

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive
held at Surrey Heath House on 11
November 2014**

+ 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 and Cllr Chris Pitt

65/E Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 21 October 2014 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

66/E 2020 Economic Development Strategy

Since the economic downturn in 2008/09, economic development at the local level had become an area of increased focus for both national and local government. In response the Council had produced its first economic development strategy in 2011, which was a broad based document reflecting the picture as it stood at the time.

The recent economic downturn had directly led to an increased role for local councils in the economic development and wellbeing of their local areas. The Borough Council's Corporate Plan, the '2020 Strategy', contained an objective to 'Sustain and promote our local economy.... By supporting local business and encouraging economic development'.

With the national and local perspectives having developed further, it was considered timely to refresh the Council's original strategy and agree a document with more specific objectives and actions than its predecessor.

The 2020 Economic Development Strategy focused on three main themes:

- A sustainable place to live, work, shop and play
- A great place for business to flourish
- A great place for people to succeed

From these overarching themes objectives had been set and a range of actions and action plans developed to deliver the key elements of the strategy. Members highlighted a number of the Aims contained in the Strategy, in particular the Aim to deepen military connections its associated action points, including the Council leading a joint programme across the EM3 LEP area.

Members recognised that at present the Strategy was principally focused upon Camberley Town Centre, but as the document developed it would place a greater emphasis upon other parts of the borough. It was agreed that the Executive would receive an annual report and update on the Strategy.

RESOLVED to

- (i) adopt the 2020 Economic Development Strategy, the three themes as set out above and the Action plans; and**
- (ii) receive an annual report on the Strategy.**

67/E Response to Surrey County Council Local Transport Plan 3 Consultation

The Executive was informed that Surrey County Council had published a consultation document seeking views on the proposed “Surrey Heath Draft Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme”, which would form part of the Surrey Transport Plan.

The purpose of the Strategy and Forward Programme was to support the growth set out within the Surrey Heath Core Strategy and Development Management Policies 2011-2028 and Camberley Town Centre Area Action Plan and provide a programme of transport infrastructure required to deliver this growth. It would provide an evidence base for future funding bids. Due to the date of receipt of the consultation an officer response had been submitted.

The Surrey Heath Draft Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme described Surrey Heath’s transport network, including its current issues and challenges, together with assessing the potential impact of future growth upon the transport network. The Forward Programme contained a number of short, medium and long term schemes for the highway network. The Forward Programme incorporated all projects for which Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Local Growth funding had been, or was due to be sought, including:

- A30/A331 Meadows Roundabout Improvements;
- Camberley Town Centre Highways Improvements;
- A package of sustainable transport works for Camberley;
- Camberley Town Centre Public Realm Improvements which could include the RMA Frontage;
- Business Centre Access Improvements (between Watchmoor and Yorktown Business Parks and Camberley Town Centre);
- Camberley Railway Station Improvements;
- Frimley Transport Network Improvements.

In response to the consultation, officers had advised that the objectives of the Strategy were welcomed and that the Council was pleased that the Forward Programme incorporated all projects for which LEP funding had been, or was due to be sought.

The Executive noted a number of points of clarification and accuracy which had been addressed by officers for inclusion in the final Strategy and Forward Programme.

RESOLVED that the response submitted to Surrey County Council by officers on the consultation on the Surrey Heath Draft Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme, as set out in Annex A to the agenda report, be endorsed.

68/E Family Support Project Roll Forward to Beyond 2015

The Executive was reminded that, since September 2013, the Council had been working with Surrey County Council to deliver a Family Support Project on behalf of Surrey Heath and Runnymede Borough Councils. The Project sought to address poor school attendance, unemployment, and anti-social behaviour in participating families. It was reported that the Runnymede and Surrey Heath Team would meet its targets for successful working with families ahead of schedule. In addition, the Team had pioneered a successful family therapy pilot.

The Project was currently funded through the County Council distributing grant monies from the government's Troubled Families Programme. The initial project had been due to run until March 2015; however, in June 2015 the Treasury had announced that an extra £200 million would be available for the period 2015/16 and for a five year period thereafter to fund the project through payment by results money. Members were advised that, if funding concerns arose in the future, then a further report would be brought to the Executive.

At its meeting on 4 February 2014, Surrey County Council's Cabinet had resolved to take forward the Family Support Programme to 2020 through the Public Service Transformation agenda. This would include scaling up the Family Support Programme to include a wider range of families by broadening the criteria for eligibility to include working with families with a mental health issue.

RESOLVED that

- (i) the Family Support Project continue to be supported and provided by Surrey Heath on behalf of Surrey Heath and Runnymede Borough Councils;**
- (ii) the project be funded from government funding specifically for the delivery of the national 'troubled families' programme and any other such appropriate grant funding as may become available;**
- (iii) the Executive Head Regulatory, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regulatory, be authorised to extend the agreement with Runnymede Borough Council for this project; and**
- (iv) the Executive Head of Regulatory, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regulatory and Runnymede Borough Council, be authorised to enter into an Agreement with Surrey**

County Council setting out the arrangements and responsibilities including funding.

69/E Surrey County Council Consultation - In-House Residential Care Homes for Older People

Surrey County Council owned 30 residential care homes for older people, of which six homes were maintained and operated by the County Council. One of the homes was Pinehurst in Park Road, Camberley.

A comprehensive review of the six older people's residential care homes had been undertaken. Surrey County Council's Cabinet had received a report which outlined the findings of the review and agreed a consultation process to take place with residents, their families, carers, staff and appropriate stakeholders to enable the County Council to make an informed decision on the future of its in-house care homes.

It was reported that the Executive Head of Community had been asked to look into whether the proposal would affect any of his services; any concerns identified would be included in the Council's consultation response.

It was also agreed to ask the County Council to ensure that the consultation took into account the vulnerability of the care home residents and to recognise that some may be without support from relatives. Members further suggested that it might be appropriate to appoint a champion to advocate these residents' needs.

RESOLVED to authorise the Executive Head of Community Services, after consultation with the Leader and the Portfolio Holder for Community, to submit a response to the consultation, taking into account the points raised at the meeting.

70/E Child Eyes Campaign

The Executive was informed that a request has been received from a local resident that the Council support the Child Eyes Campaign.

Child Eyes was a movement and a campaign which had begun in October 2012 as a project to demonstrate the abundance of sexual and violent images that children saw in their normal daily lives. The initial idea had been to collect as many images as possible and create a hard hitting film showing how much children see that adults were not always aware of. The project had grown and was now campaigning on many issues based around protecting children from negative, sexual and sexist images in public.

Members expressed their support for the campaign and agreed to publicise the campaign where possible, on the basis of no extra cost to the Council. Options considered for publicising the campaign included publishing an article in Heathscene and contacting Parish Councils and Collectively Camberley Business Improvement District.

RESOLVED to support the Child Eyes Campaign in principle and agreed to publicise the campaign through appropriate methods, subject to there being no additional cost to the Council.

71/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:

<u>Minute</u>	<u>Paragraph(s)</u>
72/E	3
73/E	3

Note: Minute 72/E is a summary of matters considered in Part II of the agenda, the minutes of which it is considered should remain confidential at the present time.

72/E Lease of Part First Floor of the Ian Goodchild Centre to Surrey Heath Carers.

The Executive made decisions relating to the granting of a lease for part of the first floor of the Ian Goodchild Centre, Camberley to Surrey Heath Carers.

73/E Review of Exempt Items

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

Resolved that the resolution at minute 72/E be made public but the minute and report remain exempt until completion of the negotiations.

Chairman