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Agenda for a Special Meeting of: **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Date and Time of Meeting: Wednesday, 11 April 2018 at 7.15 pm

Place of Meeting Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Esher

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Part I Items

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1. Declarations of Interest	
All Members present are required to declare, at this point in the meeting or as soon as possible thereafter	
(i) any disclosable pecuniary interests and / or	
(ii) other interests arising under the Code of Conduct	
in respect of any item(s) of business being considered at this meeting.	
2. Call In of the Cabinet's Decision in respect of '2018 Strategic Spending Board CIL allocations'	(Pages 5 - 240)

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ELMBRIDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
CALL IN PROCEDURE OF CABINET DECISION FOR REVIEW

We hereby give Notice to the Head of Legal Services that the following matter be considered by the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee, prior to any decision being implemented.

Matter to be reviewed: THE DECISIONS OF THE STRATEGIC SPENDING BOARD

which was considered by the Cabinet on: 14TH MARCH 2018

Reason for requiring a review: THE CABINET DID NOT GIVE SUFFICIENT OR APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION TO THE APPLICATIONS AND IN PARTICULAR THOSE SUBMITTED WITH THE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL COMMITTEE

Details of additional information to be supplied to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: STRATEGIC SPENDING BOARD AGENDA 22.2.2018, MINUTE OF CABINET 11.3.2018 + 5.7.2017 AND MINUTE OF COUNCIL MEETING 19.7.2017

<u>MEMBER NAME</u>	<u>SIGNATURE AND DATE</u>
1. <u>TIM OLIVER</u>	 <u>15.3.2018</u>
2. <u>JAMES BROWN</u>	 <u>14/3/18</u>
3. <u>ANDREW KELLY</u>	 <u>14/3/18</u>
4. <u>MARY SHELDON</u>	 <u>14/3/18</u>
5. <u>MALCOLM HOWARD</u>	 <u>14/3/18</u>

Date Received by Head of Legal Services: 19.3.18

Signature: 

RETURN TO: Head of Legal Services, Elmbridge Borough Council
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Committee: Cabinet

Date of meeting: 14 March 2018

Subject:	2018 Strategic Spending Board CIL allocations
Lead Officer:	Ray Lee
Portfolio Holder:	Portfolio Holder for Planning Services
Link to Council Priorities:	P2
Exempt information:	None
Delegated status:	For decision
Key decision:	Yes

Executive Summary:

On 22 February 2018 the Strategic Spending Board considered the bids for strategic funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) received in 2018. Thirteen separate applications for a total of £3,092,828 CIL funding were received. The bids comprised:

- 6 Highways application from Surrey County Council for highway schemes. These include 4 safety and sustainability improvement projects and 2 resurfacing schemes
- 1 application from Surrey County Council for library facilities
- 1 joint application from the Education and Skills Funding Agency/ Cobham Free School and Cobham Rugby and Sports Association for playing pitch provision for a new secondary school
- 3 applications from Surrey and Sussex Police for capital projects
- 2 applications from Elmbridge Borough Council seeking funding to improve sporting and leisure facilities

The Board made the recommendation to Cabinet that five of the applications be fully or partially funded to the total value of £835,144. Four applications were deferred for consideration in the coming months. This paper sets out the background to those decisions and the recommendations of the Board.

Recommendation: that

- (a) Cabinet agree the recommendations made by the Strategic Spending Board as set out in Appendix A.**

Report:

1. Background

- 1.1 The Council adopted the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in April 2013. CIL allows the Council to raise funds from some forms of new development to pay for infrastructure that is, or will be needed, as a result of new development. As set out in the CIL Regulations an initial 5% is retained by the Borough Council for administration costs. The Council has adopted a process whereby strategic funding is allocated to specific projects with a clear delivery plan proposed by

infrastructure providers. The Strategic Spending Board comprises the Leader, Portfolio Holder and Chairs of the Planning Committees. The Board has been established to act as an advisory body and to make CIL spending recommendation to the Elmbridge Cabinet.

