

County Council Meeting – 21 May 2024

REPORT OF THE CABINET

The Cabinet met on 26 March 2024 and 23 April 2024.

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 meetings above have been included within the original agenda at Item 18. 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 20 May 2024).

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.

RECOMMENDATIONS ON POLICY FRAMEWORK DOCUMENTS

There were no reports with recommendations for Council.

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

At its meeting on 26 March 2024 Cabinet considered:

A. SURREY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN – PHASE 5 SCHEMES

The Surrey Infrastructure Plan and associated prioritization framework was approved by Cabinet in February 2021. This report recommends the approval of a further phase of schemes to be implemented, identifies additional schemes requiring further development, and provides a brief update on the status of the earlier phases which have been approved by Cabinet.

It was AGREED:

1. That Cabinet agree the implementation of the Surrey Infrastructure Plan Phase 5 projects identified in this 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 the implementation of the Surrey Flood Alleviation Programme 2024/25 to 2025/26 as identified in this report and set out in Appendix 4a, within the approved budget envelope, subject to the final business case for each scheme being approved by the Capital Programme Panel.
3. That Cabinet agree the implementation of the Smallfield and Reigate Flood Alleviation scheme as identified in this report and set out in Appendix 4b,

within the approved budget envelope, subject to the final business case for each scheme being approved by the Capital Programme Panel.

4. That Cabinet agree to delegate the development and delivery of the schemes to the Executive Director for Environment, Infrastructure & Growth, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Property, Waste and Infrastructure.

Reasons for decisions:

The recommendations will enable the continued development and delivery of infrastructure schemes that meet a wide range of outcomes and demonstrate deliverability and affordability. They enable the implementation of the fifth phase of SIP schemes and the development of a continuous pipeline of projects 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.

B. CHENNESTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL - ROOF REPLACEMENT WORKS

Cabinet was asked to approve capital funding for essential works at Chennestone Primary School, Manor Lane, Sunbury-on-Thames, TW16 5ED.

It was AGREED:

1. That Cabinet approves capital funding allocated within the School Capital Maintenance Budget for the Minor Capital Works (MCW) Programme of FY2024/25 to replace the roof coverings and water tanks, remove asbestos, undertake structural repairs, and carry out any other associated work for essential condition improvement works to Chennestone Primary School, Sunbury-on-Thames. The capital funding required is commercially sensitive at this time and is set out in the Part 2 report.
2. That Cabinet approves procurement of appropriate construction partners to carry out the works in accordance with the Council's Procurement and Contract Standing Orders.
3. That Cabinet notes that, regarding the procurement of construction partners, the Executive Director for Environment, Infrastructure & Growth and the Director of Land and Property are authorised to award such contracts, up to +5% of the budgetary tolerance level.
4. That Cabinet authorises Legal Services to seal any awarded contract where required.

Reasons for decisions:

Approving the recommendations in this report will enable the Council to:

- Provide a dry, warm and safe learning and working environment for the school's pupils and staff.
- Support the school's operational activities and the children's education.
- Improve the building's energy efficiency and contribute to the Council's NZC target.
- Maintain and protect the building, providing a fit for purpose building for future years.
- Reduce the maintenance burden for the Council and school.

At its meeting on 23 April 2024 Cabinet considered:

C. KALIMA GYPSY ROMA TRAVELLER CAMP, WOKING

This report asked Cabinet to approve funding from the Capital Maintenance Budget to undertake the renewal of 15 utility blocks as well as associated services, civil and drainage works at Kalima Gypsy Roma Traveller (GRT) Camp, Woking.

It was AGREED:

1. That Cabinet approves capital funding to renew 15 utility blocks and undertake associated drainage and civil works at the Kalima GRT Camp, Woking. The capital funding required to develop the new facilities is commercially sensitive at this time and is set out in the Part 2 report.
2. That Cabinet approves procurement of appropriate supply chain partners to deliver the design, build and fit out of the new structures in accordance with the Council's Procurement and Contract Standing Orders.
3. That Cabinet notes that, regarding the procurement of supply chain partners, the Executive Director for Environment, Infrastructure and Growth and the Director of Land and Property are authorised to award such contracts, up to +/-10% of the budgetary tolerance level and any other legal documentation required to facilitate the approvals within this report.
4. That Cabinet authorises Legal Services to seal any awarded contracts where required.

Reasons for decisions:

The decisions recommended in this report will contribute to enabling the Council to:

- Provide much-needed, safe and suitable utility blocks for the circa one hundred adults and children who are tenants and residents on site.
- Make an essential contribution towards the Council's strategic objective to tackle health inequality, in line with the 2030 Community Vision to ensure no-one is left behind.

- Support the partnership between the Council and District and Borough Councils to improve and provide accommodation and facilities for the permanent GRT community.
- Under the Race Relations Act 2000 and The Equality Act 2010, the GRT community is entitled to the same services as those in the housed community, including the right to occupy premises that are fit for use. This includes accessible and suitable utility blocks.

D. YOUR FUND SURREY- THE HASLEMERE LINK COMMUNITY HUB

This report set out the Your Fund Surrey application from the Haslemere Link Community Hub for the consideration of Cabinet.

It was AGREED:

1. That Cabinet agree to fund the full amount requested of £1,000,000 comprised of:
 - £1,000,000 of capital funding towards transforming the Haslemere Link Community Hub, to be paid in staged payments, on evidence of spend.
 - Including 5% to be held by SCC (Surrey County Council) until final evidence of income, expenditure, and final completion such as building control sign-off.

Reasons for decisions:

The project aims to transform an existing community building (the Link) in the East of Haslemere into a larger, more useable space and, in addition, to create smaller meeting areas to meet increasing demand.

E. ASH VALE COMMUNITY WELLBEING MEETING PLACE AND NEW SCOUT HEADQUARTERS

This report set out the key information on the Ash Vale Community Wellbeing Meeting Place and New Scout Headquarters, Your Fund Surrey application for the consideration of the Cabinet.

It was AGREED:

1. That Cabinet agrees to fund project CF259 for the full amount requested of £606,443 comprised of:
 - £606,443 of capital funding towards the development of the new building, outside area and bicycle storage to be paid in staged payments, on evidence of spend.
 - Including 5% to be held by SCC until final evidence is provided of income and expenditure, evaluation and completion (such as building control sign-off).

Reasons for decisions:

The project aims to turn an existing end-of-life scout hut, currently not fit for purpose, into a modern and accessible community hub adjacent to an identified SCC Key Neighbourhood. Existing nearby community buildings are at capacity during the day so the new hub would provide much-needed extra capacity for community groups.

F. QUARTERLY REPORT ON DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER SPECIAL URGENCY ARRANGEMENTS: 12 March 2024 - 13 May 2024

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 has been ONE urgent decision since the last Cabinet report to Council.

1. Chennestone Primary School - Roof Replacement Works: Cabinet, 26 March 2024

**Tim Oliver, Leader of the Council
13 May 2024**

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