COUNCIL MEETING, 25 FEBRUARY 2021

REPORT OF THE Leader/Cabinet

PART II

1. School Streets

- 1.1. At its meeting on 9 February 2021 the Cabinet approved a limited trial of the "School Streets" initiatives in Hampshire during 2021, as part of the Active Travel programme.
- 1.2. Following consideration of a Notice of Motion to the County Council on 24 September 2020, a report on School Streets including the potential environmental benefits and traffic impacts was presented to the Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committee in October 2020 where it was agreed that further proposals for a Hampshire trial would be brought forward. This was considered by the Select Committee in January 2021 and the proposals were supported. The trial, planned for the autumn term of 2021 was approved by Cabinet on 9 February and the outcomes will be brought back to the Select Committee as well as Cabinet when available.
- 1.3. The trial will take place across three schools in a mixture of areas (rural/urban) and a further three to six control schools will enable an assessment of the impact of the measures to be made. These trials will be funded by the Active Travel Fund Tranche 2 award. Full details of the trial can be found in the Cabinet report.

2. Regulation 11 (Key Decisions)

- 2.1. Regulation 11 (special urgency) allows for a key decision to be made if it is impracticable for notice of the intention to take a key decision under Regulation 9 to be given 28 clear days in advance of the taking of the decision. This also allows for a Key Decision to be taken where it is impractical for public notice at least five working days before the decision is taken to be given in accordance with Regulation 10. Regulation 11 sets out the actions required to be taken in those circumstances which include gaining the consent of the Chairman of the relevant Select Committee or in their absence, of the Chairman of the County Council. Details of Key Decisions taken under Regulation 11 must be presented to the County Council.
- 2.2. On 30 November 2020, the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People took a Key Decision on Covid Winter Grants Funding for Schools, Colleges and Early Years Providers. It was impracticable to give the required 28 days notice of the Executive Lead Member's intention to take this Key Decision due to the timing of the Central Government announcement on the Covid Winter Grant scheme and funding allocation, and the expectation from Government that delivery against the grant would need to commence in December 2020. In accordance with Regulation 11, agreement was obtained

from the Chairman of the Children and Young People Select Committee, that the Key Decision was urgent and could not reasonably be deferred.

2.3. On 8 February 2021, the Executive Member for Public Health took a Key Decision on Asymptomatic Community Testing for COVID-19 in Hampshire. It was impracticable to give the required 28 days notice of the Executive Member's intention to take this Key Decision due to the state of the pandemic and spread of COVID-19. This was an urgent key decision to enable progress with the proposal to set up asymptomatic testing sites in Hampshire, targeted to those people who need to leave home to go to work during this period of national restrictions. The programme is funded by the Department of Health and Social Care up until 31 March 2021 and is proposed to run for an initial 6-week period. In accordance with Regulation 11, agreement was obtained from the Chairman of the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee, that the Key Decision was urgent and could not reasonably be deferred.

Further details can be found at the links below:

Cabinet - 9 February

Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People 30 November 2020 Decision Day

Executive Member for Public Health 8 February 2021 Decision Day

COUNCILLOR KEITH MANS Leader and Chairman of Cabinet