# Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive held at Surrey Heath House on 7 April 2015

## + Cllr Moira Gibson (Chairman)

+ Cllr Richard Brooks - Cllr Colin Dougan + Cllr Keith Bush + Cllr Craig Fennell + Cllr Mrs Vivienne Chapman - Cllr Charlotte Morley

+ Present

- Apologies for absence presented

In Attendance: Cllr Rodney Bates, Cllr Chris Pitt and Cllr Joanne Potter.

#### 121/E Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

# 122/E Questions by Members

The Leader responded to a question from Councillor Rodney Bates in relation to the Camberley Community Garden.

# 123/E Adoption of the Camberley Town Centre Masterplan and Public Realm Strategy Supplementary Planning Document

The Executive was reminded that, on 6 January 2015, it had considered a draft Camberley Town Centre Masterplan and Public Realm Strategy Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and had agreed to undertake a statutory consultation on the draft SPD. The consultation had been carried out and comments had been taken into account, where appropriate, in the final version of the SPD.

The Camberley Town Centre Masterplan and Public Realm Strategy SPD would add detail to the areas and sites identified in the Council's Camberley Town Centre Area Action Plan, which had been adopted by the Council in July 2014. The SPD would help ensure that development which took place had a positive impact on the town centre.

The draft SPD set out options for shared pedestrian and vehicular use of the High Street or pedestrianisation of the High Street. It also set out a Public Realm Strategy, the approach of which was to ensure a coherent and integrated approach for Camberley Town Centre.

The key objectives for the Public Realm Strategy were to reinforce the identity of the town centre to create a distinctive shopping and pedestrian friendly environment. The Strategy would develop a palette of durable materials to ensure the attractiveness of the town could be maintained following the implementation of the Public Realm Strategy.

The Executive discussed the need to address "edge of centre" and accessibility issues and agreed that these should be incorporated in the SPD. It was noted that these matters would also be dealt with at the planning application stage. Members also supported the initiative to make Camberley a dementia friendly town.

The consultation had been undertaken between 13 January and 24 February 2015, with comments received from 87 respondents.

RESOLVED to adopt the Camberley Town Centre Masterplan and Public Realm Strategy Supplementary Planning Document.

## 124/E Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy Revision 2 (2015)

The Executive was reminded that authorities in two-tier areas were required to produce a joint strategy for the management of municipal waste. In 2006 the first Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy had been produced. This Strategy had been updated in 2010.

A further revision had been prepared by the Surrey Waste Partnership in order to ensure that its joint actions for the next ten years reflected the needs of the current times and aspirations for the future. This comprehensive revision included a new aim, objectives and targets which were supported by a new set of specific and measurable actions.

Cllr Mrs Vivienne Chapman reminded Members that, with regard to recycling, Surrey Heath was the best performing authority in the county and had the highest dry recycling rate in the country.

Members highlighted a number of aspects in the Strategy and the Portfolio Holder advised that she would continue to monitor any areas of concern.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) to adopt the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy Revision 2 (2015), as set out at Annex A to the agenda report; and
- (ii) that the Executive Head of Community, after consultation with the Community Portfolio Holder and the Leader, be authorised to make any minor amendments to the Strategy that may arise as a result of the Strategy being considered and adopted by all Surrey Waste Partner authorities.

# 125/E Response to Consultation on Building More Homes on Brownfield Land

The Executive was informed that the Department of Communities and Local Government was consulting on a range of proposals to encourage authorities to identify and record brownfield land suitable for housing and make progress in putting permissions in place for housing through the use of Local Development Orders.

The consultation document proposed that Councils should be required to formulate and publish annually a list of 'brownfield sites suitable for housing' and place Local Development Orders on 50% of brownfield sites identified as suitable for housing by 2017 and on 90% of such sites by 2020. The document also set out measures to encourage authorities to meet the requisite percentages.

Due to the date of receipt of the consultation and the limited 6 week consultation period, it had not been possible to bring a draft consultation response to the Executive prior to the deadline for submission of comments. Members were therefore asked to consider and endorse the response submitted by officers.

In response to the consultation, concerns had been raised in respect of the clarity of the proposals and the extent to which they could be applied to Surrey Heath, in addition to the cost and resources required to put Local Development Orders in place. Objections had also been raised to the measures proposed to encourage authorities to meet the requisite percentages.

RESOLVED to endorse the response submitted by Officers to the Department for Communities and Local Government on the consultation on building more homes on brownfield land, as set out at Annex A to the agenda report.

#### 126/E Exclusion of Press and Public

In accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public were excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the ground that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as set out below:

Minute	Paragraph(s)
121/E (part)	3
127/E	3
128/E	3
129/E	3
130/F	3

Note: Minutes 127/E, 128/E and 129/E are summaries of matters considered in Part II of the agenda, the minutes of which it is considered should remain confidential at the present time.

# 127/E Bagshot Playing Fields Association

The Executive made decisions in relation to granting a lease to Bagshot Playing Fields Association.

#### 128/E Future of the Former Watchetts Bowling Club Pavilion and Grounds

The Executive made decisions in relation to the future use of the former Watchetts Bowling Club Pavilion and Grounds.

# 129/E SANGs Expenditure

The Executive made decisions in relation to the expenditure of SANGs money.

# 130/E Review of Exempt Items

The Executive reviewed the reports which had been considered at the meeting following the exclusion of members of the press and public, as they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information.

#### **RESOLVED** that

- (i) Minute 127/E and Minute 128/E and the associated agenda reports remain exempt until the completion of the lease negotiations; and
- (ii) Minute 129/E and the associated agenda report remain exempt for the present time.

#### 131/E Vote of Thanks

The Leader, on behalf of the Executive, thanked Cllr Keith Bush, who was not seeking re-election in May, for all of his work for the Council and in particular his work as a member of the Executive. She noted that Cllr Bush had served on the Executive for 14 years, during which time he had held a wide variety of roles and responsibilities. She wished him well for the future.

Chairman