Minutes of the Meeting of the ENVIRONMENT AND SAFE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE held on 26 March 2019

PRESENT -

Councillor Peter O'Donovan (Chairman); Councillor Tella Wormington (Vice-Chairman); Councillors Steve Bridger, Alex Coley, Hannah Dalton (as nominated substitute for Councillor Chris Frost), Rob Geleit, Jane Race, Mike Teasdale and Peter Webb

In Attendance:

Absent: Councillor Lucie Dallen and Councillor Chris Frost

Officers present: Amardip Healy (Chief Legal Officer), Ian Dyer (Head of Operational Services), Gillian McTaggart (Head of Policy, Performance & Governance), Sue Emmons (Senior Accountant), Karen Wilkins (Accountant) and Tim Richardson (Democratic Services Officer)

32 QUESTION TIME

No questions had been submitted or were asked by members of the public.

33 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made by Councillors regarding items on the agenda.

34 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Safe Communities Committee held on 29 January 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

35 SINGLE USE PLASTICS POLICY

The Committee received a report seeking approval of the Council's Policy on single use plastics as well as endorsement of Surrey County Council's Policy on single use plastics.

Following consideration, it was resolved:

That the Committee:

(1) approved the Council's Policy on 'Single Use Plastics' and

(2) endorsed Surrey County Council's Policy on single use plastics and agreed for the Chairman to sign the document on the Council's behalf.

36 PARENT & CHILD BAYS IN THE ASHLEY CENTRE CAR PARK

The Committee received a report seeking a decision as to whether or not it wished to add designated parent & child bays or additional wider bays for general use to Level 4 of the Ashley Centre car park at the expense of a number of regular sized parking bays.

Following consideration, it was resolved:

That the Committee decided to:

(1) Add 12 parent & child bays and an additional 10 wider bays to level 4 of the Ashley Centre car park, at a net loss of 11 parking bays overall.

37 CORPORATE PLAN: KEY PRIORITY TARGETS FOR 2019 TO 2020

The Committee received a report presenting its Key Priority Targets for 2019 to 2020.

The following matters were considered:

- a) Food hygiene ratings. A Member of the Committee enquired what the national average percentage was for food businesses rated between 3-5 within the food hygiene ratings system. It was noted that Officers would research this matter and provide information to Members of the Committee following the meeting.
- b) Electric vehicle charging points. Officers informed the Committee that proposals for the introduction of electric vehicle charging points at various car park locations within the Borough were being considered. The Committee was informed that such facilities could be provided through a number of different suppliers and business models, and that careful consideration would be given to the appropriateness of each.
- c) Review of CCTV provision. The Committee considered that the review of CCTV provision included within its Key Priority Targets should include both the technical quality of footage required to enable its use in legal proceedings, and the Police's willingness and resources to utilise such footage. Members of the Committee expressed concerns that both of these issues had informally been reported as being matters which reduced the effectiveness of the Council's street scene CCTV provision in the past.

Following consideration, it was resolved:

(1) That the Committee agreed its Key Priority Targets for 2019 to 2020 as set out at Annex 1.

38 VOTE OF THANKS

The Chairman thanked the Members for their support and help over the past year. The Committee thanked the Chairman for all his work on its behalf over the past year.

The meeting began at 7.35 pm and ended at 8.25 pm

COUNCILLOR PETER O'DONOVAN (CHAIRMAN)