



STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

Tuesday, 6th July, 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 Gunning, Diana Jones, Ramsey Nagaty, Deborah Seabrook, Paul Spooner and Catherine Young were in attendance.

**Agenda
Item No.**

**Officer(s) to
action Item**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor James Steel, Lead Councillor for Environment.

2. LOCAL CODE OF CONDUCT - DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader of the Council made no announcements.

4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT COLLABORATION *

Decision of the Leader:

To recommend to Full Council:

1. That Full Council agrees to pursue the option of creating a single management team with Waverley Borough Council, comprised of statutory officers (Head of Paid Service; Chief Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer), directors and heads of service as the most appropriate means for bringing forward business cases for future collaboration.
2. That Full Council authorises the Council's Lead Specialist - HR to take the necessary action, in consultation with Waverley Borough Council and with the support and advice from South East Employers and as set out within the addendum to Appendix 3 of the report, to begin making arrangements for a recruitment and selection of a single joint Chief Executive (acting as Head of Paid Service for both Guildford and Waverley Borough Councils) in accordance with the table showing the anticipated stages in the process and approximate timelines referred to in the "Not for Publication" Appendix to the Supplementary Information Sheet circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.
3. That a report be submitted to the Council at its next meeting on 28 July 2021 on the following matters:
 - (a) heads of terms for the proposed inter-authority agreement to establish governance arrangements for joint working;
 - (b) the proposed job description and terms and conditions in respect of the appointment of a Joint Chief Executive; and
 - (c) the establishment of a joint appointments committee, including its composition and terms of reference.

Reason:

To seek direction on the next steps for collaboration with Waverley Borough Council.

Other options considered and rejected by the Leader:

Option A: To do nothing further

Option B: Commission further research with a defined scope

Option C: A shared services approach on a specific set of shared services and procurements

Option F: Single staffing team serving two democratic councils

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

None.

**5. WEYSIDE URBAN VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE
AMENDMENTS TO THE TRANSACTION WITH THAMES WATER
AND APPROPRIATION OF LAND FOR PLANNING PURPOSES # ***

Decision of the Leader:

1. That the Managing Director be authorised, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to sign and complete the Deed of Variation to the Thames Water Agreement with Thames Water and to proceed with the implementation of the relocation of the

Michael Lee-
Dickson

Sewage Treatment Works and associated works.

2. That, pursuant to s122 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council owned land shown outlined in blue on the plan at Appendix 1 to the report submitted to the Executive be appropriated for planning purposes in connection with the implementation of the Weyside Urban Village in so far as it is not already held for those purposes.
3. That it be noted and recorded that the land to be acquired by the Council from Thames Water pursuant to the Thames Water Agreement (as varied) and any further land to be acquired by the Council for, or in connection with, the Weyside Urban Village development is to be acquired pursuant to s227 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 for planning purposes to enable the implementation of the Weyside Urban Village.
4. That the call in procedure be waived in respect of the decisions referred to in paragraphs (1) to (3) above.

Reason(s):

To enable the completion of the Deed of Variation at the earliest opportunity and to ensure that there is clarity as to the powers under which, and the purposes for which, land needed for or in connection with the Weyside Urban Village is held or acquired by the Council.

Other options considered and rejected by the Leader:

None

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 Councilmay 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.