



STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

Tuesday, 26th October, 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 Ruth Brothwell, Angela Goodwin, Ramsey Nagaty, George Potter, Tony Rooth, Fiona White and Catherine Young were also in attendance.

**Agenda
Item No.**

**Officer(s) to
action Item**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jan Harwood.

2. LOCAL CODE OF CONDUCT - DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 24 August 2021 and 21 September 2021 were confirmed as correct a correct record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

4. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There had been a return to the discussion of Covid restrictions in the press whilst the numbers of those requiring hospitalisation were rising.

The Leader urged those who had not yet received full vaccination for Covid and flu to do so to protect others and to support the NHS.

The new waste collection calendar would shortly be delivered to each household in the borough. The calendar would set out delivery dates and guidance on sorting rubbish and what to correctly place in each bin.

Crowdfund Guildford would help support community-led ideas that would make Guildford more vibrant, resilient and connected. An online launch event would be held on 10 November. Registration and more details could be found at www.guildford.gov.uk/crowdfundGuildford

In recognition of Remembrance Day and 100 years of the symbol of the poppy in remembrance, a special exhibition of the 'Infantry Collection' would run at Guildford House Gallery from 6th-14th November. The curators had welcomed contributions from volunteers and stories submitted by the public. Opening times for the exhibition were 10:30am to 3:30pm.

5. UPDATE TO FOI PUBLICATION SCHEME

Decision:

That the new Publication Scheme, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report submitted to the Executive, be approved.

Ciaran Ward

Reason:

For an improved up to date, more comprehensive and more user-friendly Publication Scheme in line with the Information Commissioner's recommendations and with other local authorities

Other options considered and rejected by the Executive:

None.

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

None

6. LICENSING OF SEX ESTABLISHMENTS: STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY 2022-2025

Decision:

That the draft Licensing of Sex Establishments Statement of Licensing Policy 2022-2025, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report submitted to the Executive, be approved.

Mike Smith

Reason:

Adopting an updated Licensing of Sex Establishments Policy would provide guidance to applicants and a framework to enable the Council to make consistent and transparent decisions when determining applications for sex establishments.

Other options considered and rejected by the Executive:

None

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

None.

7. CORPORATE PLAN 2021-2025 *

Decision:

The Executive agreed to recommend to Council that the proposed new Corporate Plan 2021-2025, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report submitted to the Executive, with some minor modifications, be adopted.

Stephen
Benbough

Reason:

The proposed new Corporate Plan had been prepared to set out the Council's priorities for the period up to 2025.

Other options considered and rejected by the Executive:

None

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

None.

8. CITY STATUS *

Decision:

That the Director of Strategic Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to submit a bid for city status for the borough of Guildford as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Stephen
Benbough

Reason:

To authorise the submission of a bid for city status.

Other options considered and rejected by the Executive:

None.

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

None.

**9. REGULATION 19 CONSULTATION ON LOCAL PLAN:
DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES ***

Item 9 was withdrawn from the agenda for this meeting due to the need for additional time to enable Executive Members to give full consideration to the feedback given by members of the Joint Executive Advisory Board at their meeting on 20 September 2021. The item would be considered at the next earliest opportunity.

Stuart
Harrison

10. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2021 *

As item 10 was linked to item 9, it too was withdrawn from the agenda for this meeting.

Stuart
Harrison

11. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The Executive

RESOLVED:

That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of agenda item 12 on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 5 of Part1 of Schedule 12A to the 1972 Act.

12. NORTH STREET DEVELOPMENT SITE, GUILDFORD *

Decision:

Andrew
Tyldesley

- (1) To agree the Heads of Terms, which included:
 - The sale of the majority of the Council's interest in the Site.
 - The grant of a long leasehold of the area to the south of the refurbished bus station for the creation of new public realm.
 - Provision of a refurbished bus facility.
 - Pedestrianisation of North Street.
 - Leapale Road widening.
 - New North Street / Leapale Road junction.
- (2) To undertake further work to establish a clear understanding of the scope, extent and estimated costs of any public works and services included in the proposed development and, subject to obtaining this information, to consider options for procuring the delivery of any public works and services to ensure compliance with the Find a Tender rules and the Council's procurement policies.
- (3) To authorise the Strategic Services Director, in consultation with the Lead Councillor for Regeneration, to agree any minor variations to the heads of terms to address any specific points arising during the course of contractual negotiations with the Purchaser.
- (4) To authorise the Strategic Services Director, in consultation with the Lead Councillor for Regeneration and the Director of Resources, to negotiate and enter into all associated property/contractual documentation required in order to facilitate the sale of the Council's interests in the Site, subject to receiving final valuation advice from the Council's external advisors confirming that the transaction amounts to the best consideration reasonably obtainable.
- (5) To authorise the Strategic Services Director, in consultation with the Lead Councillor for Regeneration, to establish a working group consisting of stakeholders, councillors and officers to make recommendations to the Executive in respect of the design of the refurbished bus interchange (including the associated access and public realm improvements) and the proposed pedestrianisation of North Street.
- (6) To authorise the Strategic Services Director, in consultation with the Lead Councillor for Regeneration to develop and take forward a plan for engagement with market traders, taxi operators and any

other parties that are impacted by the development.

- (7) To note the Council's public sector equality duties under section 149(1) of the Equality Act 2010.

Reason:

To progress the proposals for redeveloping the site.

Other options considered and rejected by the Executive:

None.

Details of any conflict of interest declared by the Leader or lead councillors 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.

