

## CABINET MEMBER UPDATE TO COUNTY COUNCIL

**NAME:** Colin Kemp

**PORTFOLIO:** Deputy Leader; Cabinet Member for Economic Development & Infrastructure

### **Celebrating Apprentices' Success**

On Friday 27 September myself, the Rt Hon Anne Milton MP, and the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) presented graduation medals and certificates to over 130 people at the Surrey Apprentices and Teachers Graduation Ceremony at Guildford Cathedral. The event was organised by the Association of Training Providers Surrey (ALPS) and sponsored by SCC and the FSB. It was fantastic to see so many smiling faces receive their awards, and it was also pleasing to congratulate nine SCC apprentices<sup>1</sup> and others working in the districts and boroughs, and those employed by over 30 Surrey employers.

1 In total, 41 SCC staff have completed their apprenticeships in the years 2018 and 2019 (to date), of which 9 took part in the Graduation Ceremony.

### **Brexit Planning for Surrey Businesses**

We are working with the districts and boroughs, the Enterprise M3 and Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs), Buckinghamshire & Surrey Trading Standards and Surrey Chambers of Commerce to provide advice to businesses on what actions to take to prepare for Brexit. A number of events are planned for October and November 2019 for this.

Firstly, as part of the Government's national business readiness programme two workshops are being held in South England. Secondly, for businesses engaged in exports, the Department for International Trade are offering free practical help at a range of local events including one in Guildford. Finally, the Surrey Chambers of Commerce are coordinating three events funded through the Brexit Readiness Fund at Sandown Racecourse, H.G Wells and Denbies Wine Estate. The Brexit bootcamps are for businesses of all sizes and will include advice from sector experts on international trade, legal tax and VAT, regulations and data, and people.

### **Surrey 2050 Place Ambition**

We have worked in partnership with district and borough councils to develop Surrey's 2050 Place Ambition, led by Rob Moran (Elmbridge) and Damien Roberts (Epsom & Ewell). They have engaged with the districts and boroughs to bring this work together, and it was presented in Woking to all partners. We heard from speakers from some of these partners including a section on the environment and sustainable growth. The document sets out how good growth can be delivered across Surrey over the next 30 years. (Full details of the ambition and the conference can be found on our [website](#).)

It includes three strategic priorities based around improving connectivity both within Surrey and with strategically important hubs, enhancing the place offer of Surrey's towns and maximising the potential of our strategic economic assets. It also identifies eight Strategic Opportunity Areas that will be the focus for growth and can support key industrial sectors and improvements to connectivity. The partners held a well-attended place ambition conference in July where I spoke on Surrey's economic assets and how the work aligns with the work of the LEPs and other partners. We are now working with our partners to deliver the place ambition and will be coordinating a number of roundtables to discuss key workstreams and identify on how the issues should be addressed. Work will also include a Phase 1 delivery plan and development of implementation priorities for each of the Strategic Opportunity Areas.

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**NAME:** Denise Turner-Stewart

**PORTFOLIO:** Community Safety, Fire & Resilience

### **Community Safety Team**

Surrey adopted the public health approach to serious youth violence in Summer 2019 (Serious Youth Crime project). Data shows that trends in youth violence in Surrey mirror the rest of the UK: there are links between serious youth violence and multiple adverse childhood experiences, special educational needs, and class A drug supply. Effective interventions to tackle these issues are being developed with the assistance of a Youth Independent Advisory Group. A review of evidence-based schools violence prevention initiatives has also been concluded.

### **Armed Forces Covenant**

We are working with education to address the attainment of service children, particularly at Key Stage 2. We are involved in Forces Connect South East – a Ministry of Defence funded project with Kent, Hampshire, East and West Sussex to train public sector staff about the needs of the Armed Forces community. This training has been delivered to 3500 staff across the South East and the rest of the UK. As part of this project a 'Forces Connect' signposting App has been developed.

