

Runnymede Joint Committee – Constitution Changes (Law and Governance- Mario Leo/Bernard Fleckney)

Synopsis of report:

To amend the Joint Committee constitution to reflect the transfer of SCC executive highway functions from Local and Joint Committees.

Recommendation(s):

Recommend to Full Council that the Runnymede Joint Committee be updated to reflect the transfer of executive highway functions from its remit.

1. Context and background of report

- 1.1 At its meeting on 22 February 2022, SCC Cabinet agreed to transfer the SCC highways functions from the remit of the Local Joint Committees
- 1.2 Cabinet approved changes to the way that executive highway functions decisions are taken, transferring them from Local and Joint Committees to enable Officers to take such decisions in more direct consultation with the relevant members. These changes took effect from April 2022 and sit alongside the development of new engagement methods and tools to enable Members and Officers to reach out more effectively to residents.
- 1.3 The following will therefore be removed from Section B delegated Powers of the Runnymede Joint Constitution:

Decisions in relation to highways and infrastructure:

- a. The allocation of the Surrey County Council highway capital budget and highway revenue budget which are devolved to the Joint Committee for minor highway improvements and highway maintenance within the Committee's area including the scope to use a proportion of either budget to facilitate local highways initiatives (SCC).
- b. To allocate funds to review on-street parking management, including local on-street parking charges where appropriate and to approve the statutory advertisement of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) relating to on-street parking controls (SCC).
- c. To agree local speed limits on County Council roads within its area, and to approve the statutory advertisement of speed limit orders, taking into account the advice of the Surrey Police Road Safety and Traffic Management Team and with regard to the County Council Speed Limit Policy (SCC).
- d. To approve the statutory advertisement of all legal orders or appropriate notifications relating to highway schemes within the delegated powers of the Joint Committee (SCC).
- e. Where, under delegated powers, the Parking Strategy and Implementation Team Manager or Highways Area Team Manager has chosen to refer the decision on whether a TRO should be made to the Joint Committee, the Committee will make that decision (SCC).

- f. To consider applications for stopping up a highway under section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 when, following the consent of RBC, unresolved objections have been received during the period of statutory public advertisement, and to decide whether the application should proceed to the Magistrates' Court (SCC).

2. **Legal Considerations**

- 2.1 The Runnymede Joint Committee is a joint committee of SCC and RBC and is set up under the provisions of section 102 of the Local Government act 1972

3. **Other implications**

- 3.1 There are no other implications arising from these changes.

4. **Conclusion**

- 4.1 Council be recommended to update the Runnymede Joint Constitution to reflect the above-mentioned changes.

(To recommend to full Council on 21 July 2022)

Background papers

Confirmatory email from SCC dated 13 May 2022