

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

Meeting held on 14 October 2015

This is my report as the Acting 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 14 October 2015.

1. Corporate Risk Management

1.1 We considered the recommendation of the Audit Committee on the review of the Corporate Risk Register.

1.2 We approved the Corporate Risk Register as submitted.

2. Minutes and Recommendations of the Local Plan Working Party

2.1 We considered the minutes and recommendations of the Local Plan Working Party from its meeting held on 8 September 2015.

2.2 We agreed:

1. the Planning Monitoring Report 2015 for publication subject to appropriate changes as discussed by the Local Plan Working Party and any minor corrections and editing requirements;
2. that the Head of Planning will publish the Joint Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) and
3. to note the intention to consult on a draft SLAA methodology and the formation of a Development Market Panel prior to the final proposed methodology being reported to the Working Party and approved by Cabinet.

3. Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy 2015 – Key Decision

3.1 We considered a report on the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for 2015. The Strategy should enable the Council, through its objectives and targets, to address the challenges of increasing recycling rates and reducing household waste.

3.2 We agreed the adoption of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (revision 2) 2015 in principle as the direction of travel but recognised that not all the actions may be deliverable within the set timescale due to limitations on resources.

4. Fordbridge Park tennis courts – Key Decision

4.1 We considered a report on the proposed self-management of Fordbridge Park Tennis courts.

4.2 We agreed to:

1. authorise the self-management of Fordbridge Park Tennis courts;

2. authorise the grant of a lease of Fordbridge Park Tennis Courts and land adjacent to the tennis courts within Fordbridge Park to Community Tennis Ltd for a term of 125 years subject to the negotiation of the heads of terms;
3. authorise the sole rights for the sale of refreshments in Fordbridge Park to be included as part of the lease for Community Tennis Ltd. and
4. authorise the Head of Sustainability and Leisure in conjunction with the Head of Asset Management and the portfolio holder to negotiate and finalise the heads of terms so the lease can be granted.

5. Joint enforcement pilot

5.1 We considered an updated report on a review of the Joint Enforcement (JET) pilot scheme and noted that the Surrey Police and Commissioner's Office had agreed to pay 50% of the cost of delivering the out of hours' call out service for the next 12 months.

5.2 We agreed to:

1. commend the delivery and success of the JET pilot;
2. support continued funding to enable the JET pilot to become a permanent service within the Council and
3. endorse the provision of the out of hours call out service for a further 12 months.

6. Changing an existing street name in Sunbury-on-Thames

6.1 We considered a report on a proposal to change an existing street name in Sunbury-on-Thames.

6.2 We agreed to change the road name of the central Croysdale Avenue to Hazelwood Drive.

7. Exempt report – Ashford multi-storey car park – Key Decision

7.1 We considered an exempt report on the disposal of the Ashford multi-storey car park.

7.2 We agreed to:

1. the disposal of the Ashford multi-storey car park to the preferred bidder, and on the basis that the spirit of intent is to provide 0% affordable housing units;
2. authorise the Head of Asset Management to negotiate and finalise all terms for the sale of the site in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Fixed Assets and
3. authorise the Head of Asset Management in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Fixed Assets to negotiate and acquire land or premises on the Brooklands College site for the provision/replacement of public car parking for the town.

8. Exempt report - Knowle Green, procurement of property consultants (Relocation and Redevelopment) – Key Decision

8.1 We considered a report on the procurement of property consultants for the relocation and redevelopment of Knowle Green.

8.2 We agreed:

1. to approve the appointment of company A to act as property advisors for the relocation of the Council Offices from the Knowle Green site to undertake site sourcing, agree heads of terms and complete the purchase of the building only;
2. to approve the recommendation not to award a contract for the redevelopment of the Knowle Green site on the basis that a strategic review is being undertaken of the direction the Council wishes to take on the site and
3. to approve the recommendation not to award a combined contract for the relocation and redevelopment of the Knowle Green site on the basis that a strategic review is being undertaken of the direction the Council wishes to take on the site.

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