 from Waverley with a total value of £589,970. In-line with the internal process approval would be granted by the S151 officer in consultation with the Executive Director and Cabinet Member responsible for the service that the proposal aligns with. In addition applications in excess of £500k will be taken to Cabinet for formal ratification before being approved hence the reason for the proposal coming to Cabinet.

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet note the Council's forecast revenue and capital budget positions.
2. That Cabinet approve the Empty Homes Proposals outlined in Paragraph 11 of the report.

Reason for Decisions:

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

[The decisions on this item can be called in by the Resources and Performance Select Committee]

224/21 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC [Item 21]

RESOLVED: That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information under the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

225/21 TRANSFORMATION OF SURREY CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL SERVICES [Item 22]

This Part 2 report contains information which is exempt from Access to Information requirements by virtue of paragraph 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including commercially sensitive information to the bidding companies).

See Minute 214/21.

226/21 TRANSFORMATION OF ACCOMMODATION WITH CARE AND SUPPORT FOR WORKING AGE ADULTS: MODERNISING AND TRANSFORMING ACCOMMODATION WITH SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS [Item 23]

This Part 2 report contains information which is exempt from Access to Information requirements by virtue of paragraph 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including commercially sensitive information to the bidding companies).

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet approve in principle the site set out in Part 2 of this report to include supported independent living provision subject to further work to confirm the feasibility of developing the accommodation on the site, and if appropriate a further Cabinet decision to seek approval of the business case for allocation of financial resources in Surrey County Council's (SCC) capital programme.
2. That Cabinet support the inclusion of Supported Independent Living units at future community hubs if appropriate a further Cabinet decision to seek approval of the business case for allocation of financial resources in SCC's capital programme.

Reasons for Decisions:

The one site set out in this paper would deliver circa 12 units of supported independent living accommodation.

- Six units will be allocated for individuals with mental health needs.
- Six units will be allocated for individuals with learning disabilities and/or autism.

The site falls within areas of need identified for the provision of supported independent living units.

The one site is close to local amenities and public transport as set out in the site criteria requirement. This will ensure that residents can retain the independence and staff can easily access the site.

In addition to managing increased demand, the Supported Independent Living Programme for people with mental health needs is also an enabler to achieving efficiencies within Adult Social Care's Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS), which are reliant on the availability of appropriate accommodation for existing clients.

Through identifying further opportunities in the development of community hubs we will be able create additional supported independent living capacity that will lead to improved outcomes for residents.

(The decisions on this item can be called in by the Adults and Health Select Committee)

227/21 STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD MID-YEAR REPORT - FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/21 & 2021/22 [Item 24]

This Part 2 report contains information which is exempt from Access to Information requirements by virtue of paragraph 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including commercially sensitive information to the bidding companies).

See Minute 222/21.

**228/21 HALSEY GARTON RESIDENTIAL LTD, DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
PHASE 1 PROCUREMENT [Item 25]**

This Part 2 report contains information which is exempt from Access to Information requirements by virtue of paragraph 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including commercially sensitive information to the bidding companies).

RESOLVED:

The Cabinet Member for Property introduced a Part 2 report containing information which was exempt from Access to Information requirements by virtue of paragraph 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including commercially sensitive information to the bidding companies).

See Exempt Minute [E-20-21]

Reason for Decisions:

See Exempt Minute [E-20-21]

[The decisions on this item can be called in by the Resources and Performance Select Committee]

229/21 PUBLICITY FOR PART 2 ITEMS [Item 26]

It was agreed that non-exempt information may be made available to the press and public, where appropriate.

Meeting closed at 16:31

Chairman

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