CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

SEPTEMBER 2013

(i) SOURCING AND ADMIN REVIEW: I.T. PLACEMENT PORTAL AND DELVERING BEST VALUE TRAINING PROGRAMME INVEST TO SAVE BID

Details of decision

1. That the Invest to Save funding bid for an investment of £400,000 over a five year investment period be agreed, in order to progress to purchasing and implementation an I.T. placement portal solution to support frontline staff with new ways of working following the Sourcing and Admin Review changes, the need to maximise social capital and to achieve best value for money.

2. That the Invest to Save funding bid for an investment of £10,000 for the delivering best value training programme be agreed.

(ii) Reasons for decision

As part of a wider savings strategy, Adult Social Care has, for the 2013/14 financial year, a £15m savings target from developing and utilising social capital, with further savings anticipated in future years.

This Invest to Save investment for an I.T. placement portal solution and delivering best value training programme will act as a facilitator to the cost reduction strategy through changing behaviour and equipping staff with effective tools and systems to maximise the use of social capital. A core strategic objective of the Directorate is to build sustainable communities and public services through social capital.

These proposals will have a key role in facilitating change and improving relationships and value for money achieved from the Adult Social Care (ASC) care market in Surrey. There will be increased visibility of the wider market place and provider availability, resulting in an increase in making timely and efficient placements, increase occupancy, better management of the in-house care market and strengthen frontline staff's position/ability to negotiate competitive rates for services.

2. This Invest to Save investment will assist in developing a workforce which performs to the highest standards and empowers people to live independently. This investment will simplify systems, processes and structures for a Directorate that delivers services which are local, universal, preventative, whilst at the same time are value for money and develops stronger partnership working with the provider care market.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care – 4 September 2013)

(ii) SOURCING AND ADMIN REVIEW: STAFFING AND SYSTEMS INVEST TO SAVE BID

The item has been called in by the Adult Social Care Select Committee and will be discussed at a special meeting of the select committee on Friday 20 September 2013.

(iii) APPROVAL OF INVEST TO SAVE FUNDING FOR CONTINUING HEALTH CARE

The item has been called in by the Adult Social Care Select Committee and will be discussed at a special meeting of the select committee on Friday 20 September 2013.

(iv) LAND AT GLEN CLOSE, KINGSWOOD

Details of decision

That an application be made to the Magistrates' Court for an order stopping up the land identified on the plan at Annex 1 as highway, in accordance with the provisions of Section 116 and 117 of the Highways Act 1980 and subject to the conditions of the County Council's approved policy on stopping up applications.

Reasons for decision

The land subject of the application is deemed surplus to highway requirements and, on completion of a successful application the County Council would be relinquished from any future maintenance liability.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and Environment – 10 September 2013)

(v) LAND AT 27 RIDLANDS RISE, LIMPSFIELD CHART

Details of decision

That an application be made to the Magistrates' Court for an order stopping up the land identified on the plan at Annex 1 as highway, in accordance with the provisions of Section 116 and 117 of the Highways Act 1980 and subject to the conditions of the County Council's approved policy on stopping up applications.

Reasons for decision

The land in question is deemed surplus to highway requirements and on completion of a successful application the County Council would be relinquished from any future maintenance liability.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and Environment – 10 September 2013)

(vi) LAND AT POOL ROAD, WEST MOLESEY

Details of decision

That an application be made to the Magistrates' Court for an order stopping up the land identified on the plan at Annex 1 as highway, in accordance with the provisions of Section 116 and 117 of the Highways Act 1980 and subject to the conditions of the County Council's approved policy on stopping up applications.

Reasons for decision

The land in question is deemed surplus to highway requirements and if the land is not stopped up the County Council, as highway authority, is duty bound to secure the removal of the encroachment.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and Environment – 10 September 2013)

(vii) REQUEST TO ADOPT A NEW FOOTWAY AT CEDAR ROAD, COBHAM

Details of decision

That, under the Scheme of Delegation and in line with Surrey County Council's current policy, the dedication of a new footway, at Cedar Road Cobham, be approved, to become publicly maintainable highway, as set out in Annex 1 of the submitted report.