### **Surrey Prepared**

A monthly communications campaign centred on preparedness has been created and is being circulated. We are promoting key messages for vulnerable residents including; preparing for a possible emergency, 'Safe and Well Visits' and our 'Message in a Bottle' scheme. We are providing free First Aid training for individuals and community groups from local fire stations as well as hosting a Community Flood Group networking meeting.

### **Emergency Management and Resilience**

Our focus remains on EU Exit preparations. We are working to ensure that the national planning assumptions are understood and where required there is mitigation in place across our partners in the Local Resilience Forum and SCC Services. Our teams are working to the current date of the 31 October 2019, with the expectation that reporting, command and control arrangements will be required from the 21 October 2019 as part of the national response planning.

### **Trading Standards**

We are working to address the changing regulatory and consumer protection environment to ensure that we are prepared for Brexit. We are taking steps to enhance the advice and support available for businesses, particularly regulatory requirements for the import and export of food and consumer products. We will enhance protection for residents from unsafe and fake products, and from the risks of Brexit related trading malpractices and scams. The joint service continues to work with both Thames Valley and Surrey Police to tackle illegal knife sales to young people, helping retailers comply with the law and eliminate illegal sales. We will also carry out new online test purchasing exercise to help tackle illegal internet sales.

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**NAME:** Matt Furniss

**PORTFOLIO:** Highways

**Customer reporting changes-** Following on from the successful changes introduced earlier this year to pothole reporting, a similar approach is being introduced for other popular highway assets. At the end of September 2019 our website went live with an improved way to report pavement defects, trees, weeds and grass. Pictures on our website show residents the type of defect; making it easier for them to explain their concern and better understand the priority we will give it. Issues can also be marked on a map, and customers can upload a photo. Feedback so far is positive, with users particularly liking the photo examples.

**Highway maintenance programme update-** We are now six months into the 2019/20 Highway Maintenance programme of works, Horizon 2, and construction schemes are progressing well. So far we have completed over 85 miles of treatments on roads and over 10 miles of treatments on pavements as well as a number of schemes on structures, drainage, traffic signals and safety barriers. We still have around another 10 miles of road schemes to deliver before the end of March 2020 and around 12 miles of work on pavements as well as a number of schemes on the other highway assets. We have also completed 39 schemes under the Severe Weather Recovery programme and have protected the investments made from last year's Severe Weather Recovery Programme through surface dressing 50 of last year's schemes. As part of our "capital safety defect" programme, we have repaired or prevented nearly 17,000 potholes and we have also continued working on LEP funded "resilience" schemes which have included reconstructing significant areas of the A23 and extensive drainage works and carriageway reconstruction on the A31. The website is currently being updated to show progress on the individual schemes within the Horizon 2 and Severe Weather programmes.

**Materials innovation trials update-** A number of trials of innovative materials have taken place recently. At the end of August we trialled a process called "Reclamite" which involves applying an emulsion to the road surface which penetrates into the material and can extend the road life for 5-7 years by replacing some the elements lost over time. The emulsion takes around three months to fully penetrate into the asphalt, therefore we should have some meaningful test data by the end of the year. We also carried out a trial using "hydroblasting" which uses high pressure water to remove excess bitumen from the road surface restoring the skid resistance of the road. We tested the site for skid resistance before and after treatment and are awaiting the results. Later this month we will be trialling a "warm mix asphalt", as opposed to hot mix asphalt which is usually used. Instead this material is mixed at a reduced temperature, which not only provides environmental advantages but also means the bitumen within the asphalt should oxidise less during the mixing process at the plant, meaning we should get a greater life out of the material. During September 2017 we carried out a trial using an "asphalt preservation system". This process seals the road surface and helps slow down the rate of oxidisation of the bitumen which in turn should increase the road's life. We already have 12 months of data for this trial and are just about to conduct the 24 month testing. So far the results for this trial look promising, compared to the control sections the treated sections are oxidising at a slower rate. Finally, a trial was undertaken with in conjunction with a utility company using plastics to replace part of the bitumen content of the asphalt. Phase 1 of the trial involved two footway reinstatements and we are currently looking at dates for the next phase of the trial which will be on a road reinstatement.

