

February 2020

Executive Portfolio Objectives – Place 2019/20

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Planning Policy – Cllr. Biggs	
Objective	Progress
Adopt the Development Management Plan	<p>This was adopted by Council at the meeting of 26 September.</p> <p>The next steps are to review and monitor policies of the development management plan following its adoption, and to review and update SPDs (Supplementary Planning Documents) to follow DMP adoption with input from DMAG. Four SPDs were considered and approved for consultation by the Executive on 5 December. These are anticipated for approval by the Executive in April.</p>
Commence implementation of local Community Infrastructure Levy panels.	<p>The updated model was supported by Executive Members at the Leader’s meeting on 25 March.</p> <p>The new Neighbourhood panels are now in operation, and met in November to consider infrastructure proposals submitted and prioritise funding for these.</p> <p>The local CIL survey of community priorities and project suggestions was completed in October, and the results are informing Councillors’ selection of projects.</p>
Review Local Plan policies against new national policy and local circumstances to ensure they remain up to date and support any challenge against them to address	<p>The Reigate and Banstead Local Plan: Core Strategy was reviewed and determined to continue to be up to date at the Council meeting of 2July; its policies will continue to</p>

<p>National Planning Policy Framework issues, including new housing figures.</p>	<p>be renewed against any changes in national policy or local circumstances.</p>
<p>Support and promote transport improvements within the Borough which will aid our corporate priorities, working with partners to deliver them.</p>	<p>We are continuing to work with Surrey County Council on, and have recently secured Local Committee support for, transport schemes of shared interest, including improvements to the Three Arch Road junction. There are other transport improvements reported as part of regeneration work in the borough.</p> <p>We are continuing to engage with the Highways Agency and Network Rail with respect of their plans in the borough, including in relation to Hooley Interchange and Reigate Station. We have also committed financial contributions to help the delivery of new transport improvements which support new developments.</p>
<p>Review the Building control external partnership.</p>	<p>The January meeting of the Southern Building Control Board highlighted some progress towards cost-neutral service, with increased marketing/market-share and decreased costs. However, after three years of operation, it is still not profit-making, and a review of the Partnership is to be undertaken which we will look to achieve the best possible service and financial outcomes.</p>

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Place and Economic Prosperity – Cllr. Humphreys

Objective	Progress
<p>Horley Business Park scheme development & partner engagement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Horley Business Park project falls across two portfolios: Place & Economic Prosperity and Investment & Companies. • The Horley Business Park site was allocated for employment purposes in the DMP in September 2019. • Work to assemble the land required for the scheme is continuing. Associated with this is a review of the structure of partnership arrangements, which falls within the Investment & Companies portfolio. • We are continuing to talk to Gatwick Airport to understand access issues and the potential implications of the Airport's expansion proposals. • We also continue to liaise closely with the Coast to Capital LEP over the use of the funding that has been secured to assist in bringing the project forward. • In the coming months, the primary focus will be on the Investment & Companies elements of the project. • In relation to place-shaping, the next step will be for the Council to develop a supplementary planning document as required by the Development Management Plan. This will include further engagement with a range of partners and – in due course – public consultation.
<p>Respond to Gatwick Airport and Heathrow Airport growth plans.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both Gatwick and Heathrow Airports are progressing expansion plans and airspace (flight path) changes. • The portfolio holder and officers have attended a number of events associated with these plans and the Council has responded to various consultations over the past year, including:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Heathrow Airport expansion Preliminary Environmental Impact Assessment consultation ○ Heathrow Airport Independent Parallel Approaches airspace options consultation ○ Gatwick Airport expansion Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report consultation ○ Gatwick Airport Airspace Modernisation design principles and options consultations ○ Gatwick Airport Route 4 Options design principles and options consultations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Further consultations are anticipated in the year ahead, including in relation to Gatwick Airport's expansion proposals and more detailed proposals for airspace changes.
<p>Confirm approach and support development of Marketfield Way.</p>	<p>The Council is making good progress in relation to Marketfield Way.</p> <p>In December, we completed our compulsory purchase of the site. We have settled compensation with four key parties and are in active discussions with others. The Council is now pressing ahead with a number of enabling works in advance of entering into a main building contract.</p> <p>The Council has amended its Off-Street Parking Order to remove Marketfield Way as a public car park which was permanently closed on 2 January.</p> <p>In January, our contractor begun demolition works of the High Street properties, which has initiated our planning consent. Further enabling works are being instructed including statutory service diversions, provision of water attenuation, site clearance, piling and survey work.</p> <p>The detailed design for the scheme (up to RIBA stage 3) was completed in July.</p> <p>Following the completion of the design, our contractor - Vinci Construction Ltd - tendered</p>

