CABINET RESPONSE TO REPORT OF COMMUNITIES, ENVIRONMENT & HIGHWAYS SELECT COMMITTEE

UPDATE ON COUNCIL CLIMATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Recommendations of the Communities, Environment & Highways Select Committee:

The Select Committee agreed the following:

- The Committee supports the current approach taken to develop the Climate Change Strategic Framework and Action Document
- 2. The Committee supports the continuation of engagement of the council with district and boroughs with the intention to support joint endorsement across the 12 authorities
- The Committee encourages the continued development of the actions contained within the action plan document, to develop ownership, appropriate levels of funding and key KPIs for monitoring
- 4. That the Committee investigate avenues for joint scrutiny with district and borough councils to review the impact of the climate strategy and continue its development

John O'Reilly Chairman of the Communities, Environment & Highways Select Committee 24 March 2020

Cabinet Response:

We welcome the recommendations from the Select Committee on the climate change strategy and the recognition of the approach taken in developing this key document.

In respect of the fourth recommendation, we will be looking at the governance for achieving joint oversight and development of the strategy with districts and boroughs. The issue of climate change is one that Surrey County Council cannot tackle alone and partnership working will be crucial for success. The strategy was developed alongside our borough and district partners and their role in the delivery and monitoring of the strategy will be equally as important.

Mr Mike Goodman Cabinet Member for Environment & Waste 31 March 2020

