

CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS JUNE 2020

CABINET MEMBER FOR ALL-AGE LEARNING

1. Public Questions

Details of decision

A response to the two public questions was published in a supplementary agenda on Monday, 8 June 2020.

Reasons for decision

To respond to the two public questions.

(Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for All-Age Learning – 9 June 2020)

2. Petitions

Details of decision

A response to the petition was published in a supplementary agenda on Monday, 8 June 2020.

Reasons for decision

To respond to the petition

(Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for All-Age Learning – 9 June 2020)

3. Charging for Home to School/College Travel Assistance for Post 16 learners with SEND

Details of decision

The Cabinet Member for All-Age Learning considered and took into account the rationale for the implementation of charging a contribution for Post 16 travel assistance for SEND learners and the recommended charging levels, the equality impact assessment as well as the mitigations for young people or families in severe financial hardship and

- 1 agreed to the implementation of charging for Post 16 travel assistance for learners with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) who are deemed eligible;
- 2 agreed to the proposed charges for academic year 2020/21, which are the same as for eligible Post 16 learners without an EHCP, and which are:
 - 2.1 £547.20 for learners whose families are in receipt of the maximum Working Tax Credit and /or who continue to meet the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals; learners in care; care leavers; those on Income Support/Universal Credit in their own right; disabled young people who receive Employment

Support Allowance/Universal Credit and either Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment in their name, or

- a. £756.20 for all other learners;
- 3 agreed the circumstances when the Council will consider delaying, reducing or waiving contributions for young people or families in severe financial hardship and the process for dealing with any such applications.
- 4 noted and agreed minor grammatical amendments to the Council's Home to School/College Travel and Transport Policy which was published in February 2020 (paragraphs 21-22).

Reasons for decision

The Council has a responsibility to meet its statutory duties related to home to school transport for eligible children and young people. Travel assistance for Post 16 learners is a discretionary provision and charging for it is permitted by law. Questions have been raised as to whether the decision taken by the Cabinet Member on 31 January 2020 to adopt the Home to School/College Travel and Transport Policy properly addressed the issue of charging. In order to address those questions, the Cabinet Member is now asked to reconsider the issue of charging afresh.

The proposed rates of financial contributions are reasonable when considered alongside the actual cost of providing the service and taking into account the fact that the charges are in line with those charged by other councils. Where there is severe financial hardship such that the charges are not affordable, the Council can use its discretion to delay, reduce or waive the charge. To ensure the effective and sustainable delivery of the Council's statutory responsibilities for home to school travel and transport for children and young people, changes have to be made. Surrey County Council has to make difficult choices in straitened financial circumstances in order to secure effective public spending and the efficient use of public resources.

(Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for All-Age Learning – 9 June 2020)

CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT

4. Bus Lane Operation In Guildford

Details of decision

It was agreed that:

1. Bus lanes in Guildford should operate 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with corresponding restrictions on waiting and parking in them (unless site specific circumstances prevent this) to enhance the Quality Bus Corridor Project.
2. By default, the bus Lanes are prioritised for use by local buses, pedal cycles and hackney carriages. Other vehicles such as motorcycles and HGV's should be excluded unless circumstances provide justification.
3. A statutory consultation is carried out to implement these changes, initially in Guildford (in conjunction with other proposals to improve bus routes, Guildford Quality Bus

Corridor schemes) with the Cabinet member for Transport reviewing the outcome of the consultation before confirming any changes.

Reasons for decision

The proposed improvements to the local bus network outlined in this report will:

- Improved bus journey time reliability and punctuality
- Increased levels of bus patronage
- Reduced bus journey times

This will help us achieve our 2030 Community Vision objectives

- Residents live in clean, safe and green communities where people and organisations embrace their environmental responsibilities.
- Journeys across the county are easier, more predictable and safer

(Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Transport – 9 June 2020)

5. Proposed Stopping Up Of Highway Land At Barons Of Hindhead And Coopers Court, London Road, Hindhead

Details of decision

It was agreed that an application be made to the Magistrates' Court for an order stopping up the land identified on the plan at Annex 1 of the report as highway, in accordance with the provisions of Section 116 and 117 of the Highways Act 1980 and subject to the conditions of the County Council's approved policy on stopping up applications.

Reasons for decision

The land in question is deemed surplus to highway requirements as it has been functioning as part of the garage forecourt for more than 20 years and the wider highway margin here is no longer required due to the declassification of London Road after the opening of Hindhead bypass. On completion of a successful application the County Council would be relinquished from any future maintenance liability for the land in question.

(Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Transport – 9 June 2020)

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