



Agenda and Reports

for the meeting of

THE COUNTY COUNCIL

to be held on

13 OCTOBER 2009

County Hall
Kingston upon Thames
Surrey

5 October 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 13 October 2009, beginning at **10.20am**, for the purpose of transacting the business specified in the Agenda set out overleaf.

DAVID McNULTY
Chief Executive

Note: Prayers will be said at 10.15am. The Reverend William Stafford-Whittaker, St. Mary the Virgin, Stanwell, 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

1. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 21 July 2009.

(Note: the Minutes, including the appendices, 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. STATEMENTS BY CABINET MEMBERS

Cabinet Members to make statements on any matters in relation to their portfolio.

6. 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.

7. 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 6 and 7 on the agenda must be given in writing, preferably by e-mail, to Anne Gowing in Democratic Services by 12 noon on Wednesday 7 October 2009).

8. REPORT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

To receive a report from the Standards Committee *(to follow)*.

9. REPORT OF THE SURREY POLICE AUTHORITY

To receive a report from the Surrey Police Authority.

10. 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 12 October 2009).

11. ORIGINAL MOTIONS

(i) Peter Martin (Godalming South, Milford and Witley) to move under Standing Order 11 as follows:

‘That this Council:

- (a) Welcomes the very positive result of the recent unannounced Ofsted inspection;
- (b) Recognises that significant improvements are being made in the Children’s Service since the Joint Area Review (JAR) report;
- (c) Is determined to continue to address the ‘areas for development’ and reiterates its desire to make Surrey County Council’s Children’s Services the best in the country; and
- (d) Believes that the findings of this report accurately reflect the hard work of our staff and pays tribute to their efforts to provide Surrey’s children with a service that this Council can be proud of.’

(ii) Mrs Hazel Watson (Dorking Hills) to move under Standing Order 11 as follows:

‘This Council supports the findings contained within the report of the Interim Chief Executive to Cabinet “*Surrey County Council – Diagnostic and Stocktake: Handover report to new Chief Executive, Leader and Cabinet*” dated 14 July 2009 and notes the criticism by Surrey residents and by the press that the administration is “burying” this critical report and seeks urgent action to resolve the problems identified by developing an action plan with measurable outcomes to improve the Council for the benefit of Surrey residents.’

(iv)

(iii) Mr Peter Lambell (Reigate Central) to move under Standing Order 11 as follows:

‘This Council notes that:

- (a) Climate change predictions show that without severe cuts in greenhouse gas emissions, the world will be hit by drought, flooding and famine affecting all of us and poorest countries in particular. Some of these countries are already suffering from the effects of climate change. This is an issue of social justice as well as a call to take environmental action.
- (b) The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), which meets in Copenhagen in December 2009, may be the world’s last chance to negotiate a deal that will avert the worst consequences of climate change.
- (c) Under the UK Climate Change Act 2008 the UK is due to cut its emissions by 34% by 2020. It is hoped that negotiations at Copenhagen will lead to stricter commitments. Climate change scientists advise that cuts of 10% a year are needed to avert the worst consequences of climate change.
- (d) To ensure a breakthrough at the Copenhagen conference Government Ministers need to know that they have public support for more dramatic cuts in emissions than have previously been proposed.
- (e) So far, 16 councils have signed up to the "10:10 Campaign" initiated by filmmaker Franny Armstrong, which seeks to persuade individuals, businesses, organisations and the UK Government to commit to reducing their CO2 emissions by 10% in 2010. The number of councils committing to sign up is increasing rapidly.

This Council supports the aims and ambitions of the 10:10 Campaign and believes that it is possible to achieve this target with the right degree of political will.

This Council therefore resolves to sign up to the 10:10 campaign and to make a firm commitment to reduce its emissions as measured for National Indicator 185 (minus school related emissions and outsourced emissions) by 10 percent by the end of 2010.’

(iv) Mr David Hodge (Warlingham) to move under Standing Order 11 as follows:

‘That this Council:

- (a) Acknowledges the content of the following three reports that went to Cabinet on Tuesday 14 July – ‘*Diagnostic and Stocktake: Handover Report to the New Chief Executive, Leader*

(v)

and Cabinet', 'Leading The Way: Standing up for Surrey, and Shaping our Future' & 'Leading The Way: Changing the way we do business';

- (b) Further acknowledges that since the appointment of the former Interim Chief Executive and the publication of the reports, a number of changes have taken place within the organisation, including the election of a new Leader and Deputy Leader, the appointment of a new Chief Executive and the election of a large number of new Members; and
- (c) Resolves to work with the aforementioned new political and administrative leadership to move Surrey County Council forwards, to deliver value for money services and to ensure the highest standards of management of the Council.'

(v) Mr Eber Kington (Epsom and Ewell North) to move under Standing Order 11 as follows:

'That this Council:

- (a) Notes with concern the failure of the Leader and Cabinet to arrange for a full public debate by all County Members on the Michael Frater Report.
- (b) Further notes that the Michael Frater Report has not been referred to a Scrutiny Committee and regards this decision as a missed opportunity for involving non-executive Members in both the analysis of the problems highlighted and the monitoring of change.
- (c) Therefore calls upon the Leader of the Council to make sure that non-executive members have the opportunity to debate the Report in public and to determine how they wish to monitor the Leader's responses to the criticisms made by Michael Frater.'

12. REPORT BACK ON MOTIONS REFERRED

In accordance with Standing Order 12.6 to consider a report from the Corporate Management Select Committee.

13. REPORT OF THE CABINET

To receive the report of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 14 July, 8 and 29 September 2009, and to agree a recommendation which requires a Council decision in respect of the Surrey Minerals Plan.

14. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Council is asked to agree a number of amendments to the Constitution.

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At the last Council meeting in July, the Leader reported that, in order to enable Surrey's companies to play a fuller role in local decision-making, he had suggested that Local Committee Chairmen could accept questions and petitions from local Surrey businesses at Local Committee meetings. In order to formalise this arrangement it is necessary to amend Standing Orders.

Following the decision at the June Council meeting to reduce the size of a number of committees and the consequent amendment to Standing Order 40, Substitutes, a review has been undertaken of the effectiveness of this Standing Order. It has been found that the smaller groups have experienced problems finding substitutes as a result of the reduction in the number of substitutes allowed and the restrictions on the number of named substitutes. The Council is, therefore, recommended to amend Standing Order 40 to allow greater flexibility.

A review of the terms of reference of local committees has been carried out in order to bring these into line with current practice and to include the new powers that the Leader has delegated to individual members and to local committees. The Council is asked to agree the revision to the terms of reference for local committees.

Finally, the Leader has delegated authority to Cabinet Members to write-off irrecoverable debts between £10,000 and £100,000 not otherwise delegated to the Head of Finance. The Scheme of Delegation to Cabinet Members will be amended accordingly. The Council is asked to agree amendments to the Financial Regulations to reflect the changes to the Scheme of Delegation.

15. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(a) AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

To receive the report of the Audit and Governance Committee.

(b) PERSONNEL AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

To receive the report of the Personnel and Appointments Committee.

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