

County Council Meeting – 6 February 2018

REPORT OF THE CABINET

The Cabinet met on 14 December 2017 and 30 January 2018.

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 14 December 2017 meeting have been included within the original agenda at item 10. The minutes of the 30 January 2018 meeting have been circulated as part of this supplementary agenda. 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 5 February 2018).

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| <h3>RECOMMENDATIONS ON POLICY FRAMEWORK DOCUMENTS</h3> |
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A SCHOOL ORGANISATION PLAN 2018 – 2027

1. The Cabinet was asked to agree the Surrey School Organisation Plan covering the academic years from September 2018 - 2027 for publication. The School Organisation Plan sets out the policies and principles underpinning school organisation in Surrey. It highlights the likely demand for school places projected over a 10 year period and sets out any potential changes in school organisation that may be required in order to meet the statutory duty to provide sufficient places.

2. The Cabinet AGREED:

That the School Organisation Plan 2018 - 2027 be recommended to Council for approval and publication.

The Cabinet RECOMMENDS that the County Council approves the School Organisation Plan 2018 – 2027 (as set out in the Cabinet paper from 30 January 2018).

B ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS AND CO-ORDINATED SCHEMES FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

1. The Cabinet was asked to agree the Admission Arrangements for Surrey's Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools and Co-ordinated Schemes for all schools for September 2019 at its meeting on 30 January 2018. The full report, Enclosures and Appendices are set out in the Cabinet agenda.

2. The Cabinet AGREED:

Recommendation 1

That the published admissions number for Reception at Cranmere Primary School is decreased from 90 to 60 for September 2019.

Recommendation 2

That the published admissions number for Reception at William Cobbett Primary School is decreased from 40 to 30 for September 2019.

Recommendation 3

That a feeder link is introduced to The Dawnay School from Polesden Lacey Infant School at Year 3 for September 2019, as follows:

- a. Looked after and previously looked after children
- b. Exceptional social/medical need
- c. Siblings
- d. Children attending Polesden Lacey Infant School
- e. Children for whom The Dawnay School is the nearest school to their home address
- f. Any other children

Recommendation 4

That a feeder link is introduced to Reigate Priory School from Dovers Green and Holmesdale Community infant schools on a tiered basis for September 2019, as follows:

- a. Looked after and previously looked after children
- b. Exceptional social/medical need
- c. Siblings for whom Reigate Priory School is the nearest to their home address
- d. Children attending either Dovers Green or Holmesdale Community infant schools for whom Reigate Priory School is the nearest to their home address
- e. Other siblings
- f. Other children attending either Dovers Green or Holmesdale Community infant schools
- g. Any other children

Recommendation 5

That the Published Admission Numbers (PAN) for September 2019 for all other community and voluntary controlled schools are determined as they are set out in Appendix 1 of Enclosure 1 within the Cabinet report, which includes the following change:

- i) Oakwood School – increase in Year 7 PAN from 270 to 300

Recommendation 6

That the aspects of Surrey's admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2019, for which no change is proposed, are agreed as set out in Enclosure 1 and its appendices in the Cabinet report.

Recommendation 7

That the primary and secondary coordinated admission schemes that will apply to all schools for 2019 are agreed as set out in Enclosure 2 of the Cabinet report.

The Cabinet RECOMMENDS that the County Council approves the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools and co-ordinated schemes for September 2019 (as set out in the Cabinet paper from 30 January 2018).

C REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET 2018/19 TO 2020/21, CORPORATE STRATEGY AND KEY FINANCIAL STRATEGIES

1. The Cabinet considered a report on the Revenue and Capital Budget 2018/19 to 2020/21, Corporate Strategy and Key Financial Strategies at its meeting on 30 January 2018.
2. **Following this meeting, the recommendations to County Council are:**

To note the following important features of the revenue and capital budget

1. The Director of Finance's statutory conclusions that the council's budget is balanced for 2018/19 and is developing a major transformation programme to be able to set a balanced budget for 2019/20 and become sustainable over the medium to long term (Annex 1 of the submitted report).

Proposed budget: Cabinet recommendations to County Council for the revenue and capital budgets

2. Increase the level of the general council tax by 2.99% (paragraphs 101 and 102 of the Cabinet report).
3. Increase council tax by a further 3% for the adult social care precept, which will provide a further £20m to support the growth in demand for services (paragraph 102 of the Cabinet report).
4. Set the County Council precept for band D council tax at £1,411.29 which represents a 5.99% up-lift. This is a rise of £1.53 a week from 2017/18's precept of £1,331.55.
5. Approve the County Council's £1,705m gross revenue expenditure budget for 2018/19 (Table 9 of the Cabinet report).
6. Approve the application of up to £15m capital receipts to fund the revenue costs associated with transformation projects (paragraphs 34 to 37 and Appendix 3 of the Cabinet report).
7. Approve use of up to £24m of earmarked reserves to support the revenue budget (paragraph 109 of the Cabinet report).
8. Approve £316m three year capital programme, with £139m capital investment in 2018/19 (paragraph 124 and Appendix 7 of the Cabinet report).