**Verge maintenance and weed control-** Since the July 2019 Council motion for management of highway verges, the highways team has been working to imbed the changes into future maintenance works. We work in partnership with the district and boroughs for verge maintenance, with nine areas being managed by the local district / borough. Discussions have been held with relevant Officers and they are aware of the Council's desire to improve wildlife habitats, where appropriate. The current contract for maintaining grass verges and weed control is due for renewal in April 2020. As part of the new contract specification, clear reference has been made for the use of innovative solutions for both verge maintenance and

weed spraying. This will include leaving areas uncut for pollination and alternatives to glyphosate. Discussions have been held with specialist suppliers and a trial is being arranged to use “sprayed hot water” as a weed treatment process. The results of this, and other planned trials will help shape how the County Council manages highway weeds in the future.

## **CABINET MEMBER UPDATE TO COUNTY COUNCIL**

**NAME:** Mike Goodman

**PORTFOLIO:** Environment & Waste

**Future Surrey Bus Strategy.** On the 10 October 2019 Matt Furniss and I are bringing together our bus operators, government departments, the Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership and others to see how we can accelerate the introduction of more Ultra-Low Emission Buses. We want to define a bold strategy for Surrey, setting an ambition that all local bus services in the county will be operated by ultra-low emission or zero emission buses by 2030.

**Site Visits and Unauthorised Waste Sites.** The number and scale of unauthorised waste sites in the County is of great concern. Although planning enforcement can result in the prosecution of landowners for non-compliance with enforcement action, it cannot prevent the import of material or secure the removal and restoration of the land. Greater powers sit with the Environment Agency as they have the power to prosecute offenders. The law is not working at present, the planning system is impotent to rectify matters and the Environment Agency has insufficient resources to do so. In the meantime, the environment of Surrey is suffering. A letter was sent to the minister and Surrey MPs highlighting these concerns and to seek immediate action.

**Heathrow Airport Limited’s statutory Airport Expansion.** Consultation closed on 13 September 2019. Our response to the consultation highlighted considerable concerns. A ‘redline’ for the council is the introduction of a Southern Rail Access to Heathrow. This scheme will provide a transport alternative from many parts of Surrey to the airport. The Arora Group continues to progress its own Heathrow West expansion proposals and is seeking to engage more formally with the Heathrow Strategic Planning Group of which the council is a member.

**Gatwick Airport Limited.** Progressing its expansion proposals to increase capacity through regular use of the northern runway and has commenced the process of preparing a Development Consent Order and engaging with the local authorities.

**Waste Servicing Issues.** At the beginning of May this year the service introduced a recycling only trial at the community recycling centres (CRCs) in Dorking, Bagshot, Warlingham and Cranleigh. The results to date show that this initiative has contributed towards an overall reduction in waste handled across all our CRCs and at the kerbside. In September the Waste Task Group reported their recommendations to the Communities, Transport and Environment Select Committee and Cabinet will consider those further when they meet at the end of October. Work on our Eco Park continues with both the anaerobic digestion and gasification facilities now in the commissioning phase.

**Tree Planting.** In July/Aug after the Climate Change Emergency was agreed, I announced that Surrey CC would facilitate the planting of 1.2m trees by 2030 - one for each head of the population of Surrey. A full strategy is being worked up, the first of the 1.2m trees will be planted at the Surrey Hills Wood Fair on 5 October 2019 by the Leader and Chairman of SCC.

**Climate Change.** The Greener Futures programme has been launched which will result in an ambitious Climate Change strategy for the county. The University of Surrey has been commissioned to undertake baseline emissions and strategy research and a Scrutiny Committee Task Group has been set up to analyse information received from residents and community groups through a call for evidence.

