

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

## **Meeting held on 17 July 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 17 July 2019.

### **1. Infrastructure Feasibility Fund**

1.1 We considered a proposal to contribute to the Infrastructure Feasibility Study Fund for Surrey to improve the likelihood of attracting central government and LEP infrastructure funding.

1.2 We agreed:

1. To participate in the Infrastructure Feasibility Study for Surrey;
2. To commit a one-off sum of £210,000 to the Fund for 2019/20

This will ensure that resources are available to support project development at an early stage, so that we are able to apply for full project funding when bidding rounds become available.

### **2. Housing Delivery Test Action Plan**

2.1 We noted the report on the Housing Delivery Test Action Plan which the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government required us to produce.

2.2 We resolved to adopt the Housing Delivery Test Plan to ensure that the Council delivers the number of housing units expected by central government.

### **3. Public Space Protection Orders – Unauthorised Moorings**

3.1 Cabinet considered a report proposing consultation on new powers to prevent unauthorised moorings on the River Thames.

3.2 We agreed to support the proposed consultation and engage with the community on change to enforcement on the River Thames and to work in partnership with other councils to achieve a consistent approach to unauthorised moorings in this area.

### **4. Annual Report 2018-19**

4.1 Cabinet noted the Annual Report for 2018-19 which highlighted the corporate priorities, key achievements and work of the Council during that period.

### **5. White House Hostel Construction Budget**

5.1 We considered an exempt report seeking approval of a capital spend for the construction budget to provide a 31 bedroom hostel and facilities for severe weather emergency accommodation.

5.2 We agreed to:

1. Approve the capital spend as set out in the cost plan in Appendix 2 to the report;
2. Authorise the Chief Financial Officer to make prudent financing arrangements for the transaction, should Homes England grant funding fall below the threshold specified in the report;
3. Authorise the Head of Corporate Governance to enter into any legal documentation necessary to implement this construction project, including any legal agreements required in order to receive grant funding from Homes England;
4. Authorise the Portfolio Holder and Group Head for Regeneration and Growth to authorise the appointment of a suitable contractor to undertake these works.

**6. Property Letting A**

- 6.1 We considered an exempt report seeking approval to the letting of a property owned by the Council.
- 6.2 We approved the letting of the property as detailed in the report to Cabinet. The letting is consistent with the strategy outlined at the time of purchase.

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