

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive
held at Surrey Heath House on 7 July
2015**

+ Cllr Moira Gibson (Chairman)

+ Cllr Richard Brooks	+ Cllr Craig Fennell
+ Cllr Mrs Vivienne Chapman	- Cllr Josephine Hawkins
+ Cllr Colin Dougan	- Cllr Charlotte Morley

+ Present
- Apologies for absence presented

14/E Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

15/E Requests for Carry Forward of Unspent Budget from 2014/15 to 2015/16

The Executive considered a report seeking authority to carry forward unspent budget from 2014/15 to 2015/16.

Financial Regulations required that that where the total budget carry forward requests exceeded £25,000 they must be approved by the Executive.

It was reported that Carry Forwards fell into the following two categories:

- (i) Those which arose from budget underspends in the previous year as a result of works being deferred into the current year. These were shown in Annex A to the agenda report and totalled £139,469.
- (ii) Those which arose from the receipt of Government Grants which, due to accounting rules, had been recognised as income when received provided all the conditions for its original grant had been met. However some grants had been received too late in the year to be spent and therefore requests had been made to carry these forward so they could be spent in the following year. These were shown in Annex B to the agenda report and totalled £81,033.

RESOLVED to approve the budget carry forwards for 2015/16 totalling £220,502, as set out at Annexes A and B to the agenda report.

16/E Response to the Issues and Options Stage Consultation of the Rushmoor Local Plan

Rushmoor Borough Council was consulting on the Issues and Options Stage of the Rushmoor Local Plan 2011-2032. This was the first stage in the Local Plan preparation.

The Rushmoor Local Plan would set out where development would take place within the borough of Rushmoor. It would also set a housing target and polices for employment and retail/leisure uses.

It was reported that Rushmoor formed part of the same identified Housing Market Area and Functional Economic Area as Surrey Heath Borough and Hart District. In line with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), a Joint Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) and a Joint Employment Land Review had been undertaken by the three authorities. Of particular relevance to this Council were the proposed options regarding housing numbers, employment, retail, infrastructure and Farnborough Airport.

The SHMA set out an objectively assessed housing need and each authority should seek to meet this unless there were specific policies in the NPPF which indicated otherwise. These included sites protected under the Habitats Regulations (Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area) and Green Belt. Rushmoor had indicated that it would not be able to deliver approximately 1,600 dwellings of its objectively assessed housing need and would therefore seek to see these dwellings delivered by Surrey Heath and Hart District Council. The Council's response to the consultation stated that Surrey Heath would not be in a position to take any unmet need from Rushmoor.

The Employment Land Review had indicated that, in order to maintain economic growth, there was a need to retain strategic and locally important employment sites within the Functional Economic Area. The Issues and Options consultation sought to take forward this approach.

The Issues and Options consultation set out the approach to the regeneration of Farnborough and Aldershot. Members noted that this regeneration would need to ensure that it did not have a detrimental impact on surrounding town centres, including Camberley, and that the retail hierarchy in the Blackwater Valley was retained.

In relation to Farnborough Airport, the consultation sought to ensure the amenity of residents by proposing a number of policies to restrict noise and flying at weekends and Bank Holidays and to limit hours of operation

RESOLVED that the Council's response to the Options Stage Consultation on Rushmoor Local Plan 2011-2032 be as set out at Annex A to the agenda report.

Chairman