

## STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

Thursday 25 August 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

Councillors Angela Goodwin, Ramsey Nagaty, 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 Councillors Tim Anderson, John Redpath and Cait Taylor.

**2. LOCAL CODE OF CONDUCT - DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held 21 July 2022 were confirmed as a correct record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

### **4. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Leader thanked the Guildford and Waverley teams involved in the response to the major incident in Netley Watermill treatment works over the previous weekend, which clearly demonstrated the benefits of collaborative working.

The Leader announced that the Household Support Fund was now open for applications, with the scheme running until 30 September 2022, or until all funds have been allocated. Residents can submit one application per household and grants of up to £300 were available. Those with highest need would be prioritised, such as households with children and those with pensioners. More information on the scheme could be found on the website, where there was a link to the Household Support Fund.

The Leader noted that the Council was currently out for consultation on an on-street parking review in partnership with Surrey County Council, which involved 27 proposals. The deadline for feedback on the consultation was 9 September 2022.

Crowdfund Guildford was now open for a new funding round with the deadline for applications being 28 September 2022. An online workshop would take place on 8 September 2022 for any groups or residents interested. The Leader was pleased to announce that another £2,000 had been allocated to a crowdfunding project in Merrow to rebuild the War Memorial in time for Remembrance Sunday.

The Leader thanked the team in the Parks and Countryside service for their work in securing the award of Green Flag status for seven of the Council's parks again this year.

Zero Carbon Guildford were launching a sustainable business network to establish a community led climate action plan. The official launch for the event would be held on 14 September 2022.

The Leader also announced that Guildford Heritage Open weekend would be held on 9 to 11 September. Events over the Heritage Open Days offered free entry to more than 50 locations in the borough and was England's largest celebration of history and culture.

The Guildford Design Awards exhibition would be taking place at the Guildhall on 9 September in collaboration with the Guildford

Society. The exhibition would highlight those buildings in the borough that had won awards for good design. The exhibition would also visit five Surrey villages.

Car-free day would be held on 25 September with further details to be released soon.

The Leader noted that September was also Walking Festival month, with a different walk organised for every day in September, with further details from the Tourist Information Centre.

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

The intention of the report was to collate and track progress of all recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to the Executive throughout the year, and to log the Executive decisions on the submitted matters. The Executive agreed the response to the recommendations on 22 March 2022.

The Executive noted the report and that there had been no updates since the previous meeting.

**6. MIDLETON INDUSTRIAL ESTATE REDEVELOPMENT**

Decision:

- (1) That the urgency decision of the Director of Resources to transfer the sum of £5.557 million from the provisional capital programme to the approved capital programme be ratified to enable the completion of the design and construction of phase four of the Midleton Industrial Estate redevelopment, as detailed in the report submitted to the Executive.
- (2) That the Joint Strategic Director (Place) be authorised, in consultation with the Lead Councillor for Resources, to enter into such contracts as are necessary to enable the transactions to be completed within the allocated budget.

Darren Burgess

Reason(s):

To complete the redevelopment of Midleton Industrial Estate, to enhance both the capital value and rental income of the Council's property holding.

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:

No.

**7. WEY HOUSE: PROPOSED SURRENDER OF EXISTING AND RE-GRANT OF A NEW LEASE**

Decision:

- (1) That the surrender of the existing lease to Stevens & Bolton and a simultaneous re-grant of a new 15-year lease with no break clause at the current passing rent of £1.3 million per annum be approved, subject to an upwards only rent review in 2025 and 5 yearly thereafter with 50% reduced rent over the first two years.
- (2) That the Head of Asset Management (Climate Change Lead) be authorised to take such actions as are required to negotiate any minor amendments and finalise terms referred to in the report submitted to the Executive for the surrender and re-grant of a lease to Stevens & Bolton subject to being satisfied that the Council will receive the best consideration reasonably obtainable and in consultation with the Lead Councillor for Resources, the Joint Strategic Director (Place) and the Chief Finance Officer.
- (3) That the spending of the approved Property Acquisitions budget to fund a landlord's capital contribution towards tenant improvement works be approved.

Damien  
Cannell

Reason(s):

To secure the rental income of £1.3 million per annum for a further 10 years beyond the expiry of the existing lease in place, which will be subject to upwards only rent reviews in 2025 and 5 yearly thereafter. Thus, it will remove the risk of the building falling vacant in 2027 when the current lease expires, and the likely significant level of investment required to refurbish the building (estimated at £5 million) to attract a new tenant. It is therefore considered the most financially advantageous option to the Council and will improve the investment performance of the asset for the next 15 years.

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:

No.

## 8. GUILDFORD LIDO DRAINAGE AND MODERNISATION PROJECT

Decision:

That a virement of £600,000 from the capital contingency fund for the Lido Drainage and Modernisation Project be approved to enable the project to start on time and hopefully be completed during the winter period to ensure the minimum disruption to the potential customers of the venue.

Jonathan  
Sewell

Reason(s):

The Lido cannot operate without satisfactory drainage, it is recognised that replacement of the failed below ground drainage is not practicable without the corresponding demolition of the changing facilities and breaking out of the existing concrete floor slab that sit directly above. The external changing facilities are beyond their economical and useful life expectancy. The existing facilities fall short of expected modern standards, which can be addressed as part of the process.

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 and Elections 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](mailto: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.