

Agenda and Reports

for the meeting of

THE COUNTY COUNCIL

to be held on

19 JULY 2011

County Hall Kingston upon Thames Surrey

8 July 2011

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 in the Council Chamber at County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, on Tuesday 19 July 2011, 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. Rev'd Andrew Body, Rural Dean of Surrey Heath, has kindly consented to officiate.

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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 14 June 2011.

(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 <u>Wednesday 13 July 2011</u>).

8. REPORT OF THE SURREY POLICE AUTHORITY

To receive a report from the Surrey Police Authority.

9. REPORT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

To receive the annual report from the Standards Committee.

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 email, to Anne Gowing in Democratic Services by 12 noon on Monday 18 July 2011).

11. ORIGINAL MOTIONS

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

'The County Council's Annual Governance Statement 2010/11 states that on the issue of public consultation the County Council has a "lack of clear consultation policy" and that the planned action is "policy to be implemented in July 2011".

This Council recognises the importance and value of effective public consultation for making sound decisions to reflect the wishes and needs of Surrey residents, and:

- (1) Agrees to draw up a consultation policy for the County Council, that observes the best practice principles of consultation as set out in "The Consultation Charter" produced by the Consultation Institute.
- (2) Commits to implementing public consultation, in a way that learns from successful consultations carried out by other councils.
- (3) Agrees that the creation of the consultation policy itself should be subject to the best practice principles of consultation.'

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

'This Council notes with concern the large number of serious and significant errors which have now been accepted by the team who prepared the library Public Value Review study.

This Council further notes that the study used to identify 11 libraries:

- (1) failed to accurately identify the least effective libraries.
- (2) was biased in favour of larger libraries.
- (3) has never been audited in order to confirm its veracity.

This Council therefore calls upon the Council Leader and Cabinet to halt the current process of redeploying staff out of the selected libraries until the on-going internal audit into this study is fully completed and the detailed results are made available for public information and debate and for review by the Communities Select Committee.'

(iii) Mr Tony Samuels (Walton South and Oatlands) to move under Standing Order 11 as follows:

'This Council strongly supports the Government's proposals to decentralise powers to local government and welcomes all opportunities to be at the forefront of this exciting initiative.'

12. REPORT OF THE CABINET

To receive the report of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 21 June 2011 and to agree two recommendations which require a Council decision in respect of:

- (i) Surrey Minerals Plan
- (ii) Youth Justice Plan 2011-2012

13. REVIEW OF THE PETITION SCHEME

To receive the report on the Review of the Petition Scheme from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

14. AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION – SPECIFIC DELEGATIONS TO OFFICERS

The Council is asked to agree an amendment to the Scheme of Delegation in relation to delegated power to approve pension's admission agreements.

15. AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION – THE EXERCISE OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS

The Leader has agreed one change to Section 2, paragraph 7 of the Council's Scheme of Delegation. In accordance with Articles 5.02 and 6.04(d)(ii) of the Council's Constitution, the changes made by the Leader are being reported to Council.

16. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(a) AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

To receive the report of the Audit and Governance Committee and to agree the revised Code of Corporate Governance, attached as Annex 1 to the report.

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