

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

Monday, 12th December, 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 Julia McShane (Leader of the Council and Lead Councillor for Community and Housing) *

Vice-Chairman:

Councillor Joss Bigmore (Deputy Leader of the Council) *

Councillor Tim Anderson, (Lead Councillor for Resources) *

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

Councillor George Potter, (Lead Councillor for Climate Change) *

Councillor John Redpath, (Lead Councillor for Economy)

Councillor John Rigg, (Lead Councillor for Regeneration)

Councillor James Steel, (Lead Councillor for Environment)

*Present

**Agenda
Item
No.**

**Officer(s)
to action
Item**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors John Redpath, John Rigg and James Steel.

2. LOCAL CODE OF CONDUCT - DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

'Warm hubs' were being opened across Surrey in local community spaces which were run by Surrey County Council (SCC). The hubs were drop-in centres where residents might have a hot drink, meet others and receive supportive information and advice about energy costs. A map showing the location of the hubs across Surrey was available on the SCC website. A list of the hubs in Guildford was available on the Council's website.

[Help with finding a warm hub - Guildford Borough Council](#)

There was a cold weather warning in place across Guildford and residents were asked to be prepared and to check in on vulnerable friends and neighbours.

Residents concerned for anyone sleeping 'rough' or outdoors could contact the Council's support team on 01483 302495.

Over the Christmas period there would be changes to bin collections and no garden waste collection for two weeks between 26 December and 6 January. A full list of the bin collection schedule was available on the Council's website.

[Changes to bin collection days over Christmas and New Year - Guildford Borough Council](#)

Events at Guildford Museum included 'A History of Guildford Football and the Beautiful Game' as well as the Twelve Days of Christmas Trail' which was suitable for children aged four and above. Entry to the museum and the Trail was free. The museum was open Wednesday – Saturday 12 Noon to 4:30pm (last entry 4:00pm).

4. GUILDFORD PARK ROAD REDEVELOPMENT - ACTION TO SECURE ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS AND CAPACITY FOR THE NEW DEVELOPMENT

Decision:

Rachel
Harper

- (1) To authorise immediate payment of £70,106.89 to UK Power Networks (UKPN) to establish the capacity for, and cost of, the electrical connections that will be required for the Guildford Park Road Redevelopment scheme.
- (2) To authorise the Strategic Director: Place, in consultation with the Lead Councillor for Resources, to enter into such agreements as are necessary with UKPN.
- (3) To agree that funding for this payment be brought forward into this financial year from the approved HRA capital

programme budget for 2023/24 in respect of this project.

- (4) To agree that the call-in provisions of Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16 (h) should not apply in respect of the decision in respect of this matter due to its urgency.

Reason(s)

Officers consider that authorising this payment now will be of significant benefit to this project in the future. Making the payment will secure electrical capacity for the scheme and shield it from unquantified but potentially significant cost, programme and deliverability risk.

Other options considered and rejected by the Executive:

Option (b) To not authorise officers to make payment to UKPN now.

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.