

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET
HELD ON 18 JULY 2017 AT 2.00 PM
AT ASHCOMBE SUITE, COUNTY HALL, KINGSTON UPON THAMES,
SURREY KT1 2DN.**

These minutes are subject to confirmation by the Cabinet at its next meeting.

Members:

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| *Mr David Hodge (Chairman) | *Mr Mike Goodman |
| *Mr John Furey (Vice-Chairman) | *Mrs Mary Lewis |
| *Mrs Helyn Clack | *Mr Colin Kemp |
| Mrs Clare Curran | *Mr Tim Oliver |
| *Mr Mel Few | *Ms Denise Turner-Stewart |

* = Present

Members in attendance:

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| Mr Chris Botten | Mr Jonathan Essex |
| Mrs Bernie Muir | Mr Bob Gardner |
| Mr Stephen Cooksey | Mrs Hazel Watson |

PART ONE
IN PUBLIC

115/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Apologies were received from Mrs Curran.

116/17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: [Item 2]

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

117/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

Mr Oliver declared an interest in relation to Items 6 and 17 and stated that he would leave the room during the discussion and voting on this item.

Mr Kemp also declared an interest in relation to Item 11 but stated his intention to participate in the voting and discussion in relation to the item.

118/17 PROCEDURAL MATTERS [Item 4]

1 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS [Item 4a]

Four questions were received. The questions and responses are attached as Appendix 1.

Supplementary Questions

Q1. In response to a request, from Mrs Watson, for the names of the unsafe care homes the Cabinet Member responded that he would need to check with the Legal Team and provide names after the meeting. He also went on to

state that a provider failure protocol was in place and that a safety team visits the care homes on a regular basis to ensure that problems highlighted by the Care Quality Commission were being corrected. New residents would not be moved into an unsafe care home and as a last resort current residents could be moved out.

Q3. In response to a supplementary question from Mr Essex the Leader confirmed that there was a forecast overspending of approximately £24m. He also stated that annex 2 of the agenda report was welcome and that there were very stiff savings targets for the next few years and onwards.

119/17 PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 4b]

There were four questions received from the public. The questions and responses are attached as Appendix 2.

Karin Barratt and Andrea Collings were invited to give their supplementary questions and they would be responded to together.

Karin Barratt made the following points:

- Budget options models for Beeches was drawn up with service users
- When comparing costs of 1b with model 5 this was not far off from the preferred option of parents.
- Was the £150k for spot purchasing on top of, or contained within, costs given?
- The Disability Team seemed to be unaware of what was available for spot purchasing and she was having difficulty finding the right person to speak to about this.

Andrea Collings made the following points:

- The number of hours was not judged on need but on number of hours accessed. There was a need to identify barriers to getting through the assessment process.
- Short breaks were not advertised through the Council and it was mainly through word of mouth that parents got to hear of it. She was concerned that Cabinet could not be confident of making a value for money decision.
- Travel costs to venues outside of the county would need to be added on.
- Many families would be happy to keep their children under children's services until the age of 19 years when they finished school, rather than they transfer to adult services at 18 which was an additional cost.

The Leader thanked Karin Barritt and Andrea Collings for the details statements and explained that the concerns raised would be picked up in the debate under item 6.

120/17 PETITIONS [Item 4c]

There were no petitions.

121/17 REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED ON REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE [Item 4d]

No representations were received.

122/17 REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES, TASK GROUPS, LOCAL COMMITTEES AND OTHER COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL [Item 5]

Responses to reports from the Environment & Infrastructure Select Committee are attached as Appendices 3 and 4.

Mr Oliver declared a prejudicial interest and left the room at this point.

123/17 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AWARDS OF CONTRACTS AND GRANTS TO PROVIDE SHORT BREAKS IN SURREY [Item 6]

The Cabinet Member for Education gave a very detailed introduction to this report that described how high-quality, locally delivered short breaks made a huge difference to over 2,200 children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) in Surrey each year. Short breaks enabled children and young people to achieve better outcomes by having fun, seeing their friends and trying new activities, whilst also giving families a much needed break from caring. Alongside this, Surrey County Council (SCC) had a range of statutory duties and responsibilities that it needed to fulfil in relation to short breaks provision.

