

County Council Meeting – 12 July 2022

REPORT OF THE CABINET

The Cabinet met on 31 May 2022.

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 the meeting above have been included within the original agenda at Item 16. Any 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 11 July 2022).

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RECOMMENDATIONS ON POLICY FRAMEWORK DOCUMENTS
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A. THE SURREY TRANSPORT PLAN (FOURTH EDITION) – ADOPTION

(as set out in the Cabinet paper from 31 May 2022)

1. That Cabinet RECOMMENDS that County Council approves the Surrey Transport Plan including launch of new related Surrey website pages on the 13 July 2022.
2. That Cabinet notes the efforts that have gone into extending the engagement with communities and partners over the new Surrey Transport Plan including analysis and feedback received from the statutory public consultation and subsequent additional targeted engagement.
3. That Cabinet notes how delivering the Surrey Transport Plan associated policies, strategies and measures will support the Climate Change Delivery Plan.
4. That Cabinet notes the capital investment required to deliver the plan as set out in the 2022/23 budget and beyond in line with the Medium-Term Financial Plan.
5. That Cabinet recommends to Council that authority be delegated to the Executive Director, for Environment, Transport & Infrastructure, in discussion with the Cabinet Member for Transport & Infrastructure for any final changes that may be necessary to allow publication of the plan on 13 July 2022 and any key changes thereafter to comply with new government policy.
6. That Cabinet thanks the Members of the Greener Futures Reference Group for their work in developing the Plan thus far.

Reasons for decisions:

The recommendations will enable the new Surrey Transport Plan (LTP4) to be adopted thereby enabling new policies and measures to develop and deliver safe, cleaner, greener ways of travelling and accessing services and opportunities in the future. This will help to deliver significant reduction in carbon emissions from the transport sector to deliver net zero carbon by 2050, as set out

in the Climate Change Strategy agreed by Cabinet in May 2020, and the Climate Change Delivery Programme agreed by Cabinet in October 2021.

The Plan provides a step change in how transport services and its infrastructure are planned, delivered, maintained, and used. This will need the Council, partner organisations, businesses, and all of Surrey's residents to work together to make changes in when, where, and how they choose to travel, including the adoption of digital opportunities. The plan sets out a framework to develop these new policies, strategies, and measures to establish and embed active and sustainable travel behaviours and promote the uptake of technology such as electric and hydrogen powered vehicles, to meet the challenge of achieving the county's target of net zero carbon by 2050. The plan also supports the importance of ensuring that our transport policies and networks enable a prosperous economy and healthier, better, connected communities, ensuring that no one is left behind.

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

At its meeting on 31 May Cabinet considered:

B. SURREY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN - PHASE 2 SCHEMES

Cabinet was asked to approve a second phase of schemes to be implemented as part of the Surrey Infrastructure Plan (SIP) Prioritisation Framework, the report highlighted additional schemes requiring further development and provided a brief update on the status in the first phase which were approved by Cabinet in October 2021.

It was AGREED:

1. That Cabinet agree the implementation of the Phase 2 projects identified in the report and set out in Appendix 1, within the approved budget envelope, subject to the final business case for each scheme being approved by the Capital Programme Panel.
2. That Cabinet agree to delegate the development and delivery of the schemes to the Executive Director of Environment, Transport & Infrastructure, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure.

Reasons for decisions:

The recommendations will enable the development and delivery of infrastructure schemes that meet a wide range of outcomes and demonstrate deliverability and affordability. They enable the implementation of the second phase of schemes and the development of a continuous pipeline of schemes that require further feasibility work. The process is intended to remain dynamic with new schemes added to the long list as they are identified. A continuous programme of schemes will be developed taking them from concept through to delivery identifying suitable funding opportunities as they progress.

C. MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

Cabinet was asked to agree an extension to the timetable in which the Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP) is to be prepared. The extension proposed will necessarily involve material amendments to the Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (MWDS) previously approved in July 2021.

It was AGREED:

1. That Cabinet approves the amended Minerals and Waste Development Scheme dated May 2022, which includes an extended timetable for the preparation of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan, as set out in Annex 1.
2. That Cabinet delegates authority to the Executive Director of Environment, Transport & Infrastructure, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport & Infrastructure, to make any further revisions to the scheme or timetable.

Reasons for decisions:

Surrey County Council, as the County Planning Authority, is required by law to prepare and maintain an up-to-date Minerals and Waste Development Scheme. Officers propose to update the Minerals and Waste Development Scheme to extend the timetable in which the Minerals and Waste Local Plan is to be prepared. This extension of time is necessary to accommodate the complexity and range of technical work necessary to prepare a sound local development plan; extensive and meaningful engagement with stakeholders; and anticipated changes to Government policy, guidance, legislation, and regulations and the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty boundary during the plan-preparation period.

D. 2021/22 OUTTURN FINANCIAL REPORT

This report set out Surrey County Council's 2021/22 financial performance for revenue and capital, including the year end Treasury Management and debt outturn position.

It was AGREED:

1. That Cabinet note the Council's revenue and capital positions for the year.
2. That Cabinet approve the following transfers to reserves planned as part of the revenue budget and included in the outturn position:
 - £2.6m unspent transformation funding to be transferred to the Transformation Reserve to fund future transformation ambitions and mitigate risks associated with delivering transformation in future years.
 - £19.5m of 2021/22 contingency budget to the General Fund Reserve to improve financial resilience and the Council's ability to mitigate future funding uncertainty, significant service pressures and increased global economic volatility.
 - £0.5m to the Budget Equalisation Reserve to be utilised early in 2022/23 for specific payments, as set out in paragraph 12.

3. That Cabinet note that the remaining £1m surplus will also be added to the General Fund Balance to further improve our financial resilience.

Recommendations relating to additional 2022/23 funding:

4. That Cabinet delegate future decisions on the allocation of emergency funding announced by Government to support vulnerable residents to the Deputy Chief Executive & Executive Director of Resources and other relevant Executive Directors in consultation with the Leader and other relevant Cabinet Members, as appropriate. This will enable timely allocation of funding for vulnerable residents, such as the Household Support Grant and funding for Ukraine refugees, in accordance with associated funding conditions.
5. That Cabinet confirms that the following increased/additional grants will be allocated in full to the Public Health service budget to be spent in accordance with relevant grant conditions:
 - £1.1m increase to Surrey's Public Health grant to meet identified commissioning, contract and pay inflation pressures.
 - £3m recently announced new Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery grant to support improvements in the quality and capacity of drug and alcohol treatment for the years 2022/23 to 2024/25.
 - £0.1m per annum new In-patient Detoxification Grant

Reasons 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.

E. QUARTERLY REPORT ON DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER SPECIAL URGENCY ARRANGEMENTS: 14 May 2022 – 1 July 2022

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 Standing Order 57 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.

The Cabinet RECOMMENDS that the County Council notes that there have been NO urgent decisions in the last two months.

**Tim Oliver, Leader of the Council
1 July 2022**