



SURREY
COUNTY COUNCIL

Agenda and Reports

for the meeting of

THE COUNTY COUNCIL

to be held on

23 MARCH 2010

County Hall
Kingston upon Thames
Surrey

12 March 2010

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 23 March 2010, beginning at 10.30am, for the purpose of transacting the business specified in the Agenda set out overleaf.

DAVID McNULTY
Chief Executive

Note 1: *Prayers will be said at 10.25am.* Revd Alan Elkins, St. John the Baptist, West Byfleet, 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. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman to report apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9 February 2010.

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

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. LEADER'S STATEMENT

The Leader to make a statement.

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 17 March 2010).

8. REPORT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

To receive a report from the Standards Committee.

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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 22 March 2010).

11. ORIGINAL MOTIONS

(i) Mr Ian Lake (Weybridge) to move under Standing Order 11 as follows:

‘That this Council:

- a) Recognises that the severe snow and ice during December and January was the worst for 30 years and that as result of this the County Council has been left with a major challenge as regards repairing the road network;
- b) Congratulates the staff in Surrey Highways and other departments who worked tirelessly over this period to keep as much of the road network, and other County services, as operational as possible;
- c) Calls on the Government for substantial additional funding to allow Surrey County Council to keep the road network in a sustainable condition in order that our residents and businesses can travel around the county and continue to contribute to the national economy;
- d) Notes that one fifth of all vehicles on the roads in Surrey are from outside of the County; and
- e) Acknowledges the work of Surrey Highways who have attended to the 20,000 repairs required following the winter weather conditions.’

(ii) Mr Tim Hall (Leatherhead & Fetcham East) to move under Standing Order 11 as follows:

‘That this Council:

- a) Welcomes the culture of openness and transparency operating in Surrey County Council that has been demonstrated by:

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- a. The webcasting of Council, Cabinet and Planning & Regulatory Committee meetings;
 - b. Opening up Local Committees to questions from local businesses;
 - c. The Have Your Say event on 25 March 2010 in Dorking; and
 - d. Increased interaction with the local and national media as well as trade publications;
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- b) Believes that openness and transparency are essential in reconnecting with the public at a time when rebuilding public trust in politicians and politics is essential; and
 - c) Endorses the concept of making the financial affairs of the Council less opaque initially by pledging to publish a list of payments to suppliers.'

(iii) Mr Stephen Cooksey (Dorking and the Holmwoods) to move under Standing Order 11 as follows:

'This Council resolves that before 1 October 2010:

- (1) all County Council grit bins that are damaged or have been removed are replaced;
- (2) all requests for new grit bins are fully investigated and, where the investigation shows that new bins are necessary, are installed; and
- (3) all County Council grit bins are filled with salt or grit;

in order to ensure that the Council is prepared to cope with ice and snow next winter.'

(iv) Mr Will Forster (Woking South) to move under Standing Order 11 as follows:

'This Council is deeply concerned that many households in Surrey have no access to mainstream financial services such as bank accounts, therefore are at serious risk from loan sharks who are preying on the vulnerable during the economic downturn. By offering much needed financial services to a wider section of society than traditional banking organisations, Credit Unions have a strong track record of curtailing the influence of loan sharks.

This Council welcomes the cross political party moves by Guildford, Mole Valley, Waverley and Woking Councils to support the proposed Surrey Save Credit Union. The proposal for Surrey follows recent moves by the Conservative and Liberal Democrat administration at Birmingham City Council to establish a local authority run municipal banking service and the financial backing that Conservative Kent County Council gave to their county-wide Credit Union.

To protect people in Surrey this Council will consider:

- A) Working with relevant partners to support the establishment of the proposed Surrey Save Credit Union. Consideration will be given to offering premises, training staff and volunteers, sharing facilities and assisting with marketing to ensure a viable future.
- B) Investing a proportion of its savings with the Surrey Save Credit Union.
- C) Making a subordinated loan to the Surrey Save Credit Union.

Considering the need to act urgently to counter the effects of the downturn, this Council resolves to refer the above resolution to Cabinet with the intention of reporting the decision made back to the Council at the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 11 May 2010.'

12. REPORT OF THE CABINET

To receive the report of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 2 March 2010, and to agree recommendations which require a Council decision in respect of (i) Surrey's Admissions Arrangements for September 2011 for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools, and (ii) the remit of the Schools and Learning Select Committee.

13. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

A vacancy has arisen in the post of Chairman of the Planning and Regulatory Committee. The Council is asked to appoint a Chairman of the Committee for the remainder of the 2009/10 Council Year.

14. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(a) SCHOOLS AND LEARNING SELECT COMMITTEE

To receive the report of the Schools and Learning Select Committee.

(b) ADULTS AND COMMUNITY CARE SELECT COMMITTEE

To receive the report of the Adults and Community Care Select Committee.

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