The report also set out proposed funding awards for a range of short breaks in Surrey, including overnight residential and play and leisure services, and specific grant-funded projects. Acknowledging the vital role played by short breaks, SCC has maintained the budget at £3.1 million, at a time of significant financial challenge.

Due to the commercial sensitivity involved in the contract award process, the names of the providers are listed in this report; however, all financial details and a summary of evaluation scores have been circulated in a Part 2 report as agenda item 17.

It was explained that Surrey County Council (SCC) had a legal duty to review its contracts with providers of short breaks every 3-5 years. This allowed new providers to have the opportunity to bid and which could lead to improved provision coming from new ideas and input.

The council were aware that changes in provision could cause uncertainty and it was recognised that this can be particularly difficult for families of children with special educational needs and disabilities. All parents have to have a high level of trust when they pass their children to the care of another person, but this was particularly so when the child or young person had special needs which may prevent them from speaking or acting for themselves.

Short breaks were closely linked to the SEND 2020 Development Plan through which the development of independence in children and young people was encouraged. Changes can be for the better and, after a settling in period, many families should feel the benefit of the recommissioning which has been done in line with their suggestions following a wide ranging consultation process

She explained what short breaks were and how many people used them and stressed the importance of the role played by short breaks in that the County Council had protected the budget of £3.1 million for short break services in Surrey when many other services are experiencing reduction.

Council officers had worked with families at each stage of the process of recommissioning in order to use the opportunity to respond more fully to their needs. They would also continue to work with families of users of The Beeches to ensure that children settle into new places. In response to a parent query she stated that if Beeches was to be leased at £0.6m this would need to come out of the £1.3m for the service. It was important to stick with the financial envelope in order not to detriment others. It was also stated that if enough of The Beeches users were to transfer to Applewood it would be possible to TUPE (Transfer of Undertakings Protection of Employment) Beeches staff to Applewood.

Representatives of Family Voice had worked particularly closely on this project, and the Cabinet Member paid tribute to them for this. She went on to summarise the process that had been followed and stressed that parents had input at every stage and that the procurement process likewise included council professionals alongside Family Voice and parents of children with SEND.

She highlighted the key benefits of agreeing the recommendations as being:

- an overall increase of 4.5% in hours of play and leisure opportunities;
- fairer distribution of play and leisure short breaks across the county – aligning provision to need- so that these can be provided more locally for more families;
- prioritising of funding for residential short breaks with providers required to appropriately address a range of complex health and behaviour needs, and
- securing quantified commitments from providers to deliver added social value and social capital over and above the Council's funded offer. This was likely to total around £ 3 million.

It was recognised that there were a small minority of families who felt that the provision they had enjoyed up to now was going to be adversely affected by the proposed new contracts and grant awards. Some parents were anxious that a change of provider would mean the loss of familiar faces and activities at their child's play and leisure facility. Most of those parents had been users of The Beeches specialist residential provision in Reigate which had been operated by Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SBP). They and their children had been happy with the care provided by Beeches and many had enjoyed the close proximity of The Beeches to Brooklands School. It was recognised by several members of Cabinet that The Beeches had a particular ambiance that might be difficult to replicate.

However, SBP decided not to bid for funding from SCC to provide overnight specialist short breaks in future. This meant that 17 families would need access to overnight respite at other settings from 1st December this year. SBP have also confirmed that they are not looking to dispose of or to lease out the Beeches buildings. Those affected had been offered opportunities to discuss their future options with Social Workers, Commissioning Officers, herself and the Cabinet Member for children also went to meet them. Many had decided to take up short breaks at Applewood which is SCC run with good quality provision and was closest to The Beeches.

Social workers and officers continue to work with families that are still undecided and anxious about alternative provision. She explained plans to increase staffing capacity at Applewood and the provision of a Nurse Trainer to ensure staff had the ability to deal with most of the health needs of the children and young people who used to use The Beeches.