- 1.2 As part of the development of the Core Strategy infrastructure need was assessed against the level of house building proposed. Four key areas were identified where there would be a significant impact on provision:
- Schools. To support the increase in school age population as a result of new development.
 - Transport. New development will add to existing pressures on the Borough's road network. This will primarily be on the local road network with increasing pressure at local congestion hotspots and a need to ensure continued safety on our road network. Information on transport pressures is set out in the Transport Strategy and Implementation Programme for Elmbridge BC that was published by Surrey CC in 2014.
 - Leisure and recreation. Identified need for playing pitches
 - Mitigation of development on the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area
- 1.3 Regulations require that the Council allocates a 'meaningful proportion' of CIL collected within communities where development comes forward. This is to be spent on local infrastructure improvements needed to mitigate the impacts of development in that specific area. Elmbridge Borough Council has formed Local Infrastructure Spending Boards in order to allocate money to local infrastructure priorities. These Boards comprise the ward Councillors for the relevant settlement area. In areas that have a Parish Council legislation requires that these funds are passed directly to Parish Councils. In July 2017 the Cabinet agreed that the proportion to be allocated locally should be reduced from 25% to 15% in line with the minimum amount required in the regulations. This was implemented with effect from August 2017.

2 Applications received for Strategic CIL funding and recommendations

- 2.1 On 22 February 2018 the Strategic Spending Board considered the applications for strategic funding from CIL received within the application period of November 2017 – January 19th 2018. Thirteen separate applications for a total of £3,092,828 CIL funding were received. A list of those projects is set out below.
- **Ashley Road/New Zealand Avenue improvements for pedestrians**
 - **Claygate Lane, Thames Ditton Cycle facility**
 - **Terrace Road, Walton on Thames cycle facility**
 - **Package of pedestrian improvement schemes**
 - **Seven Hills Road resurfacing**
 - **St Georges Avenue resurfacing**
 - **Weybridge library refurbishment**
 - **Artificial playing pitch at Cobham Rugby and Sports Association to provide sports provision for new Free School at Munro House, Cobham**
 - **Second discus cage and circle, Waterside Drive Sports hub**

- **Replacement of retractable seating at Walton Playhouse**
- **Additional number plate recognition camera provision**
- **Additional fleet vehicle for Surrey Police**
- **Building conversion costs for Surrey Police in order to accommodate increased number of police officers**

- 2.2 An authority must apply strategic CIL to fund the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure to support the development of its area. The infrastructure that is funded through CIL should assist in addressing the infrastructure impacts created by new development. The Strategic Spending Board considered the projects submitted in relation to the CIL guidance and assessed the impact of the project. Officers also provided a scoring assessment to indicate the suitability and value in considering for CIL funding.
- 2.3 Five of the applications were recommended for full or partial funding to a total value of £835,144 as set out in appendix A. Recommendations were based on a number of considerations:
- 2.4 Elmbridge Borough Council and Surrey County Council have committed to joint working to use CIL funding effectively through a joint Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2014. The highway safety and sustainability schemes awarded funding bring forward works to support safety on the road network and also assist in addressing congestion by improving sustainable travel options. The borough's 2012 Infrastructure Delivery Plan identified a funding gap of almost £20million to address congestion and safety hotspots. Schemes funded have been prioritised through discussions at the Elmbridge Local Committee and correspond with areas of concern raised by residents during the 2017 Local Plan consultation.
- 2.5 The purchase of Munro House by the Education and Skills Funding Agency in order to house the Cobham Free School, will provide essential additional secondary places required in the borough and is in an area currently lacking secondary provision. The project was recommended partial funding to guarantee sports provision adjacent to the school, thereby also minimising traffic impact within the borough. Partial funding was awarded as it was felt that additional third party funding should be sought.
- 2.6 Capital expenditure for emergency services is also included on the Regulation 123 List and Councillors felt that the case presented for the ANPR cameras demonstrated the link between additional development and the need for further capital expenditure to enable effective policing.
- 2.7 A number of items were deferred for future consideration. The bid for highway maintenance funding raised the issue of whether it is an appropriate use of CIL funding and if it is, how schemes are then prioritised. Members asked that further meetings are held with Surrey County Council to discuss these issues.

