



Agenda and Reports
for the meeting of
THE COUNTY COUNCIL
to be held on
28 APRIL 2009

County Hall
Kingston upon Thames
Surrey

17 April 2009

TO THE MEMBERS OF SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

SUMMONS TO MEETING

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the County Council to be held at County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, on Tuesday 28 April 2009, beginning at **10.30am**, for the purpose of transacting the business specified in the Agenda set out overleaf.

MICHAEL FRATER
Interim Chief Executive

Note : Prayers will be said at 10.25am. The Very Reverend Victor Stock, Dean of Guildford, has kindly consented to officiate.

There will be a very short interval between the conclusion of Prayers and the start of the meeting to enable those Members and Officers who do not wish to take part in Prayers to enter the Council Chamber and join the meeting.

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This meeting will be held in public. If you would like to attend and you have any special requirements, please contact Joanne Hargreaves on 020 8541 9068

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1. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 24 March 2009.

(Note: the Minutes will be laid on the table half an hour before the start of the meeting).

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman to report apologies for absence.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman to report.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interests from Members in respect of any item to be considered at the meeting.

(Note: It would be helpful if Members could complete the declarations of interest form before the start of the meeting - forms available on the central table in the Council Chamber.)

5. MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME

The Leader of the Council or the appropriate Member of the Executive or the Chairman of a Committee to answer any questions on any matter relating to the powers and duties of the County Council, or which affects the county.

6. SURREY POLICE AUTHORITY

The Police Authority's nominated spokesman to answer any questions on the discharge of functions of the Surrey Police Authority.

(Note: Notice of questions in respect of items 5 and 6 on the agenda must be given in writing, preferably by e-mail, to Anne Gowing in Democratic Services by 12 noon on Wednesday 22 April 2009).

7. REPORT OF THE SURREY POLICE AUTHORITY

To receive a report from the Surrey Police Authority.

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8. MEMBER CHAMPIONS – ANNUAL REPORT

To receive the annual reports of the Member Champions.

9. STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Any Member may make a statement at the meeting on a local issue of current or future concern, and named Member Champions may make a statement on their area of responsibility.

(Note: Notice of statements must be given in writing, preferably by e-mail, to Anne Gowing in Democratic Services by 12 noon on Monday 27 April 2009).

10. ORIGINAL MOTIONS

(i) Mr Nick Skellett CBE (Oxted) to move under Standing Order 10 as follows:

‘This Council agrees to:

1. Note and endorse Ofsted’s assessment that the universal service to children and young people in Surrey is good and that the County offers value for money.
2. Note and welcome the improvements to services for vulnerable children, which have been reported to the Improvement Board.

In light of which the Council further agrees to:

3. Thank managers and staff for their commitment and work in ensuring progress across all services in the directorate.
4. Confirm its confidence in the capacity of the staff and the adequacy of the services to continue building on these achievements.’

(ii) Hazel Watson (Dorking Hills) to move under Standing Order 10 as follows:

‘This Council notes that the Conservative administration’s failed policies over the last four years have resulted in the Council being demoted from a three star to a one star authority.

The Council further notes that millions of pounds of council taxpayers’ money have been wasted through:

- (1) the failure of the aims of the Business Delivery Review (BDR) resulting in decisions and redundancies being reversed;
- (2) the failed move of County Hall from Kingston to Woking;
- (3) failure to manage the workforce properly resulting in over-reliance on agency staff and consultants;

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- (4) failure to provide waste facilities on time, and the consequences thereof;
- (5) failure to update IT systems to ensure that they are fit for purpose;
- (6) failure to reduce costly out-of-county placements for children with special needs;
- (7) failure to properly manage the highways contract;
- (8) the failure to establish the transport co-ordination centre on time;
- (9) failure to open new respite care facilities on time;
- (10) failure to manage the budget properly;
- (11) failure to improve energy efficiency in Council buildings and address the issues of Climate Change with the prompt appointment of a Climate Change officer and the adoption of a Climate Change strategy.

The Council calls upon the Leader of the Council to apologise to the people of Surrey.'

(iii) Dr Andrew Povey (Waverley Eastern Villages) to move under Standing Order 10 as follows:

'This Council welcomes the publication of the Conservative Party Green Paper on localism. In particular the Council supports:

- 1) the proposed abolition of all regional planning and housing powers exercised by regional government and the returning powers and discretion back to local councils;
- 2) the proposed abolition of the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) and the further curtailing of the number of central targets;
- 3) the proposal to allow councils to establish their own local enterprise partnerships to take over the economic development functions of Regional Development Agencies (RDAs).

11. STATEMENT OF THE LEADER

To receive a statement from the Leader of the Council.

12. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE

To receive the report of the meetings of the Executive held on 17 and 31 March and 14 April 2009, and to agree a recommendation which requires a Council decision in respect of the Surrey Sustainable Community Strategy.

13. THE NEW CONSTITUTION

To agree amendments to the Council's Constitution in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 for implementation from 7 June 2009.

14. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(a) STANDARDS COMMITTEE

To receive the report of the Standards Committee.

(b) PERSONNEL AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

To receive the report of the Personnel and Appointments Committee, and to agree a recommendation which requires a Council decision in respect of the appointment of the Chief Executive.

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