

COUNCIL MEETING

16 JULY 2020-7.30PM

SUPPLEMENTARY SUMMONS

ITEM 12

a) **RECOMMENDATION FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY SELECT COMMITTEE ON 2 JULY 2020- ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY FUNCTION 2019/20**

To consider the following Minute and recommendation from the Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee held on 2 July 2020. The full agenda report and any associated appendices were circulated with the agenda for that Committee and are available on the website.

The Committee considered a draft Annual Report for the Municipal Year 2019/20 in accordance with sub-paragraph 6.03 (d) of the Council's Constitution which stated that the Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee must report annually to Full Council.

Regarding section 2 of the report on the Review of the Council's Planning Service, the Chairman of the Committee agreed to consult with the Chairman of the Planning Committee with a view to an item being submitted to a meeting of the Planning Committee in the near future on the Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee's recommendations in respect of this Review.

Regarding section 4 of the report on Dealing with Illegal Encampments, at its meeting on 4 July 2019, the Committee had noted that the question of suitable transit sites in Surrey continued to be the subject of discussion between Surrey District Councillors and Chief Executives. The police could direct some or all of travellers in a particular party to vacate a site provided that a suitable alternative facility was available. A transit site would be a suitable alternative facility. A Member of the Committee enquired whether there had been any further progress in establishing a transit site for the Runnymede area. It was noted that Leaders of Councils in Elmbridge, Runnymede, Spelthorne and Surrey Heath had discussed the possibility of a transit site for north west Surrey. The cost of such a transit site would be extremely high and at the moment action in respect of the COVID-19 pandemic was the main priority for all Surrey Councils.

In section 7 of the report on Call – In Of Decisions – Proposed Acquisition Of Property, the last sentence of paragraph 7.12 read as follows:-

“It was noted that the Assets and Regeneration Member Working Group had recommended that the property be purchased on the basis that it represented a development opportunity in its own right and also provided potential ‘marriage value’ or ‘bolt on’ value with the development on the adjoining site.”

A Member of the Committee suggested that this sentence be deleted as, while the sentence was factually accurate, if it was included in the report it could be read out of context. On this basis, the Committee agreed that this sentence be deleted from the report.

A Member of the Committee noted that last year the Committee had received the Council's Treasury Management Annual Report at its July meeting and looked forward to the Committee receiving this report in due course.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL ON 16 JULY 2020 that –

the Annual Report of The Overview and Scrutiny Function 2019/20 be received and noted, subject to the deletion of the last sentence of paragraph 7.12 in the report.

b) **RECOMMENDATION FROM ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE – 8 JULY 2020 – ULTRA LOW VEHICLE EMISSION STRATEGY**

To consider the following Minute and recommendation from the Environment and Sustainability Committee held on 8 July 2020. The full agenda report and any associated appendices were circulated with the agenda for that Committee and are available on the website.

Members were asked to endorse the proposed Ultra-low Emission Vehicle (ULEV) Strategy for Runnymede Borough Council together with a recommendation to Full Council that the Strategy be approved. The strategy informed and supported the Runnymede Borough Council's response to climate change and addressed many of the actions in relation to the Motion for the replacement of 'Internal Combustion' Engines' passed by the Council at its meeting on 17 October 2019.

The Committee was advised that the strategy was the basis in going forward to improve air quality in the Borough. The 10 action points contained in the strategy were reviewed. With regard to Action 1: 'Increase the existing network of publicly available electric vehicle charge points across Runnymede on both private and RBC owned land', the Committee felt that there was more of a concentration of charging points in the north and central part of the Borough than in the southern part of the Borough. It was noted that the existing charging points were often related to Council-led commercial developments but other opportunities would be investigated. Officers were invited to consider a possible site in the southern part of the Borough for electric vehicle charge points such as the raised area down the centre of the Broadway in New Haw. With regard to Action 8 'To look at opportunities to incentivise and promote the use of e bikes within the district', Members of the Committee requested that both bikes and e-scooters were included in Action 8.

Members were also keen to look at possible parking incentives for green vehicles which could be considered as part of the Council's next parking review.

The strategy was welcomed by Members, but they requested that Officers introduce Amber, Red and Green symbols against each objective to improve the visibility of the document.

The strategy would be regularly reviewed and brought back to this Committee on a six monthly basis as a standing item for review.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL ON 16 JULY 2020 that:

The five-year Ultra-low Emission Vehicle (ULEV) Strategy be endorsed and approved by Full Council subject to inclusion of bikes and e-scooters in Action 8 of the strategy