



STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

Tuesday, 25th May, 2021

The decisions summarised below were taken by the Executive at the above-mentioned meeting and, subject to the call-in procedure referred to in Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 17 and to the Notes at the end of this document, shall have effect five working days after the meeting. Details of any recommendations to Council are also included for completeness.

Members of the Executive

Chairman:

Councillor Joss Bigmore ((Leader of the Council and Lead Councillor for Service Delivery)) *

Vice-Chairman:

Councillor Jan Harwood ((Deputy Leader of the Council and Lead Councillor for Climate Change)) *

Councillor Tim Anderson, (Lead Councillor for Resources) *

Councillor Tom Hunt, (Lead Councillor for Development Management) *

Councillor Julia McShane, (Lead Councillor for Community and Housing) *

Councillor John Redpath, (Lead Councillor for Economy) *

Councillor John Rigg, (Lead Councillor for Regeneration) *

Councillor James Steel, (Lead Councillor for Environment) *

*Present

Councillors Chris Blow, Angela Goodwin, Diana Jones, Nigel Manning, Ramsey Nagaty, George Potter, Tony Rooth, Deborah Seabrook, Paul Spooner were also in attendance.

**Agenda
Item No.**

**Officer(s) to
action Item**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. LOCAL CODE OF CONDUCT - DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2021 would be confirmed when the Executive next met collectively.

4. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader provided an update regarding the Covid pandemic locally. There had been reports of surge testing in the area. There had been a small number of cases of the Indian variant of Coronavirus in North-East

Hampshire. Hampshire County Council were leading on testing and as a precaution had extended the offer of tests to those on the Surrey-Hampshire border in the GU12 postcode, in Ash and Ash Vale. Those who lived or worked in the GU12 postcode district of the borough who did not have Coronavirus symptoms could book a test from 26 May until 9 June. Information was available on the Council's social media pages and Hampshire County Council's website with details of how to book a test at sites in Aldershot, Farnborough, Fleet or Blackwater.

Surrey County Council's Symptom-Free Test Centre at Millmead was being closed on Friday, 28 May as residents preferred to test at home. Home Test kits were available from local pharmacies or could be ordered online.

The Leader reported that the paddling pool in Stoke Park had reopened in time for half-term. Safety measures were in place with visits of no more than one hour requested so as to avoid crowds.

Guildford Museum was reopening from midday on Wednesday 26 May and would be open Wednesday to Saturday each week, from 12pm until 4.30pm. Entry was free.

A new exhibition celebrated Guildford's most famous artist, Georgian portrait painter to the Royal Family, John Russell.

The Farmers' Market was back on the High Street from Tuesday 1 June, from 10.30am – 3.30pm with lots of delicious local produce. Safety measures would remain in place to help to protect visitors and stallholders.

5. SURREY LEADERS' GROUP NOMINATIONS 2021-22

John
Armstrong

Decision:

The Leader noted the report with no further action required, although he would consider any late nominations up to the deadline of 8 June 2021.

Reason(s):

There were no councillor nominations received for the vacancies.

Other options considered and rejected by the Leader:

None

Details of any conflict of interest declared by the leader and any dispensation granted:

None

6. URGENT DECISION ON THE GRANT OF TWO LICENCES OVER THE FORMER STAFF RESTAURANT AND CIVIC SUITE AT MILLMEAD HOUSE, GUILDFORD, TO SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL FOR USE AS A LATERAL FLOW TEST CENTRE

Decision:

The Leader noted that the Managing Director, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Monitoring Officer, used his urgent

Mark
Appleton

decision powers to grant two licences at nil consideration to Surrey County Council for use of the former staff restaurant and subsequently the Civic Suite, at Millmead House, for use as a Lateral Flow Test Facility.

Reason:

The approval of the new licences to Surrey County Council would provide support to the County Council in the fight against the ongoing Covid Pandemic.

Other options considered and rejected by the Leader:

None

Details of any conflict of interest declared by the Leader and any dispensation granted:

None

7. GUILDFORD ECONOMIC REGENERATION PROGRAMME MASTER PLAN STRATEGY *

Decision:

Michael Lee-
Dickson

(1) To endorse the Stage 1 report and approve proceeding to Stage 2.

(2) To transfer a capital sum of £1.1 million from provisional to the approved capital programme to enable the Council to fund fees and surveys and deliver stage 2 of the programme.

Reasons:

- This programme has major benefits for Guildford's community and businesses by delivering a pro-active strategy to address the economic and physical constraints facing the town, including the retail downturn and the impact of the COVID19 situation.
- To support resolution C029 of the Council made 23 July 2019 (Notice of Motion: Town Centre Masterplanning).

Other options considered and rejected by the Leader:

To not endorse the programme and cease work thereby delaying the delivery of a strategy for the Economic Regeneration of Guildford town centre.

Details of any conflict of interest declared by the Leader and any dispensation granted:

None

NOTES:

(a) Any decision marked “#” means that the item was deemed by the Managing Director and agreed by the Executive and Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be a matter of urgency for the reason indicated and, in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 17 (h), such decision takes effect immediately and is therefore *not* subject to the call-in procedure.

(b) The call-in procedure is as follows:

- (i) the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee; or
- (ii) a minimum of five members of the Council

may require that a decision be referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for review.

- (c) Councillors wishing to exercise their right to call-in a decision taken by the Executive must give notice in writing to the Democratic Services Manager. The reason for a councillor calling-in a decision shall accompany any such request and must meet one of the following criteria:
 - (a) that there was insufficient, misleading or inaccurate information available to the decision-maker;
 - (b) that all the relevant facts had not been taken into account and/or properly assessed;
 - (c) that the decision is contrary to the budget and policy framework and is not covered by urgency provisions; or
 - (d) that the decision is not in accordance with the decision-making principles set out in the Constitution.

Such notice should be marked for the attention of John Armstrong who can be contacted by e-mail on john.armstrong@guildford.gov.uk

- (d) On receipt of a call-in request, the Monitoring Officer will decide, in consultation with the chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, whether it is valid and will notify the councillors concerned accordingly.
- (e) In the case of a valid call-in, the decision shall be referred to a special Call-in meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, which shall be held within 21 days of the decision on validity referred to in paragraph (d) above.
- (f) A decision marked with an asterisk denotes that the matter is a “Key Decision” which is defined in the Council’s Constitution as an executive decision:
 - (i) which is likely to result in significant expenditure or savings (of at least £200,000) having regard to the budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
 - (ii) which is likely to have a significant impact on two or more wards within the Borough.