

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive
held at Surrey Heath House on 4
October 2016**

+ 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

In Attendance: Cllr Rodney Bates and Cllr David Mansfield

33/E Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2016 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

34/E Public Space Protection Orders

The Executive considered a consultation plan for the introduction of a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO), which was designed to tackle low level anti-social behaviour within the borough.

In 2004 the Council had implemented the current Designated Public Protection Orders (DPPOs) areas in Camberley Town Centre, Old Dean, St Michaels, Heatherside and Frimley Green Recreation Ground, which provided Surrey Police with the powers to seize alcohol or issue fines when necessary.

The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 had replaced Designated Public Place Orders with PSPOs. The existing DPPO areas would be enforceable until 14 October 2017. PSPOs would need to be implemented in order for these powers to be enforced after this date.

A single PSPO could include a multiple number of restrictions and requirements within one order. The Executive considered suggestions in relation to expanding the existing area around controlled alcohol zones and utilising the wider powers to enforce emerging problems such as intoxicating substances, to deter begging in Camberley Town Centre only, and enhance the dog control powers within the 35 designated park and green spaces areas within the borough.

It was emphasised that at this stage the Executive was only being asked to approve the proposals for consultation.

Members discussed the consultation plan and agreed to clarify references to begging and homelessness in order to ensure that they were referred to as distinct and separate matters.

RESOLVED to approve the Public Spaces Protection Order consultation plan, as set out at Annex A to the agenda report, as amended.

35/E Local Development Scheme Update

The Executive was reminded that local authorities were required to produce a Local Development Scheme (LDS) which set out the planning documents the Council expected to produce within the next 3 years. The Council's last LDS had been produced in 2012.

Members noted a new LDS which set out the Local Plan documents the Council intended to review over the next 3 years.

The Executive agreed to establish a Local Plan Working Group to oversee the progress of work on the Local Plan review. Proposed Terms of Reference for the Working Group were considered and it was agreed to amend the membership to 10 Members, to be comprised of 8 Conservative Group and 2 non- Conservative Group Members, with nominations for membership to be confirmed in due course.

RESOLVED that

- (i) the Local Development Scheme covering the period 2016-2019, as attached at Annex 2 to the agenda report, be agreed;**
- (ii) a Local Plan Working Group be set up to oversee the work on the Local Plan Review; and**
- (iii) the Working Group's Terms of Reference be as set out at Annex 1 to the agenda report, as amended, with Group Leaders' nominations for membership to be advised prior to the first meeting.**

36/E Home Improvement Agency and Disabled Facility Grants

The Executive was informed that the Council had received an increased capital allocation from the Department of Communities and Local Government to deliver Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG) in 2016/17.

The Council had received a 50% cut in revenue funding in 2016/17 from Surrey County Council. This funding had been used to fund a Case Officer within the Council's internal Home Improvement Agency. Members were advised that the Case Officer role was considered to be essential to support older and disabled people in a holistic way to maintain their independence in the home and help them through the application process for a DFG.

It was noted that, as the capital spend on DFGs would increase with the additional funding, there would be a corresponding increase in fee income. It was therefore proposed that this additional income be used to fund the Case Officer for the second half of 2016/17, in place of the reduced funding from Surrey County Council.

RESOLVED that

- (i) authority be given to spend the additional Disabled Facility Grant (DFG) allocation received from the Department of Communities and Local Government; and**
- (ii) a Case Officer within the Home Improvement Agency (HIA) be funded from 1st October 2016 to 31st March 2017 from additional fees generated from the increased DFG spend.**

37/E Economic Strategy Update

The Executive noted an update on progress against the Economic Development Strategy and its action plan which had been adopted in 2014.

RESOLVED to note the update on the progress of the Economic Development Strategy and request a further update in 12 months.

38/E The 2018 Parliamentary Boundary Review

On 13 September 2016 the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) had published its initial proposals for new parliamentary constituency boundaries, the first of three rounds of consultation which would be undertaken before the BCE made its recommendations for new parliamentary boundaries to Parliament in September 2018.

The Executive was advised that, in conducting its review, the BCE must adhere to rules set by Parliament in 2011 which result in a reduction of the number of constituencies in England from 533 to 501. The rules also stated that every constituency, with the exception of the 2 constituencies in the Isle of Wight, must have an electorate that was no smaller than 71,031 and no larger than 78,507.

It was reported that the BCE was proposing to transfer the Bisley ward, which currently had 2,610 electors, from the Surrey Heath Constituency to the Woking constituency. The proposals also retained the current arrangements for the Surrey Heath Constituency to comprise the Guildford Borough wards of Ash Vale, Ash Wharf and Ash South and Tongham.

Members discussed the proposals and agreed to submit a response stating that the Council considered that Bisley should not be moved to Woking Constituency, for the following reasons:

1. The BCE's proposal reflected the current ward boundaries for Bisley, which could be affected by the separate ongoing review of the Council's ward boundaries. Although the revised local government boundaries had not yet been decided, the Council was minded to recommend that, from 2019, Bisley be combined with West End to form a single ward. If, as was understood, the BCE only moved areas on a ward basis, the changes could also result in West End also transferring to Woking Constituency, which would disrupt its numbers.

2. The electorate for Surrey Heath Constituency as proposed by the Boundary Commission, which included the three Ash wards but excluded Bisley, was 74,975. Retaining Bisley within the Constituency would not exceed the maximum electorate for a constituency and, although it would impact upon the electorate totals for Woking Constituency, given the low numbers involved, this could be resolved elsewhere.
3. Moving Bisley to the Woking Constituency would add unnecessary complexity. The proposed changes would exacerbate issues around coterminosity, which could impact heavily on the complexity of running combined elections in the future, thereby adding further risks to the election process.
4. The complexity of the boundaries would create confusion for residents.

RESOLVED to authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and the Bisley ward councillors, to finalise and submit the Council's response to the 2018 Parliamentary Boundary Review to the Boundary Commission for England.

Chairman