**Countryside.** We continue to work with Surrey Wildlife Trust to make improvements and develop our Countryside Strategy, which will be published by the end of the year. The Strategy will highlight the impact of the countryside on the health and wellbeing of Surrey's residents and will link to the recently published Landscapes Review by Julian Glover.

## CABINET MEMBER UPDATE TO COUNTY COUNCIL

**NAME:** Mary Lewis

**PORTFOLIO:** Children, Young People & Families

We are continuing to improve services for **children, young people and families** and the scale and pace of change has been significant since my last update in July. I have continued to visit frontline teams and to complete Recommendation 41 Reports; I thank Members across the Council for their support with this.

The new **Single Point of Access** to Children's Services (**C-SPA**) is continuing to develop; the ability to provide a whole-child-response will be strengthened soon by moving CAMHS and SEND officers into the service and a planned integration with Public Health. The **Family Centre transformation** continues to the next stage with 20 centres – and satellite capacity – being set up across the county. Six Districts/Boroughs have identified lead providers through local solutions, and became operational in September. National charities Barnardo's and Spurgeons will lead in others following a competitive bidding process. We are also working in partnership with Tandridge District Council and Woking Borough Council for them to become the lead providers locally, with implementation from mid-November 2019.

Following approval at Cabinet in June this year to commission **Early Help and emotional wellbeing provision** for children, young people and their families, we have launched a tender process to award contracts for the delivery of these services. The offer will be delivered locally, in a more integrated way, in response to Ofsted's findings. Contracts will be awarded this month and will commence in January 2020.

I'm pleased to report a significant improvement in our **development of fostering households** in Surrey with 75 approved last year, a further 11 since April and over 40 currently being assessed. The **Mockingbird fostering model** goes live this month to give us a more resilient service that better supports our carers across the county.

Our voluntary sector partners at **Surrey Youth Focus** ran an event concentrated on **preventing exploitation** in order to understand why some young people are open to involvement in knife crime and exploitation, and to find alternative routes to helping the most vulnerable. With over 35 front-line professionals brought together to share their 'on the ground' insights, five priority actions were selected to kick-start change in Surrey. Members can read the [report available on Surrey Youth Focus' website](#) to see the next steps.

HM Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP) have [published their report](#) following the inspection of **Surrey's youth offending services (YOS)** in June 2019. The service has been rated 'inadequate'. While this is regrettable, it is not unexpected (see [July Full Council update](#)). Their findings largely match our own self-assessment and confirm that the more targeted approach, embodied in the restructure of all Children's Services is what is needed. Several changes have already taken place, including the appointment of John Drew, former Chair of the National Youth Justice Board, to Chair our local board. We will be actively implementing the **recommendations of the HMIP report**, along with our partners, to ensure that the YOS is more effective in both supporting young offenders and protecting the public. Following the positive feedback from the **Children's Commissioner for Surrey** a few months ago, we will be welcoming Trevor Doughty and his team back for a further review in October, to assess our progress in improving services and to report back to the DfE and Secretary of State. **Ofsted will also be returning** this month as part of their ongoing monitoring programme; they will focus on the Assessment Service. I will keep Members informed of the outcome and next steps following these visits. In line with changes happening nationally, the new [safeguarding arrangements](#) for children in Surrey are in place following the [launch event on 16 September](#)

[2019](#). The Safeguarding Children Partnership is **jointly and equally led by the Council, Surrey Police and Guildford & Waverley Clinical Commissioning Group**. This denotes a crucial change in responsibilities across the three Safeguarding partners and they are joined by representatives from schools & colleges, district & borough councils and the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner to form the Partnership Executive.

## **CABINET MEMBER UPDATE TO COUNTY COUNCIL**

**NAME:** Julie Iles

**PORTFOLIO:** All-Age Learning

As a new academic year begins, there is a great deal of activity underway to change and improve our services for children and young people, related to their education.