	<p>out work packages over the Summer, which were returned in September.</p> <p>Based on these tenders, Vinci have made a formal offer to the Council and we are now at an advanced stage in agreeing the final contract sum and the terms of a building contract.</p> <p>The Council has also made good progress in advancing negotiations with a number of potential key tenants, who will provide pre-lets for the commercial space.</p>
<p>Engagement with LEP and Local Industrial Strategy development.</p>	<p>The Council actively engaged with the Coast to Capital (C2C) Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) in the development of its Local Industrial Strategy (LIS) through the submission of its response to the Evidence Base and officer input at a series of consultation events.</p> <p>The Leader sits on the LEP Board and there is ongoing officer representation on the LIS Programme Board.</p> <p>C2C have finalised the draft LIS proposals and are currently drafting the LIS in partnership with Government</p> <p>LIS publication due 31 March 2020.</p> <p>We will continue to look at how else we can engage with the LEP to support the borough's priorities going forward.</p>
<p>Engage with and support local business to start, develop, and grow.</p>	<p>£36,978 in Business Support Grants has been awarded to a total of 37 businesses since April 2019.</p> <p>In November, 12 'students' successfully completed the 2019 Entrepreneur Academy with the prize of £5,000 being split between two worthy winners. The 2020 Academy will launch in April and is already attracting a healthy number of applicants.</p> <p>Our successful programme of informative Learning Lunches, held at the Town Hall, continues to attract local business owners who benefit from the expertise of our key speakers, networking and opportunities to do business with each other. 8 Learning Lunches have been held since April with 307 registered business attendees.</p>

	<p>HR leaders from 10 of our largest local employers are working closely with us in the delivery of the Live Local Work Local retained business rates project.</p> <p>The first ever Reigate & Banstead Business Awards event was held in June – a highly successful event attracting 57 nominations across 8 categories; more than 100 business guests; and raising almost £3,500 for Stripey Stork and George & the Giant Pledge.</p> <p>We continue to work closely with the four town centre business guilds to strengthen their membership and to deliver events and activities that help to promote our four towns and their businesses to residents and visitors alike.</p> <p>Our monthly Business e-bulletin is circulated to more than 1,700 business people per month – helping to build a strong business community.</p>
<p>Monitor and support ongoing regeneration work across the borough.</p>	<p>Working with Surrey County Council, we have recently successfully completed works to refurbish the pedestrian precinct in Horley’s High Street and to introduce complementary new traffic regulation orders.</p> <p>The Council has also been working to help bring forward the new neighbourhood in Westvale Park including key community facilities such as new play areas and the school. Plans for the community hall are being progressed and it has been decided that the Council will take ownership of this asset once complete.</p> <p>In Preston, the Council has completed works to Preston Manor Road and is in the process of finalising the S38 agreement in order that Surrey County Council will adopt it.</p> <p>Also in Preston, the Council has completed the detailed design for a scheme of highway works to improve parking and bus facilities on Chetwode Road, which has been consulted on and which are due to commence early next financial year.</p>