In a very small number of cases where the proposed providers at Cherry Trees and White Lodge, plus the SCC provision at Applewood and Ruth House, could not meet the very specific complex health needs of a few children, spot purchasing would be used, as it has been in the past, to source suitable provision.

Mr Chris Botten and Mrs Bernie Muir addressed the Cabinet and made the following points:

- That numbers needing this kind of service was suppressed.
- There was a history of suspicion regarding the modelling and in particular the NHS wanting to take funding from them to social services.
- That parents felt they had to fight every hour of every day to get the right service for their children.
- There were lessons to be learned and issues to be resolved.
- That spot placements was not a resilient solution to families with differing needs.
- That the main concern of residents with autistic children was the transition of moving from current to new services.

The Cabinet Member for Education responded with empathy and stated that an expected increase of 27% in Autistic Spectrum Disorder had been taken into account within the report and that new providers would be ready to take on the more complex users. She acknowledged that transition was not always easy but that children would not be excluded at the first hurdle and staff would work with them to assist in the transition.

The Cabinet Member for Health stated that she would take questions back to the Health and Wellbeing Board on the statements made by Mr Botten. She thanked the parents for coming to speak to Cabinet and stated how impressed she had been with the breadth of the consultation even though it didn't contain provision at The Beeches.

The Cabinet Member for Economic Prosperity reported that assurance would be needed over the life of the contract with good monitoring. He also reported that he and the Leader were to meet with Surrey MPs to discuss financial concerns.

The Cabinet Member for Education was sure that the service could be provided where needed dependent on funding. She also explained that a monitoring group was to be set up with Family Voice which would look at not only the contract details but how residents/families felt on the ground.

The resolution was unanimous.

RESOLVED:

That the proposed contract and grant awards for short breaks in Surrey be approved.

Reasons for Decisions:

- I. The new proposals will enable families of children with SEND to achieve better outcomes from their short breaks, because they have been co-designed with families (supported by Family Voice Surrey) in response to what they told us was most important.
- II. Current contracts for short breaks services are ending on 30 November 2017 and the Council has statutory duties to provide these services, so we have to secure future provision for families.
- III. As a result of the legally compliant short breaks tender there will be a 4.5% increase in hours of play and leisure short breaks and these services will be provided more locally.
- IV. Awarding block contracts and grants for a minimum of three years and four months will give families certainty about the short breaks offer, whilst also securing high-quality provision and value for money for the Council.

Mr Oliver returned to the meeting.

124/17 SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S CABINET ADOPTION OF THE REVISED SURREY APPROVED SYLLABUS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION [Item 7]

The Cabinet Member for Education introduced the report that explained that the Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education (RE) must be reviewed by the local Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) at least every five years.

She explained how RE encourages understanding of different faiths and from understanding comes deeper tolerance and sensitivity. In the prevention of radicalisation, the idea that one's beliefs are understood and acknowledged has an important part to play. In this context the work of SACRE was very important. She thanked County Councillors Colin Kemp, Mike Goodman and Keith Taylor as well as Margaret Hicks (retired) who were on SACRE and worked on the syllabus.

The key changes to the syllabus were outlined on page 68 of the agenda which were all practical changes to ensure a flow through the education system giving coherence and logical flow being essential if children were to have a clear understanding of the beliefs of others and to succeed in the examination system.

The new syllabus must be adopted formally by the County Council before it is recommended to Surrey schools.

The resolution was unanimous.

RESOLVED:

That the 2017 revised Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education in Surrey be adopted.

Reason for Decision:

There had been a number of significant changes in curriculum delivery, content and in guidance from the Department of Education since the existing syllabus was adopted, rendering it no longer fit for purpose. There had been a complete review of the content by qualified teachers and the Advisor to the SACRE and the revised syllabus could now be recommended for adoption by schools in September 2017. The action being proposed will have benefits for the residents of Surrey in as much as teachers will be able to begin a new academic year by teaching a more relevant RE curriculum that complies with national guidance, prepares young people well for examination courses in RE, and more accurately reflects the values and beliefs of citizens in this country.