Last month, the Council began a consultation on its home to school and college travel, and transport policy. This is something all councils are required to do periodically and we think there are opportunities through this review to improve outcomes for children and young people in Surrey, particularly those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Our focus is on enabling and supporting young people to take steps toward independence. For some that may be learning to ride a bus or train, for others learning to use collection points, or travel with their peers, or carry their own bag. Every child is different and independence will look different for each child. We want to work effectively with children, and their families to ensure all reach their potential for independence and that our travel policies and practice support this. In addition to an online survey, we are holding eight public engagement events across the county through to December. The Children, Families, Lifelong Learning and Culture Select Committee will consider the consultation at its meeting in December.

At the heart of our SEND strategy is enabling children and young people with SEND to attend school closer to home. Not only does this reduce travel distances and the need for transport, it also means children remain better connected to their communities. To deliver on this commitment last month, the Cabinet agreed a capital strategy that will yield an extra 883 specialist school places in mainstream and special schools in Surrey over the next four years. Our plans will ensure that more provision is available in the county for the children who need it.

Just before the summer break, Cabinet also approved the proposal to enter into a local education partnership, Schools Alliance for Excellence (SAfE). SAfE has been developed by the schools phase councils, Diocesan representatives, the teaching school network, governors, and is advised by Christine Gilbert CBE, visiting fellow of the Institute for Education and former Head of Ofsted. From September, SAfE is undertaking the statutory role on behalf of the Council in relation to school effectiveness under a three year contract. This is an exciting next stage for our collective efforts to drive excellent, inclusive education for all of Surrey's children and young people.

Supporting inclusive practice in schools is equally a key feature of our updated SEND action plan published last month. This follows the Ofsted and Care Quality Commission SEND revisit earlier this year which identified a picture of increased school absence for pupils with SEND, often linked to mental health concerns, an issue that is reflected nationally. Our local action plan works with families, schools and mental health providers to help understand better the causes of absence, and to put in place the right conditions to support attendance. School leaders are crucial to this plan. Our briefing to schools governors makes inclusion a key focus and this is echoed at the Surrey Governors Association Autumn conference.

Since the summer, there have also been a number of national developments that are important to us in Surrey. The Department for Education has launched a major review of SEND, five years on from the wide-ranging reforms introduced to improve outcomes for children and young people. Recent inquiries by the National Audit Office and the Parliamentary Education Select Committee have examined the success of the reforms and their impact. The review comes a

week after the government announced plans to invest over £14 billion in primary and secondary education between now and 2022/23, including £700 million extra for children with SEND in 2020/21. We do not yet have the allocation for Surrey but expect to hear over the next few months.

## **CABINET MEMBER UPDATE TO COUNTY COUNCIL**

**NAME:** Sinead Mooney

**PORTFOLIO:** Adults & Public Health

### **Adult Social Care Update**

Adult Social Care's 2019/2020 **Commissioning Intentions** are now available on the [Surrey County Council](#) website. This document outlines our approach for supporting residents and working collaboratively with partners and providers to promote independence, health and wellbeing. Our commissioning intentions focus on seven key themes: information and advice, technology and innovation, community based support, Carers, home based care, market management and accommodation with care and support.

**Accommodation with Care and Support-** Good progress has been made since the July 2019 Cabinet report. In relation to extra care housing for older people, a Cabinet report for October 2019 will recommend the route to market for three Surrey County Council sites identified for development. Our independent living programme for individuals with learning disabilities and/or autism is developing and the key workstreams have been agreed. Colleagues in Property Services are reviewing Surrey County Council sites in accordance with the Asset and Place Strategy to identify possible sites for specialist accommodation.

Steve Hook is joining us from East Sussex County Council and he will be the permanent Area Director for People with Learning Disabilities and Autism. Our thanks go to Peter Tempest who has been managing the service on an interim basis. We are just commencing recruitment to our two vacancies in Locality Area Director roles and to recruit our AD Commissioning on a permanent basis. We hope to have filled all our vacancies at this level in the organisation by April 2020, which is an important part of our improvement strategy.