Financial implications:

The funding proposals above would come solely from funds raised through the Community Infrastructure Levy. There are no implications for other budget in relation to this report.

Environmental/Sustainability Implications:

A number of schemes are intended to address congestion by reducing journeys or improving sustainable travel options.

Legal implications:

The decision made by the Council as to the allocation of CIL must be in conformity with the relevant legislation governing CIL (the Planning Act 2008 and the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended 2011 and 2012)).

Equality Implications:

There are no direct equality implications arising from this report.

Risk Implications:

The key risks for the Council associated with this funding are the reputational risks to the Council of not supporting the required infrastructure and financial risk of non-delivery of projects. In order to manage financial and legal risks, funding agreements will be put in place with infrastructure providers to ensure that CIL funding is spent in line with Council expectations. All spending and delivery will be monitored through the Annual Monitoring Report and annual CIL report.

Community Safety Implications:

There are no community safety implications arising from this report

Principal Consultees:

CMB, Legal, Finance

Background papers:

None

Enclosures/Appendices:

Appendix A: Minutes of the Strategic Spending Board meeting

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Elmbridge Borough Council

Strategic Spending Board

Report of a meeting held on Thursday, 22 February 2018

Members of the Committee:

* Mrs. S.R. Kapadia (Chairman)

* B.J.F. Cheyne

* S.J. Selleck

* P.M. Harman

* Mrs. M.C. Sheldon

* Mrs. K. Randolph

* Denotes attendance

Also present:

A. Davis, Mrs. C. Elmer, M.F. Howard and T.G. Oliver

County Councillors present:

J. O'Reilly

16/17 To Appoint a Chairman for the 2017/18 Municipal Year

The Strategic Spending Board appointed Mrs. S.R. Kapadia as Chairman for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

17/17 Declarations of Interest

All Members of the Strategic Spending Board wished that it be noted that the applicant for the additional facilities at Waterside Drive Sports Hub and the replacement of retractable seating at Walton Playhouse was Elmbridge Borough Council.

18/17 Minutes of the Strategic Spending Board Meeting held on 4 April 2017

The Minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Spending Board held on 4 April 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Recommendations to Cabinet – 14 March 2018

19/17 Strategic Spending Board Report

The Strategic Spending Board considered a report that summarised the thirteen applications received by the Council which sought Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds; as follows:

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- Surrey County Council, which was seeking £130,000. The application was in respect of funding to improve the pedestrian facilities in the vicinity of Ashley Church of England Primary School.
- Surrey County Council, which was seeking £25,000. The application was in respect of funding towards a designated cycle route on Claygate Lane between Manor Road North and A07 Portsmouth Road.
- Surrey County Council, which was seeking £50,000. The application was in respect of funding to improve the cycle facility in Terrace Road, Walton-On-Thames.
- Surrey County Council, which was seeking £160,000. The application was in respect of funding towards pedestrian improvement schemes in Cobham, Esher and Long Ditton.
- Surrey County Council, which was seeking £455,000. The application was in respect of funding towards the resurfacing of sections of Seven Hills Road between its junctions with A245 Byfleet Road to the south and C152 Burwood Road to the north.
- Surrey County Council, which was seeking £163,000. The application was in respect of funding towards the resurfacing of St George's Avenue between its junctions with B374 Brooklands Road to the southwest and Egerton Road.
- Surrey County Council, which was seeking £1,135,000. The application was in respect of funding towards the refurbishment of Weybridge library.
- Cobham Rugby and Sports Association, which was seeking £795,338. The application was in respect of funding towards an artificial playing pitch at Cobham Rugby and Sports Association.
- Elmbridge Borough Council, which was seeking £16,169. The application was in respect of additional facilities at Waterside Drive Sports Hub.
- Elmbridge Borough Council, which was seeking £24,000. The application was in respect of the replacement of retractable seating at Walton Playhouse.
- Surrey Police, which was seeking £49,000. The application was in respect of funding towards additional number plate recognition camera provision.
- Surrey Police, which was seeking £30,322. The application was in respect of funding towards an additional fleet vehicle.
- Surrey Police, which was seeking £60,000. The application was in respect of funding towards building conversion costs to accommodate increased

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numbers of police officers within the Elmbridge Safer Neighbourhood Team office.