125/17 SUNBURY MANOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, SUNBURY ON THAMES

[Item 8]

The Cabinet Member for Education presented the report that detailed a forecast need for additional Secondary Places in Spelthorne by 2020. Many Primary Schools within the vicinity of Sunbury Manor Secondary School had had bulge classes and permanent expansions; consequently the need for additional Secondary School places was emerging.

This report provided the Business Case for the expansion of Sunbury Manor School, a standalone academy. The school currently operated as an eight Form of Entry (Published Admission number of 240 and a total school capacity of 1200 places) co-educational 11-16 school with a specialist centre for pupils with communication and interaction needs. The school was currently rated 'Good' by Ofsted.

The proposal was to expand the school by one 1 form of entry to 9 forms of entry per year from September 2020. A form of entry is normally 30 students. The school would change its Published Admission Number from 240 to 270 and grow incrementally over a five year period to total school capacity of 1350 places. This would provide, in total, an additional 150 secondary places in the Sunbury area of Spelthorne.

The expansion would enable Surrey County Council to meet the forecast demand for secondary school places in Spelthorne borough. Any existing surplus places at the school are in upper years, as the larger intake years (year 7 pupils) replace these smaller older year groups these vacant places will be reduced.

The resolution was unanimous.

RESOLVED:

That, subject to the agreement of the detailed financial information for the expansion as set out in Part 2 of this agenda as agenda item 18, the business case for the provision of an additional form of entry (30 places per year) providing, in total, 150 secondary places at Sunbury Manor School from September 2020 be approved.

Reason for Decision:

The proposal supports the Authority's statutory obligation to provide sufficient school places to meet the needs of the population in Spelthorne Borough by providing Year 7 places when and where they are needed.

126/17 MONTHLY BUDGET MONITORING REPORT [Item 9]

The Leader of the Council presented the budget monitoring report for the third month of the 2017/18 financial year, covering the period up to 30 June 2017.

He explained that in February the council had set its budget for 2017/18 in the face of significant rising demand pressures (particularly in social care); falling Government funding and continuing restraint on the ability to raise funds locally. To balance 2017/18's budget the council had to make plans to deliver unprecedented £104m savings. This challenge came on top of making over £494m savings since 2009.

He said that after three months of the new financial year, services have already achieved over £38m of savings with another £30m on track for delivery. While this early progress was good, £6m savings were considered at serious risk and £7m of savings were considered to be unachievable in 2017/18 (including nearly £3m each in Early Help and Waste Disposal, plus £1m due to delays in Fire & Rescue Service savings). Whilst £9m of savings had yet to be identified fully, Cabinet Team and Senior Management had held discussions which were progressing.

He also explained that in setting the 2017/18 budget, the council faced significant demand and cost pressures, mostly in social care. The first three months of this financial year had seen pressures intensify above what was expected even a short time ago. For example, in Children's Services, increasing demand was adding a further £9m pressure. In Public Health, retendering of a major contract was adding £2m pressure.

He said that whilst there were some offsetting forecast underspends, such as in Schools and SEND, at this early stage of the financial year and before the council has identified mitigating actions, the combined impact of the lower savings and rising demand was £24m forecast overspend for 2017/18.

He stated that the report showed there was some way to go before a sustainable medium term financial plan was achieved. There were many reasons for the need to restore the financial position and as pointed out by the Section 151 and Monitoring Officers, was the requirement of the Local Government Finance Act to ensure our spending does not exceed our resources. Given the gravity of this forecast position, it was vital that members and officers continue to identify and implement ways to mitigate the impact of savings shortfalls and service pressures. The council needed to

identify and implement alternative savings and cost reductions quickly to address the ongoing issues affecting the 2017/18 budget and the council's future financial sustainability.

Other Cabinet Members were invited to highlight the key points and issues from their portfolios, as set out in the annex to the report.