Both Adult Social Care and Public Health are forecasting to achieve a **balanced budget** in 2019/20. Adult Social Care still needs to achieve of £7.6m of savings in remainder of the year to achieve a balanced position. £6.5m of these savings related to reducing care package spending are currently rated as red risk. The service is working to achieve these savings through continued implementation of its transformation programmes and believes, based on the end of August 2019 position, that if slippage occurs this could be covered on an in-year basis. There are no significant financial risks for the Public Health service in 2019/20.

### **Public Health Update**

Both Alison Griffiths and I recently visited the **Integrated Sexual Health and HIV service** in Buryfields Clinic. Together with leads from the Public Health team we had a tour of the busy clinic and met with service leads and clinicians. It was a really useful time and we were able to raise the concerns of our residents and hear what service leads were doing to resolve issues.

The **Continuous Improvement Plan** (CIP) has now been agreed. The themes to be addressed were confidentiality, appointment availability, booking system functionality, publicity, pathways, Long Acting Reversible Contraception, and patient engagement. Many actions have been completed as the plan developed. A publicly available version of the CIP will be available in early October. The plan was peer reviewed and it was suggested for further clarity on engagement with target groups. The Public Health team, along with Healthwatch, is now carrying out targeted engagement with people living with learning disability and Black and Minority Ethnic groups.

On 25 September 2019 the Committees in Common agreed in principle to a Cooperative agreement between Surrey County Council Public Health and Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Trust under regulation 12 (7) of the Public Contracts Regulations (2015) for the provision of

adult substance misuse treatment. This aligns with the Surrey Health and Well Being strategy and the Surrey 2030 Community Vision and enables this partnership to deliver an excellent service for Surrey residents.

## **CABINET MEMBER UPDATE TO COUNTY COUNCIL**

**NAME:** Zully Grant- Duff

**PORTFOLIO:** Corporate Support

**The Agile Working** programme initial phase, consisting of the roll out of new devices to a range of staff, will be complete by January 2020. Feedback on new devices has been positive. The viability of smaller devices for staff working in the community are being investigated and tested. New technology capabilities including 'Gov wifi' and 'Always On' have been implemented and will enhance reliable wifi access from a wider variety of locations. We are currently mid-way through the implementation of a systems upgrade to Windows 10 which will improve access to a broader range of software and enable easier secure sharing of documents and access to collaboration tools. A review of associated terms and conditions of employment supporting agile working has been undertaken by HR, and engagement with staff on agile working is ongoing. A leadership development programme aimed at supporting managers to lead their teams to work in a modern, agile environment is being developed.

**Improved online reporting for highways** to report pothole and carriageway defects went live in July. This was followed in September by a re-designed online journey for reporting tree, vegetation and pavement issues. Reporting for drains and manhole covers, flooding and blocked drainage, faded road markings and gritting is scheduled to go live at the end of October. Initial findings show successful online completion rates have increased by approximately 15%, while the number of people abandoning the self-serve digital journey has reduced by approximately 36%.

**Assisted digital journeys** using 'webchat' on over 20 pages of the Council's website have proved effective in enabling successful online self-service. So far, we have received a 95% positive customer satisfaction rate. We are exploring further opportunities for digital assistance through automated responses.

**Children's Request for Support Team** went live in May as part of the new 'front door' arrangements for Children's Services Single Point of Access (C-SPA). Since then, just over 50% of all enquiries received have been referred in an accurate and timely way to the most appropriate team for specialist advice, information or intervention. Plans are underway for non-urgent service referrals to be routed through a single point of contact within the Contact Centre rather than through the Adults Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). This will free up capacity for specialist officers to focus on urgent safeguarding issues.

**A single view of information** has been progressed by establishing the core technology platforms to match data across multiple IT systems with the first 'single view' dataset in development to support the transition from Children's to Adults' Social Care.

