County Council Meeting - 9 July 2019

REPORT OF THE CABINET

The Cabinet met on 28 May 2019 and 25 June 2019.

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 28 May and 25 June meetings are included within the agenda at Item 14. 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, 8 July 2019).

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.

REPORT FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

A. 2018/19 FINANCIAL OUTTURN REPORT

The Cabinet at its meeting on 28 May 2019 considered the 2018/19 Financial Outturn Report. Cabinet noted that the Council was half way through its transformation process and that whilst £106m of savings had been made there was still a further £100m of savings to find and future funding was uncertain.

The Leader thanked officers and Cabinet for the hard work put in to get to this position.

Cabinet NOTED:

- 1. The Council's overall revenue and capital budget positions as at 31 March 2019:
 - £21.8m underspend against the original 2018/19 budget;
 - Contributions to Reserves of £0.5m and those set out in paragraphs 3, 8 and 12 to 14 of the submitted report;
 - Use of £14.4m capital receipts in-year to support transformation; and
 - £117m service capital expenditure against £139m budget.

Cabinet AGREED:

- 2. The carry forward of revenue budget underspends of £0.3m, in addition to the £4.1m approved at Month 11.
- 3. The carry forward of capital budget underspends of £19.5m.

B. MOVING CLOSER TO RESIDENTS

At its meeting on 25 June 2019 the Leader made a statement that it was hoped to have had a report to this meeting but that conversations were still taking place and the report was not ready. He went on to reiterate the Council plans which

meant a physical move of building but also the next part which would be agile working and how we connected. He confirmed that there would be a smaller heart of the council that would be located separately to the wider council and options still being considered for this included Woking and Guildford as possible locations. The Leader went on to say that the end of 2020 remained the target for the move from County Hall and that a report would come to Cabinet in September that would confirm the move and the financial impacts of that.

Cabinet NOTED the Leader's statement.

C. QUARTERLY REPORT ON DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER SPECIAL URGENCY ARRANGEMENTS: 8 MAY – 28 JUNE 2019

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 general exception arrangements set out in Standing Order 55 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). Where a decision on such matters could not reasonably be delayed, the Chairman of the appropriate Scrutiny Board must be notified.

The Cabinet RECOMMENDS that the County Council notes that there has been no urgent decision in this quarter.

Mr Tim Oliver, Leader of the Council 28 June 2019