

*County Council Meeting – 10 July 2018***REPORT OF THE CABINET**

The Cabinet met on 29 May and 26 June 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 29 May and 26 June meetings are included within the agenda at item 12. 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 (9 July 2018).

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REPORTS FOR DECISION

A. FORMATION OF GUILDFORD JOINT COMMITTEE

Cabinet (and now County Council) approval was sought to establish this Joint Committee. As part of this process, approval was also sought from Guildford Borough Council (GBC). It is intended that the Joint Committee would be in place from 19 September 2018, when it would hold its first meeting.

Discussions between GBC and SCC had revealed a shared aspiration for the councils to create a Joint Committee which would take the place of the current Surrey County Council Local Committee in Guildford.

The Joint Committee would be a true partnership between SCC and GBC enabling more joined-up and cohesive decision making on issues that affect residents. It would operate in place of the current Local Committee which can only take decisions on county council functions that are delegated to it, and which has limitations on the voting rights of the co-opted borough members who are unable to vote on education and youth matters.

The Guildford Joint Committee will help deliver the following aims:

- Increase the involvement of residents, local communities, businesses and partners;
- Improve decision making, speed-up processes and reduce duplication in governance;
- Support councillors in their role as community leaders, game changers and champions;
- Promote greater accountability and local scrutiny;
- Provide an innovative two tier response to central government policy initiatives and a platform on which future joint arrangements can be strengthened.

The Cabinet RECOMMENDS that the County Council :

1. agrees to the establishment of the Guildford Joint Committee in place of the current Local Committee arrangements to take effect from 19 September 2018.
2. agrees to the delegation of the non-executive functions to the Guildford Joint Committee.
3. appoints a Chairman of the newly formed Guildford Joint Committee from 19 September 2018, when the Joint Committee would hold its first meeting.
4. appoints Mike Goodman, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, as the SCC Cabinet Member on the Guildford Joint Committee for the 2018/19 municipal year, subject to Council approval of the Constitution.
5. agrees that authority be delegated to the Legal Services Manager, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member and the SCC-appointed Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Guildford Joint Committee, to agree to any minor amendments to the Constitution, which may be required

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

B. CAPITAL CARRY FORWARD REQUESTS FROM 2017/18 AND FINANCE POSITION STATEMENT AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

Cabinet considered the proposed level of 2017/18 capital programme carry forwards to be considered following deferral of this decision from the April Cabinet meeting.

Cabinet also considered an early summary assessment of the Council's financial position for 2018/19, highlighting initial indications of variations to assumptions since the Medium Term Financial Plan was prepared as well as emerging issues, risks and areas of concern.

Cabinet approved:

1. The £32m capital carry forward requests as detailed in Annex 1 to the submitted report.
2. In addition to the £5m invested during 2017/18, a further investment in 2018/19 of £7m and then a further £8m in 2019/20 to improve the condition of the highways network.
3. That the Chief Executive conduct a review of the capital programme to ensure alignment with the council's strategy.

Cabinet noted:

4. The Corporate Leadership Team had reviewed the savings areas identified for 2018/19 with particular focus on those where there is the lowest confidence level of achievability.
5. The business cases for the flexible use of capital receipts to support the 2018/19 budget had been reviewed by the Investment Panel.

6. There were continuing indications of significant budget pressures in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) greater than the assumptions in the Medium Term Financial Plan, which presented a risk to the overall financial position.

C. PRUDENTIAL RIDELONDON-SURREY EVENT IN 2020

The Cabinet AGREED:

1. To host the Prudential RideLondon-Surrey event in 2020 using a route similar to the previous years to be delivered by the current delivery company, the London-Surrey Cycle Partnership (LSCP) under a one year extension to the current contract.
2. In principle, to continue to collaborate with the Greater London Authority, Transport for London and their delivery partners, to allow planning for events up to 2026. Approval of hosting events from 2021 to 2026 would be sought from Cabinet, following consultation.

D. SURREY PERFORMING ARTS LIBRARY

Cabinet were asked to consider inviting NewSPAL to prepare a business plan to take on the operational responsibility for SPAL, which Cabinet would consider in Autumn 2018.

Subject to the Cabinet decision in Autumn 2018 regarding the NewSPAL business case, the collections will remain at Ewell. Should the decision be made to keep the collections, a further one off cost (estimated at £20,000) would arise to adapt the infrastructure at Ewell Library.

Cabinet agreed that:

1. NewSPAL, a new charitable body, is invited and supported to prepare a comprehensive business plan to take on operational responsibility for SPAL,
2. That a report on the NewSPAL business plan be brought to Cabinet for decision in Autumn, 2018.

E. SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC BUS CONTRACT RETENDERING 2018

Cabinet considered a report that explained how there were currently 185 bus services operating in Surrey and the county council gave some financial support to around 75% of them. Cabinet were asked to award 15 contracts to six operators, for the provision of 21 Public Bus Services.

The current contracts, which expire on 1 September 2018, have been retendered and if awarded will commence from 2 September 2018.

Overall, these proposals seek to maintain the existing network of bus provision, with some amendments proposed in certain areas.

Cabinet agreed:

That, following consideration of the results of the procurement process in Part 2 of the meeting, the award of contracts to the following six operators be agreed:- BETC, Cardinal Buses, C E Jeatt & Son (White Bus), Edward Thomas, Metrobus and Southdown. The contract length will be three years with the option to extend up to a maximum of eight years as permitted by the 1985 Transport Act (as amended by s.70 Local Transport Act 2008).

F. QUARTERLY REPORT ON DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER SPECIAL URGENCY ARRANGEMENTS: 1 APRIL – 30 JUNE 2018

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 56 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 County Council is asked to note that there have been no urgent items in this quarter.

**Mr David Hodge, Leader of the Council
June 2018**