Applicants had been invited to the meeting to present their respective application.

The Strategic Spending Board deliberated the applications in private session.

20/17 SCC - Ashley Road / New Zealand Avenue Improvements for Pedestrians

The Strategic Spending Board welcomed Mr. N. Healey and Mr. P. Shimadry, representatives from Surrey County Council who provided details of this funding bid along with several others also to be considered.

Mr. Healey presented the application and provided Members with background information in respect of improvements for pedestrians in the vicinity of Ashley Church of England Primary School. The three separate locations of the project included New Zealand Avenue; Ashley Road and Hersham Road. The project aimed to provide safer and better facilities for the increasing number of pedestrians expected as a result of increased development in the area and the school expansion.

Mr. Healey informed Members that there were concerns with regard to the very narrow pavement at the entrance and exit points of the school and the uncontrolled crossing points in the area. A feasibility study had been undertaken in consultation with the school and a public consultation would take place prior to the commencement of the project.

One Member asked for clarity with regard to the Ashley Road location of the scheme. Mr. Healey explained that the feasibility study had identified that adjustments were required to the existing traffic island to address the uncontrolled crossing point.

One Member queried whether the design and consultation timescales were realistic. Mr. Healey explained that the timescales were achievable and deliverable.

On consideration of the application, the Strategic Spending Board

Recommended: that

£130,000 be allocated to Surrey County Council to improve the pedestrian facilities in the vicinity of Ashley Church of England Primary School. Allocation of this funding to be subject to the strict adherence to the following delivery timescales as set out below:

April 2018 – commencement of design

December 2018 – completion of design

31 December 2019 – total completion of construction of scheme at all three locations of the project

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21/17 SCC - Claygate Lane, Thames Ditton Cycle Facility

Mr. Healey presented the application and provided Members with background information in respect of a designated cycle route on Claygate Lane between Manor Road North and A307 Portsmouth Road. Mr. Healey explained that the project would contribute towards the provision of a continuous facility for cyclists between A309 Kingston By-pass and A307 Portsmouth Road.

The Chairman commented that a previous project to provide a footway / cycle facility along Claygate Lane was yet to be completed and queried whether the timetable to deliver this project would be strictly adhered to. Mr. Healey explained that once the outcome of the consultation was known and any minor risks had been addressed, then he considered that the timescale of the project would be achievable and deliverable. In respect of the previous project in respect of a footway / cycle facility, he confirmed that the projects would indeed run concurrently.

On consideration of the application, the Strategic Spending Board

Recommended: that

£25,000 be allocated to Surrey County Council for the provision of a designated cycle route on Claygate Lane between Manor Road North and A07 Portsmouth Road. Allocation of this funding to be subject to the strict adherence to the following delivery timescales as set out below:

Summer 2018 – commencement of design

Winter 2018/19 – completion of design

31 December 2019 – total completion of construction of scheme

22/17 SCC - Terrace Road, Walton-On-Thames Cycle Facility

Mr. Healey presented the application and provided Members with background information in respect of improving the cycle facility in Terrace Road, Walton-On-Thames. Mr. Healey explained that a cycle facility had been installed along both sides of the length of Terrace Road between Walton-On-Thames town centre and Waterside Drive, however a small section had been omitted. The project would remove the break in the cycle facility and provide users with a safer, continuous and convenient route.

Members expressed some concerns from residents that the cycle facility was not necessary. Mr. Healey explained to Members that the initial consultation in respect of the original cycle facility had received a mixed response from user groups within the vicinity of Terrace Road, nevertheless the 130 metres omitted from the original cycle path would complete the project.

On consideration of the application, the Strategic Spending Board

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Recommended: that

No funding be awarded to Surrey County Council in respect of improving the cycle facility in Terrace Road, Walton-On-Thames on this occasion.