Reasons for decision

The request set out in Annex 1, of the submitted report, fully meets Surrey County Council's current policy on road adoption.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and Environment – 10 September 2013)

(viii) REQUEST TO ADOPT A STRIP OF LAND AT DE BURGH GARDENS, TADWORTH

Details of decision

That, under the Scheme of Delegation and in line with Surrey County Council's current policy, the adoption of the strip of land at De Burgh Gardens, Tadworth be approved to become publicly maintainable highway, as set out in Annex 1 of the submitted report.

Reasons for decision

The request set out in Annex 1, of the submitted report, fully meets Surrey County Council's current policy on road adoption.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and Environment – 10 September 2013)

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(ix) ALLOCATION OF THE SURREY GROWTH FUND 2013/14

Details of decision

That the recommended programme of economic development activity, as set out in Annex A of the submitted report, for funding through the Surrey Growth Fund in the financial year 2013-14, be approved.

Reasons for decision

The activities outlined correspond with the aims and objectives of the Surrey Growth Fund. The proposed programme of activity will enable the County Council to improve its capacity for bidding for external funding to support local sustainable economic growth.

The approach will assist the council in achieving the One County, One Team Corporate Strategy 2012-17 (as endorsed by Cabinet on 31 January 2012 and by full Council on 7 February 2012), which includes a specific priority to make Surrey's economy strong and competitive. It will support the council in its efforts to secure investment in Surrey, which would, in turn, help maintain the quality of life in the county.

(Decision of Deputy Leader – 11 September 2013)

(x) PROCEDURAL MATTERS - PETITION

Details of decision

That the response attached, Appendix 1, be agreed.

Reasons for decision

To respond to the petition.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning – 11 September 2013)

(xi) BROOKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Details of decision

That the expansion of Brookwood Primary School to two forms of entry on a split site be agreed, subject to planning permission.

Reasons for decision

The Local Authority has a statutory duty to provide sufficient school places in the County. There are currently no Year R or 1 vacancies at schools in the

local area and although there are some vacancies in other year groups they are not expected to be sufficient to meet the expected additional demand met by the housing development and returning service families.

Surrey County Council is a signatory to the Military Covenant and is committed to ensuring that children from service families are not disadvantaged in any way and are fully able to access key public services. It is important that there are sufficient school places in the area for service families which this proposal will ensure.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning – 11 September 2013)

(xii) LANGSHOTT INFANT SCHOOL, HORLEY

Details of decision

That the publication of Statutory Notices indicating the Council's intent to alter the upper age limit of Langshott Infant School so that it becomes a Primary School be approved.

Reasons for decision

This proposal is reflective both of an increasing demand for school places in the Horley area, resulting from an increase in birth rate and significant house building, and an opportunity to provide primary school structure throughout the town.

The provision of additional Junior places both meets the increased demographic pressures in the area and will allow the Council to admit those people who name the school as their preferred option thus, meeting the wider statutory duty to offer all applicants a school place.

It will enable a diversity of provision to be maintained within the Horley area and be part of a strategy that enables Horley residents to access to a local Primary School.

A programme of building works at the school will improve the general fabric of the school buildings and enhance the learning experience for pupils, parents and staff.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning – 11 September 2013)

(xiii) ECHELFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL, ASHFORD: THE SPECIALIST SEN CENTRE

Details of decision

1. The Specialist Speech, Language and Communications Needs (SLCN) Centre be closed in January 2014.

2. No further admissions be made to the Specialist Centre with effect from September 2013.

3. Suitable alternative educational provision be arranged for pupils currently on roll at The Echelford Specialist Centre. This will be done in conjunction with their parents/carers and the Local Authority maintaining Special Educational Needs (SEN) provision in order to enable their transition in January 2014 or sooner.

