



# Statement of decisions made at a meeting of the **Executive**

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## ITEM

### 4. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

#### **RESOLVED** that:

1. That the Executive recognises the need for urgent action on climate change and environmental sustainability issues
2. That the Environmental Sustainability Strategy (Annex 1) and accompanying action plan and performance measures (Annexes 2 and 3) be approved for publication and implementation
3. That the Head of Corporate Policy be authorised, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services, to make any additional minor amendments to the Environmental Sustainability Strategy to ensure factual accuracy and clarity prior to publication
4. That the Executive agrees to continue with the cross-party member task group to review and feed back on the implementation of the Environmental Sustainability Strategy, and that progress in delivering the strategy will be reported annually.
5. That the Executive supports the overall approach within the recently adopted Surrey County Council Climate Change Strategy and commits to continue to work with the County Council and other Surrey boroughs and districts to develop a jointly owned action plan and achieve shared climate change objectives.

#### **Reason for decision:**

Approval of the Environmental Sustainability Strategy reflects the Council's recognition of the need for urgent action on climate change and environmental sustainability issues and explains how it will focus its activities and resources to deliver positive progress towards achieving national targets.

To deliver its climate change and environmental objectives the Council will need to work closely with a range of partners, including Surrey County Council and other Surrey boroughs and districts.

**Alternative options:**

- i) Approve the Environmental Sustainability Strategy at Annex 1. This option is recommended. Having an updated Strategy is an objective in the recently-adopted Reigate & Banstead 2025, and allows the Council to set out the positive action it will take in relation to environmental sustainability and climate change.
- ii) Request that amendments be made to the Environmental Sustainability Strategy at Annex 1 before it is approved. This option is not recommended as it could result in delay to the Council starting to implement a its programme of positive action in this area. As noted above, the proposed monitoring and review process will help ensure that the Council's activities in this area continue to take account of emerging evidence, policy and technological advancements.
- iii) Do not approve an Environmental Sustainability Strategy. This option is not recommended as it would not be consistent with the Council's commitments in Reigate & Banstead 2025.

**Lead officer:**

Director of Place

## **5. TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT 2019/20**

**Resolved to Recommend** to Council:

- 1. To note the Treasury Management Performance for 2019/20;**
- 2. To approve the outturn against the 2019/20 Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators and the Annual Treasury Management Report (Annex 1).**

**Reason for decision:**

Compliance with the requirements of the regulatory framework for treasury management.

**Alternative options:**

- i) Note the report and recommend its approval by Council.
- ii) Note the report but ask officers to provide more detail on specific issues contained in the report before it can be submitted to Council for approval.
- iii) Reject the report. This would result in non-compliance with the Treasury Management Code of practice and associated regulations.

**Lead officer:**

Interim Head of Finance

## **6. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2021/22 TO 2025/26**

**RESOLVED** that the Medium-Term Financial Plan be adopted as the framework for the budget elements of service and financial planning for 2021/22 onwards.

**Reason for decision:**

The Council is required to set a budget by 11 March each year. This report and the associated documents will support this obligation for 2021/22.

**Alternative options:**

The Executive can accept, amend or reject any or all of the MTFP information and request that other factors are taken into account when preparing 2021/22 budgets.

**Lead officer:**

Interim Head of Finance

## **7. CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2021/22**

**RESOLVED** That the Capital Investment Strategy be adopted as the framework for the capital programme elements of service and financial planning for 2021/22 onwards.

**Reason for decision:**

The Council is required to set a budget by 11 March each year. This report and the associated documents will support this obligation for 2021/22.

**Alternative options:**

The Executive can accept, amend or reject any or all of the Capital Strategy and request that other factors are taken into account when preparing 2021/22 budgets.

**Lead officer:**

Interim Head of Finance