9. Agree to support only capital schemes that do not require borrowing, unless the scheme has a compelling business case developed that demonstrates best value and a sustainable basis for funding borrowing costs (paragraph 135 of the Cabinet report).
10. Note that the detailed programme of schemes will be agreed ahead of implementation of the detailed budget (if necessary).
11. Require a robust business case to be prepared (and taken to the Investment Panel for review) before committing expenditure for the use of:
 - all revenue 'invest to save' proposals, and
 - capital schemes (paragraph 120 of the Cabinet report).
12. To help ensure the council achieves its savings programme, require the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance to:
 - continue to ensure delivery of existing MTFP efficiencies and service reductions for the remaining years of the MTFP 2018-21; and
 - continue to ensure services monitor their demand and cost pressures and develop plans to mitigate the impact of those pressures (paragraph 95 of the Cabinet report).
13. Require the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance to lead the development of a transformation programme to move the council to a sustainable position in 2019/20.

Corporate and key financial strategies: Cabinet recommendations to County Council on the revenue and capital budgets

14. Approve the refreshed Corporate Strategy for 2018/19 that Cabinet has endorsed (paragraphs 18 to 24 and Appendix 1 of the Cabinet report).
15. Approve the refreshed Financial Strategy for 2018/19 (paragraphs 30 to 32 and Appendix 2 of the Cabinet report).
16. Approve the Capital Strategy for 2018-22 (paragraphs 117 and 118 of the Cabinet report).
17. Approve the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy for 2018/19 (paragraphs 34 to 37 of the Cabinet report).

Treasury management and borrowing: Cabinet recommendations to County Council

18. Approve, with immediate effect, the Treasury Management Strategy for 2018/19 (Annex 2 of the Cabinet report), which includes:
 - the investment strategy for short term cash balances;
 - the borrowing strategy for funding the capital programme;
 - the treasury management policy (Appendix 10 of the Cabinet report);
 - the prudential indicators (Appendix 11 of the Cabinet report);

- the treasury management scheme of delegation (Appendix 12 of the Cabinet report);
- the minimum revenue provision policy (Appendix 13 of the Cabinet report).

3. The County Council is recommended to note that the following decisions have been approved by Cabinet:

19. That services will develop final detailed budgets and savings within budget for review by the council's Scrutiny function, ahead of approval by Cabinet on 27 March 2018 when the final MTFP 2018-21 will be presented.
20. The draft MTFP for the financial years 2018-21, which includes:
 - the Total Schools Budget of £505.8m (paragraphs 110 to 115 of the Cabinet report);
 - overall cash limits for individual services for the 2018/19 budget (Table 9 of the Cabinet report).
21. That Cabinet approved allocation of a part of the additional funding from the additional 1% increase in council tax, and a change to the funding for the Members Allocations to provide the following to support Members' work in their local communities (paragraphs 104 and 105 of the submitted report):
 - a new Member Local Highways Fund;
 - a Revenue Highways Fund shared among Local Committees; and
 - revised Members Community Allocation

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D QUARTERLY REPORT ON DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER SPECIAL URGENCY ARRANGEMENTS: 1 OCTOBER – 31 DECEMBER 2017

1. 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 Article 6.05(f) 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.
2. An item was dealt with under Special Urgency at the 30 November 2017 Cabinet meeting - Town Centre Regeneration - November 2017 Update (Item 16a). Details from the decision sheet were as follows:

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the Cabinet:

1. Reaffirms Surrey County Council's acquisition of a long leasehold interest as highlighted in the submitted report in accordance with the details outlined in that report;
2. Reaffirms its approval that Surrey County Council facilitates the regeneration by payments, as set out in the submitted report;
3. Delegates approval to agree appropriate contractual and financial arrangements to the Chief Property Officer, in consultation with the Leader, Director of Finance and the Director of Legal & Democratic Services, following the completion of all necessary due diligence and upon exchange of agreements to lease with the key pre-committed tenants and the rental guarantee.

Reasons for decisions

The proposed acquisition of the leasehold supports economic prosperity, one of Surrey County Council's corporate priorities.

[In accordance with Standing Order 56.1 (Special Urgency), the Chairman of the Overview and Budget Scrutiny Committee agreed that the decisions on this item could not be reasonably deferred so this item was not subject to call in]

The Cabinet RECOMMENDS that the County Council notes that there has been one urgent decision in this quarter.

Mr David Hodge, Leader of the Council
31 January 2018