The resolution was unanimous.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted, including the following:

1. Early forecast revenue budget outturn for 2017/18, ahead of identifying mitigating actions, was £24m overspend, as detailed in Annex, paragraph 1 of the submitted report. This includes: £9m savings to be identified, £7m savings considered unachievable, and £11m service pressures.

2. Forecast savings for 2017/18 total were £88.5m against £104.0m target, as set out in the Annex, paragraph 28 of the submitted report.

3. The Section 151 Officer's commentary and the Monitoring Officer's Legal

Implications commentary, as set out in paragraphs 15 to 18 of the submitted report.

4. That the following revenue budget virements, as detailed in the Annex, paragraph 27 of the submitted report be approved:

- £6.9m from Central Income & Expenditure to Budget Equalisation Reserve;

and

- £0.12m from Budget Equalisation Reserve for sums carried forward to

support corporate apprenticeships.

5. That the following capital budget carry forward, funding adjustment and re-profile requests be approved:

- £45.9m net movement on the Property service capital budget comprising

£10.0m carried forward from 2016/17 and £55.9m rescheduled from 2017/18 to the remaining years of the capital programme, as set out in the Annex, paragraph 45) of the submitted report.

- £1.0m net movement on the Information Technology and Digital capital

budget, comprising £0.9m carried forward from 2016/17 and £0.1m brought forward from the remaining years of the capital programme, as set out in the Annex, paragraph 46 of the submitted report.

Reasons for Decisions:

This report is presented to comply with the agreed policy of providing a monthly budget monitoring report to Cabinet for approval and action as necessary.

127/17 LEADERSHIP RISK REGISTER [Item 10]

The Cabinet Member for Business and Property Services introduced the Surrey County Council Leadership risk register as at 30 June 2017.

The Cabinet Member for Environment and Highways stated that closer links with borough colleagues be included under L4 on the register.

In response to a query from the Cabinet Member for Health, regarding the retirement of the Chief Executive, the Leader explained that:

- He had spoken with People, Performance and Development Committee and was to meet with them next week to look at the role of a new chief executive and following that meeting a job description would be drafted.*
- Potential candidates would be sought for far and wide to ensure quality of candidate and to get the right person for the job.*
- The process would be open, fair and transparent.*

RESOLVED:

That the content of the Surrey County Council Leadership risk register (Annex 1 to the report) was noted and the control actions put in place by the Statutory Responsibilities Network endorsed.

Reason for Decision:

To enable the Cabinet to keep Surrey County Council's strategic risks under review and to ensure that appropriate action is being taken to mitigate risks to a tolerable level in the most effective way.

128/17 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SHAREHOLDER BOARD [Item 11]

As part of its strategy to innovate in developing new models of delivery and to benefit from the freedoms introduced by the Localism Act, Surrey County Council had made investments and created trading companies to deliver income and efficiencies and in doing so has established a Shareholder Board, which reports annually to the Council. The purpose of the Board was to safeguard the council's interest as shareholder and to take decisions in matters that required the approval of the Council as owner of a company. The Leader of the Council requested Cabinet approval for the Annual Report of the Shareholder Board, which would be presented to full County Council at its meeting on 10 October 2017.

RESOLVED:

That the Annual Report of the Shareholder Board, attached as Annex A to the submitted report, be endorsed and that the Cabinet present the report to Council at its meeting on 10 October 2017.

Reasons for Decision:

To inform the Council about the activities of the Shareholder Board.

The Shareholder 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.

129/17 INVESTMENT BOARD ANNUAL REPORT [Item 12]

The Investment Strategy agreed by Cabinet in July 2013 was developed in response to the requirement for the Council to enhance its financial resilience in the longer term. In facilitation of this strategy, Cabinet approved the business case for the creation of a property company and associated subsidiaries in May 2014 in order to achieve a balanced property portfolio (across sectors and geographies) to generate an income for the Council. The property company, Halsey Garton Property Ltd, and its subsidiaries are referred to in this report as “the Halsey Garton Property Group” (HGP).

