

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

Thursday, 26th May, 2022

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)) *

Vice-Chairman:

Councillor Julia McShane ((Deputy Leader of the Council and Lead Councillor for Community and Housing)) *

Councillor Tim Anderson, (Lead Councillor for Resources) *

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

Councillor John Redpath, (Lead Councillor for Economy) *

Councillor John Rigg, (Lead Councillor for Regeneration)

Councillor James Steel, (Lead Councillor for Environment) *

Councillor Cait Taylor, (Lead Councillor for Climate Change)

*Present

Councillor Catherine Young was also in attendance. Councillor Angela Goodwin was in remote attendance

Agenda Item No.

Officer(s) to action Item

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor John Rigg, Lead Councillor for Regeneration and Councillor Cait Taylor, Lead Councillor for Climate Change.

2. LOCAL CODE OF CONDUCT - DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Joss Bigmore declared a non-pecuniary interest with regard to item 7 of the agenda in that he held a shareholder investment in B4SH of £3000.

There were no other declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held 28 April 2022 were approved as correct. The Chairman signed the minutes.

4. **LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Council was supporting Homes for Ukraine scheme by undertaking security checks on those offering accommodation and ensuring the accommodation was suitable for the guests. So far sponsors had been matched with around 400 Ukrainian guests and around 200 had already arrived. The council had been busy supporting hosts and guests by processing the welcome and thank you payments. It was recognised that ongoing support was important and there had been two well received and well attended information sessions at the Hive held this week. It was noted that the system of support was evolving and that feedback from guests and hosts would be welcome to enable improvements. There was more information about how to support those affected by the war in Ukraine on the council's website.

[Supporting Ukraine - Guildford Borough Council](#)

Next week was Jubilee week and there were a number of events planned in celebration including a launch at G Live where the Vivace Chorus would perform. Guildford Museum had a number of events and activities including an opportunity to meet the town crier and make a traditional tricorne hat. The town centre would be decorated with bunting and flowers. On 2 June at 2pm, outside of the Guildhall, the town crier would announce the lighting of the beacon. There would also be beacon lighting in Fairlands, Normandy, Pirbright, Wood Street and Worplesdon. The civic ceremony would be hosted by the Mayor of Guildford Dennis Booth at Guildford Cathedral. On 4 June there would be a picnic at the castle hosted by Guildford in Bloom with entertainment from the Guildford Fringe Festival. There were over fifty street parties planned across the borough. On 7 Jun there would a Platinum Jubilee-themed farmers market in the town.

Stoke Park paddling pool would reopen on Friday 27 May following refurbishment.

The failure of the city status bid was disappointing but the Leader congratulated those who had been successful . There were particular thanks to the University of Surrey, Property House Management, Surrey County Council and Angela Richardson MP who had provided support for the bid.

There would be testing of the council's website at Guildford library every Tuesday morning.

The Leader remembered Councillor Richard Billington who had

sadly passed away recently.

5. TO CONSIDER ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

There had been no updates since the last meeting and the Executive noted the report.

6. LOCAL PLAN DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES *

Decision:

Stuart
Harrison

The Executive recommended to Full Council (at its extraordinary meeting on 9 June 2022):

1. That the Submission Local Plan: Development Management Policies (Appendix 1), together with all relevant associated documentation referred to in Appendix 2 to the report, be approved for submission to the Secretary of State for the purpose of proceeding to and through the Examination in Public process.
2. That the Lead Councillor with portfolio responsibility for Strategic Planning be authorised, in consultation with the Strategic Services Director, to make such minor alterations to improve the clarity of the submission documents as they may deem necessary.

Reason(s):

1. To enable the Submission Local Plan: Development Management Policies document to be submitted for Examination in Public in line with the adopted Local Development Scheme.
2. To enable an Inspector to test the plan in terms of its legal compliance and 'soundness' which will allow the Council to move a step closer to adopting an up-to-date second part of its Local Plan.

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. BROADBAND FOR THE SURREY HILLS

Decision:

Francesca
Castelo

1. Approved the remaining direct investment of £40,000 in shares to Broadband for Surrey Hills Ltd.
2. Approved a virement of £60,000 from the capital contingency fund to finance the purchase of the shares and provide a budget of £20,000 to support the costs of surveys, mapping and tracer wires required to provide free wayleaves for B4SH.

Reason:

Over the last three years, B4SH has connected over 200 households to 'hyperfast' or 1Gbps full symmetric fibre broadband in the Surrey Hills. As we explore and adopt new ways of working due to cultural shifts brought by the pandemic, it becomes increasingly important to ensure our rural communities have access to strong and secure broadband connections.

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:

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8. REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUPS 2022

Decision:

Carrie
Anderson

1. That, subject to the corrections set out in the Supplementary Information Sheet, the Executive approved the continuation of the following Executive working groups, with no changes to their terms of reference or membership for the municipal year 2022-23:
 - Climate Change Board
 - Guildford Community Covenant Panel
 - Housing Development Programme Board
 - Local Plan Panel
 - Major Projects Portfolio Board
 - Property Review Group
 - Shaping Guildford's Future Programme Board
 - Weyside Urban Village Development Governance Board
2. That the following working groups be disbanded:
 - Arts Development Strategy & Public Art Strategy
 - Aspire Health and Wellbeing Board

- Electric Theatre Monitoring Group
 - Housing Delivery Board (HRA/RTB/Pipeline)
 - Innovation Board
 - Museum Working Group
 - Play Development Strategy & Fixed Play equipment Group
 - Sports Development Strategy Group
 - Town Twinning Working Group
3. That the following new boards be established:
- Capital, Transport & Infrastructure (CTI) Board
 - Community Board
 - Housing Management HRA Board
4. That the draft terms of reference for the new boards, as set out in the report and in Appendix 1 to the Supplementary Information Sheet be approved.
5. That the membership of the Capital, Transport & Infrastructure (CTI) Board, as set out in Appendix 3 to the report be approved.
6. That, in respect of the Community Board and the Housing Management HRA Board, political group leaders be requested to submit nominations for consideration by the Leader of the Council in respect of the vacancies.

Reason(s):

To comply with the requirement on the part of the Executive to periodically review the continuation of the various Working Groups in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 24 (j).

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. SURREY LEADERS' GROUP NOMINATIONS 2022

Decision:

That in respect of the vacancies the following nominations be put forward to the SLG for consideration:

1. Councillor George Potter for the Surrey Pensions Board
2. Councillor Fiona White for the Integrated Care Partnership

Carrie
Anderson

Board

3. Councillor Catherine Young for the South-East Reserve Forces and Cadets' Association
4. Councillor Catherine Young for the Adults and Health Select Committee should her nomination to the South-East Reserve Forces and Cadets' Association be unsuccessful.
5. Mayor Dennis Booth for the Surrey Civilian-Military Partnership Board

Reason(s):

To ensure that any nomination submitted by this Council is considered by the SLG.

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 Joint Chief Executive 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.