Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive held on 15 November 2022

+ Cllr Alan McClafferty (Chairman)

- + Cllr Sarah Jane Croke
- + Cllr Colin Dougan

+ Cllr Rebecca Jennings-Evans+ Cllr Adrian Page

+ Cllr Shaun Garrett

- + Cllr Robin Perry
- + Present

In Attendance: Cllr Peter Barnett, Cllr Rodney Bates, Cllr Tim FitzGerald, Cllr Sharon Galliford, Cllr Mark Gordon, Cllr Sashi Mylvaganam, Cllr Graham Tapper, Cllr Victoria Wheeler, Cllr Helen Whitcroft and Cllr Valerie White

57/E Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2022 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

58/E Questions by Members

In response to a question from Councillor Victoria Wheeler, the Leader undertook to work with her to address concerns about the Esso pipeline project's operating procedures at Chobham Common.

59/E Council contributions to Collectively Camberley Limited

The Executive considered a request to make an additional financial contribution to Collectively Camberley Limited Business Improvement District (BID) to facilitate additional events in Camberley Town Centre. The BID had been asked to produce a list of events which it believed would attract additional footfall and raise the awareness and reputation of the town centre, which would support the Council's significant property holdings in the town.

It was proposed that a grant contribution of $\pounds 60,000$ be allocated to fund additional events in the town centre. This consisted of a one-off grant of $\pounds 55,000$ to contribute towards the delivery of events and a capital grant of $\pounds 5,000$ to cover the provision of equipment. The proposed projects and amount allocated to each event were:

- (i) Spring Trail £20,000
- (ii) Summer Beach Party £30,000
- (iii) ChristmasCon £5,000

The proposal was discussed and concerns were expressed by some Members about the expenditure of funding on these activities, taking into account the national economic situation and the Council's budgetary position. It was also suggested that a business case demonstrating should be produced prior to any funding being allocated. In response to specific concerns raised about the Christmas Con event, it was advised that consideration was being given to altering the event to give more focus on independent local music.

RESOLVED that

- (i) approval be given for additional in-year budget of £55,000 through a supplementary estimate for a one-off grant to be awarded to Collectively Camberley Limited in order to contribute towards the delivery of events to support the economic prosperity of the town centre;
- (ii) approval be given for a supplementary estimate of £5,000 to be added to the current capital programme to provide a capital grant to Collectively Camberley Limited, and
- (iii) authority be delegated to the Strategic Director Environment and Community in consultation with the Economic Development & Transformation Portfolio Holder to award the grant, subject to the provision of a costed business case.

Note: In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct Councillor Shaun Garrett declared a non-pecuniary interest as he was the Council's appointed representative on the Board of Collectively Camberley Ltd.

60/E UK Shared Prosperity Fund Year 1 Projects

The Executive was reminded that, in July 2022, it had agreed that, due to the time scales for delivery, the projects submitted for the first year of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund application would only include projects already agreed within the annual plan. Members noted the list of projects that had been submitted as part of the application.

RESOLVED that the projects which formed the application for the year one funding, as set out in the agenda report, be agreed.

61/E Agreement to grant rights of access at 84 -100 Park Street, Camberley to facilitate development of 61 sheltered apartments

The Executive considered a proposal to grant rights of access over a Councilowned accessway in order to enable a development of 61 sheltered apartments at Park Street, Camberley to proceed. Planning permission had been granted on appeal on 4 May 2020 for the demolition of buildings on the site and the erection of 61 sheltered apartments with associated access, electric buggy/cycle store, refuse bin store, landscaping and 61 car parking spaces.

The Council owned the accessway to the entrance of the site and had entered into an agreement with the site owner and the developer on 20 November 2018 to grant access rights over the accessway. However this agreement had now expired. In order to now progress the development, the site owner and developer wished to renew the agreement. It was proposed that the renewed agreement would also grant the developer the right to pass service media underneath the accessway. The proposed premium payable to the Council was £28,400, which was supported by a valuation dated 5 October 2022.

RESOLVED that

- (i) a premium of £28,400 to grant access rights over a Council-owned accessway shown coloured brown on the plan in Annex 2 to the agenda report, be accepted; and
- (ii) authority be granted to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to conclude the agreement for the grant of rights of access.

62/E Mid-Year Performance Report 2022/23

The Executive considered the Council's performance at 30 September 2022 and noted comments made by the Performance & Finance Scrutiny Committee. Further enquires were raised relating to Action ENV02 which would progressed.

RESOLVED to note the Mid-Year performance report at Annex A to the agenda report.

63/E Revenue Budget 2022/23 Monitoring Report - Quarter 2

The Executive considered a summary of the budget and financial performance for the first two quarters of 2022/23, up to the accounting period ending on 30 September 2022.

RESOLVED to note the spend against the approved revenue budget for the period 1 April to 30 September 2022 and the end of year predicted forecast of full year outturn.

64/E Capital Budget 2022/23 Monitoring Report - Quarter 2

The Executive considered a summary of the progress against the 2022/23 capital programme and budget for the period 1 April 2022 to 30 September 2022. Proposals for reprofiling of budgets were also noted.

RESOLVE that

- (i) the spend against the approved capital programme for the period 1 April to 30 September 2022 be noted; and
- (ii) the proposed reprofiling of budgets be agreed.

65/E Treasury Management 2022/23 Half Yearly Report

The Executive considered the performance of the treasury management service as at 30 September 2022, which confirmed the compliance with the Treasury Management Indicators for 2022/23.

RESOLVED to note the Treasury Management report for the period 1 April to 30 September 2022.

66/E Frimley Lodge Park and Lightwater Country Park Cafés - Tender outcome

The Executive was informed that the leases to run the cafés at both Frimley Lodge Park and Lightwater Country Park would expire on 31 January 2023. A comprehensive tendering process had been carried out to seek bids to appoint a contractor to provide best financial return to the Council.

The tender had sought quotations to operate one or both cafes for a period of ten years, with a break clause at year five. Three responses had been received and the proposal from the bidder being recommended for agreement not only provided an enhanced return to the Council, but also offered a wider menu choice together with investment for updating and modernising the facilities. It was also advised that Fairtrade products would be used by the successful bidder.

RESOLVED that the Council enters into a 10 year lease arrangement with Bidder C, as set out in Annex A to the agenda report.

Chairman