

Agenda and Reports

for the meeting of

# THE COUNTY COUNCIL

to be held on

# 21 JULY 2009

County Hall Kingston upon Thames Surrey

13 July 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 21 July 2009, beginning at **10.00am**, for the purpose of transacting the business specified in the Agenda set out overleaf.

DAVID McNULTY Chief Executive

*Note: Prayers will be said at 9.55am.* The Reverend Maggie Marsh, St. Peter the Apostle, Walton on the Hill, 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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# 1. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 23 June 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 Cabinet 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 <u>Wednesday 15</u> July 2009).

# 7. REPORT OF THE SURREY POLICE AUTHORITY

To receive a report from the Surrey Police Authority.

#### 8. STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Any Member may make a statement at the meeting on a local issue of current or future concern.

(Note: Notice of statements must be given in writing, preferably by e-mail, to Anne Gowing in Democratic Services by 12 noon on Monday 20 July 2009).

### 9. ORIGINAL MOTIONS

# (i) Hazel Watson (Dorking Hills) to move under Standing Order 11 as follows:

'This Council notes that for the 2008/09 financial year the County Council budget planning resulted in an unrealistic budget. This led to significant over and under spends, for example Children, Schools and Families overspent by £14m and the capital budget was underspent by £10.4m.

In view of these problems, this Council agrees that the budget planning and preparation for the 2010/11 Council Budget must be started and completed earlier in the financial year and be improved to make the budget more accurate, realistic and transparent in order to obtain value for money services for Surrey's residents.'

# 10. REPORT OF THE CABINET

To receive the report of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 29 June 2009.

# 11. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Following decisions taken by the Leader in respect of the appointment of a Cabinet and the delegation of executive functions, it is necessary to make a number of amendments to the Council's Constitution. The Council is asked (i) to delegate authority to the Democratic Services Lead Manager to make the necessary amendments to the Constitution arising from the decisions of the Leader in respect of the appointment of a Cabinet, (ii) to delegate authority to the Head of Legal Services to make the necessary amendments to the Scheme of Delegation arising from the decisions of the Leader to delegate executive functions to individual Cabinet Members and Local Committees/local Members, and (iii) to agree amendments to the Financial Regulations to reflect the changes to the Scheme of Delegation.

# 12. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

At its meeting on 3 July 2009 the Standards Committee selected two members of the Committee for nomination as Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman for ratification by the Council. It is recommended:

- (1) That Mr Simon Edge be appointed as Chairman of the Standards Committee for the 2009/10 Council Year.
- (2) That Ms Karen Heenan be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Standards Committee for the 2009/10 Council Year.

# 13. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

# (a) STANDARDS COMMITTEE

To receive the report of the Standards Committee.

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