23/17 SCC - Pedestrian Improvement Schemes

Mr. Healey presented the application and provided Members with background information in respect of three pedestrian improvement schemes. Mr. Healey explained that the improvement of the pedestrian facilities would take place in three separate priority locations across the Borough and it was expected that the project would provide safer and better-quality facilities for pedestrians.

Mr. Healey informed Members that the A245 Between Streets and the A307 Portsmouth Road carried a high volume of traffic, including a significant proportion of commercial vehicles. This made it potentially difficult for pedestrians, especially the elderly, those with disabilities, or children, to find suitable gaps in the traffic to cross the road safely without some form of assistance. In peak hours, traffic regularly queued back along the A307 Portsmouth Road from the Scilly Isles roundabout, which increased the difficulty for pedestrians, especially in the dark.

Members noted that the improvement schemes consisted of:

- a new pedestrian crossing point on A245 Between Streets, Cobham, near the entrance to Painshill Park together with safety improvements to assist pedestrian movement towards the High Street;
- a new pedestrian crossing point on the A307 Portsmouth Road in Esher, to improve accessibility for onward journeys and access to the bus stops near the Scilly Isles roundabout; and
- a new pedestrian crossing point on the A307 Portsmouth Road in Long Ditton, to improve access to the bus stop, together with safety improvements to assist pedestrian movement.

The Chairman expressed her concern with Surrey County Council's capacity to deliver the schemes. Mr. Healey explained that there was sufficient resource to deliver the schemes on time and confirmed that he was confident that all three pedestrian improvement schemes would be delivered once funding had been approved.

On consideration of the application, the Strategic Spending Board

Recommended: that

£160,000 be allocated to Surrey County Council to improve the pedestrian facilities in three separate priority locations across the Borough. Allocation of this funding be subject to: 1) confirmation that a pedestrian refuge island would be installed at the crossing points in both the Cobham and Long Ditton pedestrian schemes be installed; 2) a quarterly progress report being

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submitted to Elmbridge Borough Council; and 3) the strict adherence to the stringent timescales detailed below:

April 2018 – commencement of design

December 2018 – completion of design

31 December 2019 – total completion of construction of scheme at all three locations

24/17 SCC - Seven Hills Road, Weybridge/Hersham Resurfacing and St. Georges Avenue, Weybridge Resurfacing

Mr. Healey presented both applications and provided Members with background information in respect of resurfacing sections of the Seven Hills Road between its junctions with the A245 Byfleet Road to the south and C152 Burwood Road to the north, and resurfacing St. George's Avenue, Weybridge between junctions with B374 Brooklands Road to the southwest and Egerton Road.

Mr. Healey explained that development in the area of Seven Hills had contributed towards greater pressure on the local road network and traffic volumes had contributed to the deterioration of the road surface. Mr. Healey took the opportunity to inform Members that Seven Hills Road was a significant strategic route that was regularly used by residents of the Borough.

One Member commented that the applications did not provide any other options (for example filling potholes) other than re-surfacing the whole road. In this regard, Mr. Healey explained that filling in the potholes was a revenue activity whilst re-surfacing the whole road was a capital expense, hence the reason for requesting CIL funding. He further explained that Surrey County Council would continue to discharge their legal duty by repairing safety defects on the roads.

Members commented that whilst reviewing the applications, they felt that more information would need to be provided to assist them in their decision-making capacity.

One Member questioned whether a consultation had taken place with Highways England to extend their project to include these roads as part of their M25 Junction 10 to A3 Wisley Interchange. Mr. Healey had engaged with Highways England and explained that they were quite strict on where the junction ended, and that these roads were not included.

One Member commented that whilst the Council had monies from CIL, it unfortunately did not have responsibility for the upkeep of roads in Surrey. He commented that SCC had a prioritisation list with regard to the roads in Surrey and the Seven Hills Road and St. George's Avenue were not on the list. He further reiterated that a robust mechanism be established in respect of the criteria on what CIL funds should be used on.