**Business Operations** completed a data cleanse project over the summer which improved the quality of pensions data to 97.4%, an increase of 9% from previous years. Technological improvements and promotional activity are increasing online engagement. Engagement has taken place with a specialist company to increase the pace of the pensions' administration backlog clearance work. Alongside we are developing a detailed improvement plan for the service.

**The 2020/21 pay and reward proposals** are in preparation and will be considered by the People, Performance & Development Committee in November. The Council's terms and conditions have been assessed against the market to ensure we are able to attract and retain people with the skills and capabilities needed to support the Surrey 2030 vision.



## CABINET MEMBER UPDATE TO COUNTY COUNCIL

**NAME:** Melville Few  
**PORTFOLIO:** Finance

### Revenue

Work proceeds apace to close the current year ended forecast gap currently at £9m as reported to Cabinet on 24 September 2019. More detail can be found in the [Month 4 financial monitoring report](#).

- Main drivers for the overspend are:
  - Savings of £8.2m included in the budget which are now considered to be unachievable,
  - Increase in SEN costs of £3.6m.
  
- Offset by:
  - Additional government grants of £2m in Business Rates and New Homes Bonus
  - Adjustment to the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) of £0.8m.

Regular budget meetings have been held with each Cabinet Member and their respective Head of Service to test assumptions for year-end forecasts.

### Capital Expenditure

- The current level of Capital expenditure spend to date of £30m against a budget of £124m is a cause of concern and work has now commenced to understand the issues and reprofile if necessary the various projects to ensure that the budget is spent with minimum carry over required to the 2020/21 budget year.
- Work on the out years to 2024 on defining major capital projects is in progress.
- On 24 September 2019, the Cabinet approved £30m to create additional spaces for 883 SEND specialist places over the next four years in line with projected needs. More detail can be found in the [report and recommendations](#) agreed by Cabinet.

A property update will be presented by Deputy Cabinet Member for Property, Ms Natalie Bramhall.

## DEPUTY CABINET MEMBER UPDATE TO COUNTY COUNCIL

**NAME:** Natalie Bramhall  
**PORTFOLIO:** Property

The new Director of Strategic Land and Assets, Patricia Barry commenced employment on the 1 October 2019.

### **Property Project Delivery**

We have completed additional disposals of two properties both to Borough's/Districts within Surrey, increasing our capital receipts and enabling our former assets to assist with more local service deliveries.

The new Fordbridge Fire Station is open and operational, we are expecting the account to be finalised and submitted within the next six months.

The sites approved for development under the Residential Joint Venture are progressing, owing to time delays outside of our control, we are taking steps to protect the planning permission on these sites before the end of the year, to ensure we can progress with building new homes for residents.

The service is working closely with Adult Social Care in assisting with the key delivery of new Extra Care facilities, and also with Libraries and Youth Service Teams to identify opportunities for making best use of our property assets.

### **County Hall**

There has been positive dialogue and discussions are ongoing with the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames Council and they are supportive of our plans. We are looking at a number of options that will achieve best value for the building, supporting our ambition to move and deliver services closer to residents.

## **DEPUTY CABINET MEMBER UPDATE TO COUNTY COUNCIL**

**NAME:** Alison Griffiths

**PORTFOLIO:** Health

### **Stop smoking - 28 day challenge**

Take the 28 Day Challenge for Stoptober and go smoke free. I will be taking part in the 28 Day Challenge run by Surrey's local stop smoking service, One You Surrey. By signing up to the challenge, participants receive daily emails, support, motivation and advice to help stay on track to stop smoking.

Everyone signing up will have an adviser who will work with them to create a personal quit plan, to support them on their quit journey. The online challenge means that support is accessed from the convenience of a smartphone or computer.

[www.oneyousurrey.org.uk/28daychallenge/](http://www.oneyousurrey.org.uk/28daychallenge/)