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Reasons for decision

There are a number of unfilled places at this Centre and it has not been full for a number of years. This is partly due to fewer SLCN pupils in Surrey requiring this sort of provision. There is also another more popular and successful Centre locally. The Echelford Governing Body has been unable to secure appropriate specialist teaching and leadership of the Centre and standards there are judged as being unsatisfactory at present. The proposed closure will enable the Headteacher and Governing Body to concentrate on raising standards in the mainstream school which currently also requires special measures and is becoming an academy. More suitable and effective alternative provision has been identified for the six pupils currently on roll.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning – 11 September 2013)

(xiv) APPROVAL FOR BUDGET VIREMENT GREATER THAN £250,000

Deferred until the Leader's meeting on 9 October 2013

(xv) COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS FUND

Details of decision

That the proposed grant funding from the Community Improvements Fund Budget, as set out in Appendix 2, be approved.

Reasons for decision

Approval of the proposed grant funding will enable the Community Partnerships Team to progress with facilitating the payments relating to the Community Improvements Fund.

(Decision of Leader of the Council – 11 September 2013)

APPENDIX 1

CABINET MEMBER FOR SCHOOLS AND LEARNING
RESPONSE TO PETITION TO OPEN A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN MOLESEY

The Petition

There is a huge shortage of Secondary schooling in Elmbridge, and specifically in Molesey. Primary schools are expanding to cater for the huge birth rate rise in recent years, and all these children will soon need to move on to secondary education.

Molesey sits within the official catchment area of Esher High School, which has a published admission number of 210 pupils, due to increase to 240. Molesey could fill these places entirely, as the 4 primary schools here are now catering for 240 children each year. Many Molesey children were sent to secondary schools outside the borough this year, in a trend that is due to continue unless something is done quickly.

Please show your support by signing this petition, which will be sent to the Education Department at Surrey County Council.

Response:

Thank you for your petition.

The Molesey primary schools that sit within the designated catchment area of Esher High School are Hurst Park Primary, Chandlers Field Primary, St Lawrence Church of England VA Primary and St Alban's RC Primary. Their combined Published Admission Number is currently 210 although there are proposals due to come forward to expand the number of primary places in the area to 240 in order to meet local need. Some of these places are already available in the form of temporary expansions of Reception classes at Hurst Park and previously at St Alban's. Therefore we concur with your assessment that approximately 240 Molesey pupils per year will require secondary school places.

However, some of these pupils will not request places at Esher High School. For example, the Catholic students at St Alban's tend to move on to either Salesians or St Paul's RC secondary schools. There are also a significant percentage of children who move into the independent sector at year 7 and some parents actively choose to request places in schools out of their home area. So our estimate of the number of secondary places required by Molesey residents is somewhat lower than 240 but, nevertheless, makes up a significant percentage of the roll of Esher High School.

We currently have plans in place to expand Esher High School, and also both Rydens and Heathside schools, in order to add capacity into Elmbridge Borough as a whole. There is also likely to be a secondary Free School in Cobham by 2015 or 2016 and there are proposals to change the catchment area of Hinchley Wood in order to benefit Claygate residents. All of these actions will change the pattern of uptake of places at Esher High School and potentially increase the number of places available to residents of the Moleseys living within the catchment area.

School Planning Officers do not think that a small Free School would be viable in this context. We would also be concerned that any new school in this area would be so close to the County border that it would fill up with pupils from Richmond who lived close by and not especially benefit Surrey residents, especially those living further away. We do however acknowledge that there is an overall capacity issue which we have not yet fully addressed across the Borough. My officers are currently working on

this so that we have sufficient additional capacity, when and where it will be needed, from 2015 onwards.
At present officers' preference would be to seek to provide more forms of entry in the Dittons and Weston Green areas and we have a similar group of residents petitioning for a Free School there. Surrey County Council will support the commissioning of new schools where they are required but there is a legal presumption now that all new schools will be academies or free schools which are publicly funded by the Department for Education. It would be up to the promoters of the new school to find land and premises on which to build a school. It would be extremely rare for the council to build and maintain a new school under present legislation.

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Given all of the above information I think it is unlikely that Surrey County Council would support a new school in the Moleseys but we would be keen to talk to any promoters about their ideas and we are happy to share our analysis of pupil forecast data with them before they make an application to the Department for Education.

If you wish to discuss your proposal further, please contact Melanie Harris, School Commissioning Officer for North East Surrey, at melanie.harris@surreycc.gov.uk, who would be pleased to meet you.

Linda Kemeny
Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning
11 September 2013

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