On consideration of the application, the Strategic Spending Board

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Recommended: that

Both the applications be deferred, to enable officers to seek further information on the justification and mechanism for funding highway repairs as well as to seek information from Surrey County Council on the reasons for the selection of these two roads and answers to other queries sent by email to Surrey County Council for repairs.

25/17 SCC - Weybridge Library

The Strategic Spending Board welcomed Mr. C. Carey, Mr. S. Harding and Ms. R. Wilson, representatives from Surrey County Council Libraries to the meeting. Mr. Carey presented the application and provided Members with background information in respect of the redesign and refurbishment of Weybridge library.

Mr. Carey explained that Surrey County Council were proposing to undertake a complete and comprehensive refurbishment of the current library building which was constructed 50 years ago. The aim of the project was to provide a modern and flexible space for Weybridge Library, delivering a range of benefits to the residents of the Borough. Members noted that a modern library for Weybridge would improve the quality of life for Elmbridge residents, through enhanced access to information and expanded learning and cultural experiences.

Members were informed that the redesign and refurbishment of the library space was part of a wider project whereby Surrey County Council were looking to undertake a comprehensive refurbishment of the whole building and utilise other parts of the building for public services and community uses. Members noted that the redevelopment of the remainder of the building would be funded by Surrey County Council, subject to their Cabinet approval. The CIL bid was part of a complete redevelopment of the whole site whereby Surrey County Council were looking at bringing in additional services, such as the potential for the registrars' service to create a community 'hub', delivering multiple services from one single location.

Members noted that the ongoing pressure on Capital budgets at Surrey County Council required that officers consider and develop innovative and alternative approaches to funding major property projects. Many sources of funding were considered, and one approach was to review the corporate asset base to determine whether properties could be better utilised or funds generated from potential disposals should a property be surplus to requirements. In the case of the Weybridge Library building, it was proposed to improve utilisation by relocating other Surrey County Council services to the building. This would potentially release property elsewhere which could be used to generate an income or a Capital receipt.

A number of reservations about this scheme were raised, for example, reliance around the sale of the property that housed the Registrar; the apportionment of costs between the library and the remainder of the building; and funding for the rest

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of the scheme which was subject to Cabinet approval and could not therefore be guaranteed.

On consideration of the application, the Strategic Spending Board

Recommended: that

No funding be awarded to Surrey County Council in respect of the refurbishment of Weybridge library on this occasion.

26/17 Artificial Playing Pitch at Cobham Rugby and Sports Association

The Strategic Spending Board welcomed Mr. H. Morris, Chair of Governors from Cobham Free School and Mr. D. Williams from Cobham Rugby Sports Association, to the meeting. Mr. Morris presented the application and provided Members with background information in respect of the development of a new Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) on the site of an existing floodlit grass pitch at the Memorial Ground, Fairmile Lane, Cobham in order to provide sports facilities for the Cobham Free School to be located at Munro House.

Mr. Morris informed Members that the specifications for the AGP were the most up to date and had been approved for use by both the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and the Football Association (FA) and would offer 50 to 60 hours per week of use. Members noted that the application was seeking CIL funding solely for the construction of the AGP and associated works.

The Chairman requested clarity on the project costs under the heading - additional items, and in particular the spectator viewing area. Mr. Morris explained that the specification of the AGP required a barrier to be established between the pitch and the spectators. Mr. Morris continued by explaining that the spectator viewing area would omit mud being transferred onto the pitch.

In respect of the installation costs of new access gates, the Chairman queried the necessity of replacing the existing gates. Mr. Morris explained that new access gates would provide a safe and secure environment for the facility.

Furthermore, the Chairman queried the planning costs. Mr. Morris replied that an amount was included in the project cost plan to budget for seeking planning consent.

The Chairman noted that some of the paragraphs in the supporting letters were identical. Mr. Morris explained that a standard letter had been drafted at the request of the supporters of the project in order to assist them on what to say.

The Chairman queried whether the pitch was a 3g or 4g pitch. Mr. Morris explained that the size of the pitch was no longer referred to as 3g or 4g, but was built to a standard specification according to Regulation 22, the standard relating to the use of artificial rugby turf.

