

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive held on 18 October 2022

+ Cllr Alan McClafferty (Chairman)

+ Cllr Sarah Jane Croke	+ Cllr Rebecca Jennings-Evans
- Cllr Colin Dougan	+ Cllr Adrian Page
+ Cllr Shaun Garrett	+ Cllr Robin Perry

+ Present

- Apologies for absence presented

In Attendance: Cllr Peter Barnett, Cllr Rodney Bates, Cllr Cliff Betton, Cllr Tim FitzGerald, Cllr Sharon Galliford, Cllr Edward Hawkins, Cllr Sashi Mylvaganam, Cllr Graham Tapper, Cllr Pat Tedder, Cllr Victoria Wheeler, Cllr Helen Whitcroft and Cllr Valerie White

49/E Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2022 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

50/E Questions by Members

The Leader received a question from Councillor Victoria Wheeler concerning the recent announcement by Surrey County Council that its Local Committee would no longer be meeting and the steps that could be taken by this Council to ensure continued engagement on the areas encompassed by the Committee. The Leader undertook to respond to in writing.

51/E Local Community Project Fund Bids

In October 2020, the Executive had set up the Local Community Improvement Fund for bids to use local CIL funds for the non-parished wards. The Fund pooled the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy contributions to allow wards that did not deliver new development, but did experience its impact, to have access to CIL funding. It also allowed the community to bid for funding for small scale local capital projects.

The Executive considered one application that had been received during the round of bids open between 1 and 29 July 2022 which related to improvements in Southcote Park Play Area in Parkside ward.

RESOLVED that, in line with the CIL bid detailed in Annex 1 to the agenda report, £15,000 (net) be awarded to Parkside ward for the replacement of a goal, basketball unit and safety surface.

RECOMMENDED to Full Council that £15,000 (net) for Southcote Park Play Area Refurbishment be added to the Council's Capital Programme.

52/E @TheOldDeanRec

The Executive considered a proposal use the unused rooms within the Old Dean Pavilion to provide a small locally run junior library and community facility offering soft drinks and toilet facilities, to be called @TheOldDeanRec. The facility would be highly accessible to the most deprived area of Old Dean, situated immediately next to the playground renovated in 2020. @TheOldDeanRec would be run by volunteers and it was hoped to make it available on weekdays after school hours, the weekends and school holidays.

It was reported that, whilst the Old Dean Community Group would be happy to provide the support needed to help setup @TheOldDeanRec, a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation had been created to run it on a day to day basis, in order to provide the dedicated focus it would require. Three trustees had already been appointed.

Members discussed the proposals and noted that the space had not been used for a considerable time and had been subject to vandalism. It was also recognised that the project had the potential to serve real needs and support was therefore indicated for the proposal.

RESOLVED that the Council enters into a lease arrangement with @TheOldDeanRec registered charity group, applying a community rent subsidy as outlined within the agenda report, to support establishing and delivering its services.

Note: In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct Councillors Rodney Bates and Shaun Garrett declared non-pecuniary interests as they were trustees of Old Dean Community Group.

53/E EV Charging in Council Car Parks

The Executive considered a report on the progress on the electric vehicle (EV) charge point project in Council owned and operated car parks. Agreement was also sought to appoint a contractor for the delivery of the project following a procurement process.

A consultation had been undertaken with residents that had identified that access to charging facilities, particularly overnight charging, was a particular issue for residents without access to off-street parking. The basis of the tender had been a Concession Contract, for 7kWh chargers suitable for overnight charging, with the supplier responsible for the funding of the works and a revenue share to be returned to the Council as landowner.

Members discussed the list of car parks included in the proposals and were advised that they had been chosen based on their technical capacity, in particular in relation to accessing the necessary power for the chargers. Options for other Council owned car parks were expected to be considered in future reports as part of a broader strategy looking at whether additional infrastructure could be introduced to support EV charging in those locations. Work was also underway to assess opportunities for electric vehicle charging within the Knoll Road and Main

Square multi-storey car parks, where visitors to the town would benefit from fast charging infrastructure. It was noted that Surrey County Council was currently exploring options for on-street EV charging across the county and suggested that this Council should be encouraged to work with the County Council to address gaps in provision within the borough.

RESOLVED that

- (i) the outcome of the procurement be noted; and**
- (ii) authority be delegated to the Strategic Directors for Environment & Community and Finance & Customer Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Environment & Health and Finance & Customer Services to conclude contractual terms and proceed with the award of contract based on a 10-year contract term.**

54/E Exclusion of Press and Public

In accordance with Regulation 4 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, 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 Local Government Act 1972 as set out below:

Minute	Paragraph(s)
53/E (part)	3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
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55/E Settlement of Property Dilapidations

The Executive considered an exempt report setting out the proposed settlement for the resolution of the dilapidations schedule for a property leased to a third party that was no longer operational. The proposed settlement was discussed and it was agreed to proceed with the recommendations set out in the agenda report.

Members were advised about remedial actions that were being introduced to ensure that the situation did not occur again.

RESOLVED that the decisions recommended in the exempt agenda report be agreed.

Note: it was noted for the record that Cllr Tim FitzGerald declared that he had been involved with the third party organisation for many years but this involvement had ended before 2020.

56/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 it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information.

RESOLVED that

- (i) the exempt annex to the report associated with minute 53/E remain exempt for the current time; and**
- (ii) the report and decision at minute 55/E remain exempt until the signing of an agreement with the affected third party.**

Chairman