

**CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS**

**LEADER DECISION – 27 FEBRUARY 2024**

**1. LONDON ROAD GUILDFORD ACTIVE TRAVEL CORRIDOR SCHEME**

**(i) Resolved:**

The Leader of the Council:

1. Noted the efforts that have gone into extending the engagement with the local community and stakeholders for the London Road active travel corridor in Guildford and acknowledge the feedback provided on the scheme proposals.
2. Proceeded with the construction of Section 2 – Boxgrove Roundabout based on the strength of support from the local community, with the detailed design incorporating comments from the community engagement to deliver a scheme that prioritises pedestrians and cyclists.
3. Deferred a decision on Section 1 subject to further design review informed by comments received through the engagement to ensure that the scheme considers the needs of all road users, with further consideration to be given by the Leader at a future date.
4. In the interim, committed to progressing with the delivery of a controlled crossing near Winterhill Way to assist with safer routes to school, following strong representation from local stakeholders.
5. Did not proceed with Section 3 - Boxgrove Roundabout to York Road, as there were legitimate concerns raised about the design of this section and there is an existing alternative route through Stoke Park, but instead to progress with the delivery of a more targeted improvement in the form of a zebra crossing on the junction of Nightingale Road and London Road

**(ii) Reasons for decision:**

1. When the engagement exercise for this scheme was launched, there was a commitment to only proceed where there is not substantial opposition to the scheme. After careful consideration of the community feedback on the proposed scheme following a 12-week extensive community engagement, the results indicate that on balance, there was overall support for progressing with section 2 (Boxgrove Roundabout), more mixed views on Section 1 (New Inn Lane to Boxgrove Roundabout), and less overall support to proceed with section 3 (Boxgrove Roundabout to York Road).
2. Proceeding with the delivery of the Boxgrove roundabout improvements and considering the improvements to the stretch of road from New Inn Lane to Boxgrove Roundabout will enable key links to be made with existing walking and cycling routes and key local destinations. Enhancing the infrastructure at this location also contributes to the delivery of important policy priorities for the County Council, including the ambitions of the Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) and achieving the county's net zero carbon target by 2050.
3. Progressing with the zebra crossing at Nightingale Road reflects that whilst there was less overall support for Section 3 of the proposed corridor, the feedback received during the engagement exercise highlighted the need for improved infrastructure at this location which would further contribute to the provision of safer walking and cycling

facilities. There was also positive feedback for a new controlled crossing on London Road, near to the junction with Winterhill Way which again will contribute to safer walking.

**CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, AND LIFELONG LEARNING – 27 FEBRUARY 2024**

**2. PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE AND EXTEND THE PREMISES AT ST PAUL’S COFE INFANT SCHOOL, TONGHAM**

**(i) Resolved:**

The Cabinet Member for Education and Learning determined the statutory notices published thereby bringing into effect the formal commencement of the proposal to change the age range and extend the premises at St Paul’s CofE Infant School.

**(ii) Reasons for decision:**

The proposal supports and delivers the Local Authority’s statutory obligation to provide sufficient school places to meet demand and forms part of a reorganisation of primary places in Guildford and Waverley.

Implementing the proposal will:

- Allow pupils to transition through the school from Reception year, without the need to apply elsewhere, giving them and their families the reassurance of a continuity of educational provision
- Seek to enhance pupils’ experiences, enabling higher standards of education to be provided
- Enable the school to deliver the curriculum in a continuous and coherent way, putting them in a stronger position to plan for both continuity and progression in learning
- Provide the opportunity to build partnerships with pupils, parents and families over a longer period of time
- Enable siblings to remain together during their primary education, rather than parents having to travel to two different schools
- Create a sustainable school to serve the local community

The Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Lifelong Learning’s approvals and recommendations completes the statutory process in accordance with the DfE guidance “Making significant changes (‘Prescribed Alterations’) to Maintained Schools.”

**3. SEND CAPITAL PROGRAMME BUDGET: GUILDFORD COUNTY SCHOOL NEW SEN UNIT**

**(i) Resolved**

The Cabinet Member:

1. Approved the use of £3.33m of the total approved SEND Capital budget of £180.4m for 2023/24 to 2027/28 for Guildford County School’s new mainstream SEN Unit.

This will create permanent accommodation for 25 additional state-maintained specialist school places in Surrey from September 2025 onwards.

2. Approved entry into any associated legal agreement and terms agreed with Director Land and Property to facilitate the contract award and project delivery for the mainstream SEN Unit at Guildford County School.

**(ii) Reasons for decision**

Investing in Guildford County School's capital project will generate a positive impact on outcomes for children with complex additional needs and disabilities, as well as improving the Council's financial sustainability.

The committed expansion project is business critical to ensure Surrey County Council (the Council) discharges its statutory duties under Section 3 of the Local Government Act 1999, Sections 13 and 14 of the Education Act 1996 and Part 27 Section 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014.

Capital Programme Panel (CPP) endorsed the project's Strategic Business Case on Tuesday 16 January 2024. The confirmed budget for the project is above the threshold for CPP approval. Cabinet's authority to allocate resources from the approved SEND Capital budget required for individual projects, and agreement to enter any associated legal agreement to facilitate the contract award and project delivery is delegated to the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Lifelong Learning, following CPP's financial scrutiny and endorsement. This is in line with Full Council approved amended Financial Regulations from March 2023.

To that end, agreement is sought to use defined resources to enable project progression against the Procurement Forward Plan, so that contracts can be awarded in March to facilitate the target delivery timescale of June 2025.

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