

Report from the Leader of the Council on the work of the Cabinet

Meeting held on 19 June 2019

This is my report as the Leader of the Council on the work of the Cabinet. It is an overview of the main business considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 19 June 2019.

1. Single-Use Plastics Policy and Strategy

- 1.1 We considered a report on the adoption of a Single-Use Plastics Policy and Action Plan.
- 1.2 Spelthorne Council understands the urgent need to tackle avoidable plastic waste and be part of the solution. Spelthorne actively participated in the Surrey Single-use-Plastic Task Group set up in August 2018, which included representatives from all Surrey local authorities. A common vision was established of “supporting Surrey to become a SUP free county” and joint policy objectives agreed in October 2018. A Surrey wide strategy was then developed and subsequently adopted by the Surrey Environment Partnership in January 2019. The strategy provides a roadmap to meet the objectives and an action plan with good practice activities enabling each authority to customise its approach.
- 1.3 We agreed to adopt the Spelthorne Borough Council Single-use Plastics Policy and Five Year Action Plan, and the associated Single-use Plastics Strategy for Surrey. This will enable the Council to respond to Government single-use plastics targets and meet the needs and expectations of residents in respect to tackling avoidable plastic waste. The strategy and policy will help embed these principles into other areas of the Council and stakeholders’ activities.

2. Treasury Management Annual Report

- 2.1 We considered a report on the performance of the treasury management function and noted the Treasury Outturn position for 2018-19 and the financial environment in global markets, as detailed in the report.

3. 2018/19 Provisional Capital Outturn Report

- 3.1 We considered a report on the provisional capital outturn spend for 2018/19. The majority of the £473.68m underspend related to the acquisition of assets projects and the remainder to Housing Development schemes. The proposed capital carry forward of £17.5m included £16.2m for the Ashford hospital development project which was agreed late in 2018/19, and various other capital schemes.

- 3.2 We agreed to note the report and approved the capital carry forward of £17,474,900.

4. 2017/18 Provisional Revenue Outturn Report

- 4.1 We considered a report on the provisional revenue outturn for 2018/19. We noted a surplus for the year of £2.97m, of which £1.63m related to proposed carry forward items with £1.34m set aside for future planned projects, resulting in a net balanced budget.
- 4.2 We agreed to note the provisional revenue outturn for 2018/19 and approved the revenue carry forward of £1,626,061.

5. Appointments to Outside Bodies and Working Groups

- 5.1 Cabinet delegated the appointments of representatives to Outside Bodies and Working Groups for 2019/20 to the Leader and Deputy Leader.

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Leader of the Council

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