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A Member queried whether match funding or part funding had been sought from other sources. Mr. Morris replied that over £2 million had been invested in the club over the past decade and they had tried to seek third-party funding, however this had not been achievable.

On consideration of the application, the Strategic Spending Board

Recommended: that

£471,144.87 be awarded to Cobham Rugby and Sports Association in respect of the provision of an artificial grass pitch. Allocation of this funding be subject to a signed Community Use Agreement with Elmbridge Borough Council being in place and the balance of the project cost being obtained from third parties.

27/17 EBC - Additional Facilities at Waterside Drive Sports Hub

This application was not considered or determined by the Strategic Spending Board, however a further meeting of the Board would be arranged to consider this application in due course.

28/17 EBC - Replacement of Retractable Seating at Walton Playhouse

This application was not considered or determined by the Strategic Spending Board, however a further meeting of the Board would be arranged to consider this application in due course.

29/17 Additional Number Plate Recognition Camera Provision for Surrey Police

The Strategic Spending Board welcomed Sergeant G. Turner and Mr. A. Taylor, representatives from Surrey Police to the meeting. Mr. Taylor presented the application and provided Members with background information in respect of the provision of 6 additional cameras at key locations within the Borough.

Mr. Taylor informed Members that the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras increased the information and intelligence available to identify criminals; enabled the police to deploy resources to respond to criminals of interest in real time; and improved investigations after crimes had been committed.

Sergeant Turner explained that the additional cameras would provide a safe environment for residents and the cameras acted as an effective deterrent to organised crime as criminals avoided areas where these cameras were in place.

Members sought clarity on the amount of CIL funding that had been requested. Mr. Taylor explained that the total amount requested was £49,000 for the provision of 6 additional cameras.

On consideration of the application, the Strategic Spending Board

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Recommended: that

£49,000 be allocated to Surrey Police in the 2018 financial year for the additional number plate recognition camera provision within the Borough.

30/17 Additional Fleet Vehicle for Surrey Police

Mr. A. Taylor presented the application and provided Members with background information in respect of a new Ford Transit Custom 340 L2 van which would be based at the Elmbridge neighbourhood policing station and would assist with the transportation of arrested persons in custody in Staines.

Members noted that the vehicle would be used by the Area Policing Teams; Safer Neighbourhood Teams; and other departments such as the Crime Investigation Departments. Sergeant Turner explained that the existing large fleet vehicles within the division were based at Staines Police Station and were currently shared with other divisions including Spelthorne and Runnymede. Members were informed that larger vehicles and custody transportation were increasingly being used within the borough of Elmbridge.

A Member queried the current transportation strategy. Sergeant Turner explained that currently the Area Policing Teams were required to drive from Staines to Elmbridge and back to Staines and therefore to increase efficiency and resilience, the transportation of arrested persons would be better placed if a van was locally available.

On consideration of the application, the Strategic Spending Board

Recommended: that

No funding be awarded to Surrey Police in respect of an additional fleet vehicle on this occasion.

31/17 Building Conversion Costs for Surrey Police

Mr. A. Taylor presented the application and provided Members with background information in respect of the proposed project towards the accommodation of the enlarged Elmbridge Area Policing Team (APT). Mr. Taylor informed Members that the Elmbridge APT had grown in size over the last year from 72 officers to 83 officers.

Members noted that Surrey Police were seeking to re-locate a section of the Elmbridge APT from Staines Police Station to Elmbridge to work alongside the Elmbridge Safer Neighbourhood Team.

On consideration of the application, the Strategic Spending Board

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Recommended: that

No funding be awarded to Surrey Police in respect of building conversion costs on this occasion.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am, adjourned at 1.00 pm reconvened at 1.10 pm and concluded at 2.18 pm

Mrs. S.R. Kapadia
Chairman

Democratic Services Officer

Mrs. P. Phillips

Committee and Member Services Officer

Other Officers in attendance

R. Lee

Mrs. K. Tagliarini

Ms. S. Parkes

Ms. J. Jenkins

Strategic Director

Head of Planning Services

Planning Policy and Strategy Manager

Infrastructure Delivery Coordinator

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