Neighbourhood Services – Cllr. Bramhall

Objective	Progress
<p>Determine our approach on climate change and environmental sustainability, in line with the Council motion of February 2019.</p>	<p>We have a target to complete an options assessment and develop a draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy, to support the emerging Corporate Plan in the new municipal year. Specialist external consultants have been contracted to provide advice.</p> <p>The intention is to set out how the Council can reduce its own environmental impact and carbon footprint, how we can work with local partners to do the same, and how we can lead and encourage residents and the borough to be environmentally sustainable.</p> <p>A Members working group are met in early February to review the draft Action Plan brought forward by the Consultants and a report with recommendations for the Council will be brought to O&S and Executive in March.</p>
<p>Define a range of initiatives to deliver against the policy position, including the flats recycling, the single use plastics campaign, air quality monitoring, and consider options for increased use of electric vehicles in the future.</p>	<p>The action plan to support the Environmental Sustainability Strategy will contain details of initiatives to be implemented.</p> <p>Phase 2 of the Flat Roll out will see an additional 2300 properties with the enhanced kerbside recycling service by the end of May 2020. We were successful in obtaining match funding for this project from Surrey Environmental Partnership which has enabled the project team to revisit phase 1 property and provide additional resources to ease their recycling experience in the shape of storage bags.</p> <p>We continue to work with our SEP partners on the single use plastics campaign and have obtained funding to carry the project forward.</p> <p>Air quality monitoring is on-going, and we continue to receive funding from Gatwick for this work.</p> <p>The consultants working with us on the Sustainability Strategy are likely to make a recommendation around an aspiration for a fully electric fleet of vehicles. Our replacement pool cars will be the first</p>

	<p>tranche of fully electric and hybrid vehicles in our fleet, we are expecting delivery imminently.</p>
<p>Identify priorities for JET team objectives and effective delivery.</p>	<p>Following the review of JET team by an external consultant, the team have been re-purposed to work in pairs at areas identified as hotspots for anti-social behaviour. They have worked closely with the Community Safety & the Housing team to deal with issues such as rough sleepers in Redhill, as well as issuing CPN's (Community Protection Notices) to those acting in an anti-social manner, which includes beggars and some dog related issues.</p> <p>Their most recent area of focus is to support parent parking issues at a local schools; engaging with head-teachers and also working alongside the Parking Team to achieve a positive outcome for the local community.</p> <p>The team have also been successful in achieving an increased number of FPN's (Fixed Penalty Notices) issued for fly-tipping, at bring-sites around the borough, this has been achieved using a covert CCTV camera.</p>
<p>Develop approach to common land defences against unauthorised incursions.</p>	<p>Executive Members supported preventative measures to defend against illegal incursions as high-risk sites in the borough at the Leader's meeting on 25 March.</p> <p>In June 2019 the council was successful in obtaining a temporary High Court Injunction to prevent unauthorised encampments. This has worked effectively in the removal of several encampments over the summer. We are currently awaiting a court date for the hearing to obtain a permanent injunction.</p> <p>Defences (bunds & posts) have been installed at the majority of the sites that were identified as the most vulnerable to incursions around the Borough, these sites include Wray & Swing Common.</p>
<p>Consider options for increasing income from service areas.</p>	<p>Consideration is being given to expanding our garden waste and trade waste offer, investment will be required to enable this.</p>

	<p>A commercial opportunity of significant scale has been identified and this is being brought forward with the oversight of Commercial Ventures Executive Sub Committee.</p>
<p>Merstham recreation ground regeneration.</p>	<p>A concept layout plan has been prepared for Merstham Recreation Ground by our new Open Spaces Development Officer. Local residents and other stakeholders will be consulted about the concept, in the next few months, to obtain their feedback about the ideas.</p> <p>The team have also engaged with Merstham FC to understand their ambitions for future football provision</p>
<p>Review the bring site provision.</p>	<p>A comprehensive review of the bring-sites has been carried out and the outcomes of this review will be brought forward for consideration.</p> <p>Future provision will include plans to reduce contamination and fly-tipping and ensure sites remain cost effective, whilst maintaining the recycling yield.</p>
<p>Review cleansing standards, including around town centres.</p>	<p>An initial review of Redhill Town Centre took place in the Autumn and the outcome of this is that we now have a Saturday evening cleansing crew shift in place. A deep clean of the seating area in the pedestrianised area of Redhill has taken place</p> <p>Big Belly bins have been installed in Earlswood Lakes and we are reviewing the effectiveness of these with a view to roll them out more widely across the borough. These bins compact waste which reduces the frequency of emptying and provides an electronic notification when reaching capacity.</p>
<p>Review fees and charges in line with developing policy.</p>	<p>Fees and charges are constantly reviewed to ensure our services are competitive whilst maximising the opportunity to increase income.</p> <p>Income achieved is used to off set the cost of our service.</p>