The Investment Board was created in March 2017 to approve property investment acquisitions, property investment management expenditure, property investment disposals and the provision of finance to HGP for the purposes of the strategy. Prior to this an Investment Advisory Board was in place to make recommendations for Cabinet decision. The annual report details the investment property portfolio and forms part of the changed governance arrangements. A further report providing more detailed portfolio information was provided as a part 2 confidential annex (agenda item 19).

RESOLVED:

That the Annual Report of the Investment Board be endorsed.

Reason for Decision:

To inform the Cabinet about the activities of the Investment Board. The Investment Board are responsible for the delivery of the agreed Investment Strategy. The Investment Strategy was created by the council to deliver an ongoing and resilient source of income to provide financial support to the council's front line services. Investments undertaken as a result of the strategy agreed in 2013 are successfully delivering a net income stream to the council.

130/17 AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROPERTY INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES [Item 13]

The Cabinet Member for Property and Business Services introduced the report that explained how Cabinet had reviewed the Investment Strategy in

March 2017 and confirmed its ambitions to grow the investment portfolio further in order to secure an income stream in support of the council's services. It was recognised that the strategy requires the support of a property investment advisor to provide the necessary skills and level of support required to expand the investment portfolio.

This report sought approval to award a contract for Surrey County Council under the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) Framework Agreement for the provision of property investment advisory services to commence on 1 September 2017 as detailed in the recommendations. The role of the Investment Advisor was to provide resource and necessary skills to undertake strategic property investment advice (Portfolio Management), advice on the acquisition and disposal of assets (Investment Management) and ongoing Asset Management services to support Finance, Property and Legal Services in meeting the objectives set by Cabinet in connection with the revised Investment Strategy.

The Cabinet Member for Property and Business Services highlighted details of the procurement process, including the results of the evaluation process and, in conjunction with the Part 2 report, demonstrated why the recommended contract award delivers best value for money. He also explained that regular monitoring of performance would take place.

The Leader stated that he was pleased there had been the amount of interest shown in this contract with 13 showing initial interest which led to 8 bidders. He also stressed the need to increase the long term income stream for the council.

Due to the commercial sensitivity involved in the contract award process the financial details of the recommended supplier has been circulated as a Part 2 report (agenda item 20).

RESOLVED:

That a contract is awarded to CBRE under the Homes and Communities Agency framework for three years from 1 September 2017 with an option to extend for one year.

Reason For Decision:

In March 2017 Cabinet set out its ambitions for the further growth of the Investment Portfolio and the procurement of a property investment advisor to provide the necessary skills and level of support required. The proposed procurement will support the Council to grow its portfolio and increase the level of income received from investments thereby enhancing its financial resilience over the longer term.

131/17 WINTER SERVICE COST SAVINGS PROPOSALS [Item 14]

Mr Stephen Cooksey was given the opportunity to speak to this item as a Member previously involved with the task group under the previous council. He made the following statements:

- Policy change 2 was rejected by the task group as it was thought that one mini gritter was not enough for the whole county.

- If the grit bins were not surveyed how would it be known if they were being used or needed refilling.
- Policy change 4 should be reviewed after one year to see if it was working.
- That saving recommendation 3 should be removed unless local committees could change officer recommendations.

The Cabinet Member for Highways introduced the report and responded to Mr Cooksey's concerns as follows:

- That the overall season length will be reduced in line with other authorities, but that the ability to react to an early cold spell will be still available.
- The second mini gritter had not been widely used since it was added to the fleet and that routes have sufficient access for larger vehicles except in limited areas where a single mini gritter provides sufficient coverage and therefore felt comfortable having just the one mini gritter.
- Members and the public reported when grit bins were empty and were encouraged to do so. Grit bins reported as needing refilling would be refilled. To stop surveying would save money and wasted journeys.
- That policy changes 4 and 5 needed to be viewed together as each helped to deliver the other. An in-house solution for software to manage grit bins is expected to be in place by next year.
- A full list of routes that no longer meet the criteria as well as suggested changes for each area would be presented to every local/joint committee and not just chairmen, as it was recognised their local knowledge would be valuable in compiling the final gritting routes.
- The recommendations were supported by Environment and Infrastructure Select Committee with a few small amendments.

