

## RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

### Executive Summary

The Council is invited to consider the recommendations from the meeting of the Executive held on 22 November 2018. The recommendations as set out in the minutes of the Executive are set out below.

In the event any Member of the Council wishes to discuss any of the Part II (Confidential) background documents associated with items 8c Sythwood Residential Units, 8d York Road Project or 8g ATG Cinemas, there is an opportunity to do so under Agenda Item 13 – Recommendations of the Executive (Part II).

### EXECUTIVE – 22 NOVEMBER 2018

#### 8a. NOTICE OF MOTION - CLLR K HOWARD - CHEWING GUM RECEPTACLES EXE18-125

At its meeting on 18 October 2018, the Council referred the following Notice of Motion to the Executive.

Councillor K Howard

“I propose that chewing gum recycling receptacles be placed at strategic locations around the town centre to (1) encourage more recycling and (2) reduce the amount of gum that gets dropped on the paving.

Chewing gum not only leaves unsightly, sticky spots on the paving but is also difficult and expensive to remove. There are companies (such as Gumdrop) that will provide the bins and do the recycling at a reasonable cost.”

Councillor Howard attended the meeting and spoke in support of the Motion. Whilst recognising the deep cleansing regime in the Town Centre, Councillor Howard drew attention to the amount of gum outside of pedestrianised areas. It was noted that the Portfolio Holder for Waste and Recycling, Councillor Mrs Hunwicks, and the Assistant Director (Place) would be meeting the Chief Executive of Keep Britain Tidy in January to ensure that the spirit of the Keep Britain Tidy Campaign was being pursued in Woking.

**RECOMMENDED to Council**

**That the Motion be supported.**

#### 8b. REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES 2019-20 EXE18-039

The Executive received a report detailing the proposed discretionary fees and charges for 2019-20. Discussion ensued on paragraph 3.9 of the report which proposed to increase the controlled parking period from 6pm to 10pm each day in Zone 1 of the Woking Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) with effect from 1 April 2019. It was explained that the proposal had been through the Woking CPZ process and was intended to provide the ability to better control safety and improve traffic management in the Town Centre. The Executive noted that the proposal was at consultation stage and that a decision would be made by the Woking Joint Committee at a future meeting date.

## Recommendations of the Executive

Following a question regarding paragraph 3.11 concerning the requirements of the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018, the Executive was advised that it was the responsibility of the person carrying out the licensable activity to contact the Council. Regarding dog service providers, the Executive heard that the looking after a dog in its own home and dog walking, where the dog was returned to its own home the same day, were out of the scope of the Regulations.

### **RECOMMENDED to Council**

**That the discretionary fees and charges, as set out in Appendices 1 – 3 of the report, be approved.**

Reason: The regular review of discretionary charges ensures that the Council maintains its income base and generates additional resources for the provision of services.

#### **8c. SYTHWOOD RESIDENTIAL UNITS EXE18-116**

The Executive received a report which sought approval of the Executive to recommend to Council that specialist residential accommodation at Sythwood be developed and leased to a specialist housing provider.

### **RECOMMENDED to Council**

**That (i) the provision of new premises at Sythwood for a specialist housing provider be approved subject to Planning Consent, at a Project Cost of £3.564m;**

**(ii) the project be included in the Investment Programme to be financed by Right to Buy Retained Capital Receipts (30%) and Loan (70%);**

**(iii) a revenue provision of £250,000 be set aside over 2018/19 to 2019/20 to support the cost of furnishing and to cover the first year's rent; and**

**(iv) the net additional annual cost of £25,000 be taken into account in the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2020/21 onwards.**

Reason: To enable proper provision of specialist residential facilities.

#### **8d. YORK ROAD PROJECT EXE18-117**

The Executive received a report which sought approval of the Executive to recommend to Council the construction of new premises to house the services operated by the York Road Project (YRP) for homeless people. Members welcomed the report which would bring together the services of the YRP.

### **RECOMMENDED to Council**

**That (i) the provision of new premises for the York Road Project (YRP) be approved subject to Planning Consent, at a Project Cost of £7.615m;**

**(ii) the project be included in the Investment Programme to be financed by Right to Buy Retained Capital Receipts (30%) and Loan (70%);**

- (iii) a Development Agreement be entered into with Prime Place for the acquisition of the site and the development of the new YRP premises; and
- (iv) the net additional annual cost of £160,000 be taken into account in the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2022/23 onwards.

Reason: To enable the proper provision of accommodation to support the alleviation of homelessness.

**8e. SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICE CONSULTATIONS EXE18-130**

The Executive received a report which sought approval of the Executive to recommend to Council the Draft Consultation Responses to the five public consultations launched by Surrey County Council (SCC). The Leader of the Council explained that SCC was trying to improve efficiency and make better use of some its spaces by using them for more services. The Executive welcomed the opportunity to respond to the important consultations and noted that the Draft Consultation Responses could be amended before being formally agreed at Council on 6 December 2018.

Discussion ensued on the Shaping Surrey's Community Recycling Centres (CRCs) consultation and the Executive welcomed the retention of the Martyrs Lane CRC. The possibility of border controls for Surrey tips was raised and it was commented that such enforcement could be problematic.

**RECOMMENDED to Council**

**That Draft Consultation Responses be approved for submission to Surrey County Council.**

Reason: To enable a response to consultations being undertaken by Surrey County Council.

**8f. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2019-20 EXE18-037**

Following representations received regarding the proposed date of the first business meeting of Council on Tuesday, 26 May 2020, the Leader of the Council advised that he would communicate with Group Leaders regarding the 26 May 2020 to see if a satisfactory alternative could be reached.

**RECOMMENDED to Council**

**That the Calendar of Meetings 2019/20 be approved as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, subject to the amendments being agreed by the Group Leaders before Council on 6 December 2018.**

Reason: In accordance with Standing Order 1.2 of the Constitution, which states that "The date of the annual (Council) meeting and those of ordinary meetings shall be fixed by the Council in or about December of the preceding municipal year".

**8g. ATG CINEMAS EXE18-028**

The Executive received a report which sought approval of the Executive to recommend to Council that a capital contribution of £5m towards the redevelopment of the ATG Cinemas be

## **Recommendations of the Executive**

made by the Council. The Executive welcomed the proposal to secure an improved Cinema offer for the Town and to invest in Woking as a place. Following a question regarding funding, Officers advised that revenue from the cinemas helped to fund the Rhoda McGaw and main theatre through cross subsidy. The Executive agreed to add an additional recommendation to Council to provide for Portfolio Holder oversight of the detailed arrangements.

### **RECOMMENDED to Council**

- That (i) the contribution of £5m to ATG for the upgrade of the ATG Cinemas in Woking be approved;**
- (ii) the project be included in the Investment Programme to be financed by Loan;**
- (iii) the detailed arrangements to be approved by Officers in consultation with the Portfolio Holder; and**
- (iv) the net additional annual cost of £190,000 be taken into account in the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2020/21 onwards.**

Reason: To enhance the Cinema offer in Woking in line with modern standards.

**Background Papers:** None.

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