RESOLVED:

1. That the policy changes, policy amendment and savings recommendation summarised in paragraph 17 of the report be approved.
2. That Environment and Infrastructure Select Committee recommendations as detailed within paragraph 14 of the report be noted.

Reason for Decisions:

To enable savings of £340,000 from the Winter Service Budget identified in the Medium Term Financial Plan to be realised.

132/17 LEADER / DEPUTY LEADER / CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS/ INVESTMENT BOARD TAKEN SINCE THE LAST CABINET MEETING [Item 15]

This Annex set out the decisions taken by individual Cabinet Members/Investment Board since the last meeting of the Cabinet. Members were given the opportunity to comment on them.

RESOLVED:

To note the decisions taken by Cabinet Members / Investment Board since the last meeting as set out in Annex 1 to the report.

Reason for Decision:

To inform the Cabinet of decisions taken by Cabinet Members / Investment Board under delegated authority.

133/17 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC [Item 16]

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.

134/17 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AWARDS OF CONTRACTS AND GRANTS TO PROVIDE SHORT BREAKS IN SURREY [Item 17]

The Cabinet Member for Education highlighted the commentary from the S151 Officer.

The decision was unanimous.

RESOLVED:

That contracts and grants be awarded to the providers as detailed in the report for the provision of short breaks services to commence on 1 December 2017.

Reason for Decision:

See Minute 123/17.

Mr Oliver, having declared a prejudicial interest, left the room for this item.

135/17 SUNBURY MANOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, SUNBURY ON THAMES [Item 18]

This Part 2 report, in relation to item 6, contained 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). The information contained within may not be published or circulated and will remain sensitive until contract award in September 2017.

The decision was unanimous.

RESOLVED:

1. That the business case for the project to expand Sunbury Manor School by 150 additional places, at a total cost, as set out in the Part 2 report be

approved. The academy is providing a contribution, as detailed in paragraph 4 of the submitted report.

2. That the arrangements by which a variation of up to 10% of the total value may be agreed by the Deputy Chief Executive and Strategic Director for Children, Schools and Families, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Property and Business Services, the Cabinet Member for Education and the Leader of the Council be approved.

Reasons for Decisions:

The proposal delivers and supports the Authority's statutory obligation to provide sufficient school places to meet the needs of the population in Spelthorne Borough.

136/17 INVESTMENT BOARD ANNUAL REPORT [Item 19]

Resolution and Reasons for Decisions – refer to the Part 1 report, item 12.

137/17 AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROPERTY INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES [Item 20]

The Cabinet Member for Property and Business Services commended this award of contract to Cabinet stating that it was self financing and fees were proportionate. Members were pleased that quality had been considered above cost during the process.

RESOLVED:

That the information within the Part 2 report be noted, in conjunction with the recommendations made in the Part 1 report (item 13).

Reasons for Decision:

Building on the existing property investment strategy approved in July 2013, in March 2017 Cabinet approved growth of the Investment portfolio and procurement of a property investment advisor to provide the necessary skills and level of support required to expand the portfolio.

138/17 INVESTMENT DISPOSAL [Item 21]

The Leader commended this disposal to Cabinet and it was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED:

That Surrey County Council sells its investment in the company, as outlined in paragraph 15 of the submitted report and authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to agree such terms for the sale in consultation with the Leader and in consideration of the advice of the Director of Finance.

Reasons for Decision:

The proposed sale of the Council's shares will deliver a capital receipt in support of its capital programme and provide it with an option to take

advantage of the financial flexibility in the use of the receipts for the funding of transformation expenditure should it choose to do so.

139/17 PUBLICITY FOR PART 2 ITEMS [Item 22]

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

Meeting closed at 4.27 pm

Chairman