



**SURREY**  
COUNTY COUNCIL

Agenda and Reports

for the meeting of

**THE COUNTY COUNCIL**

to be held on

**13 DECEMBER 2011**

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County Hall  
Kingston upon Thames  
Surrey

2 December 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 13 December 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. The Venerable Stuart Beake, Archdeacon of Surrey 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 Anne Gowing on 020 8541 9938

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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 11 October 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.

There will be an opportunity for Members to ask questions.

**6. SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL PROGRESS REPORT JULY - DECEMBER 2011**

To consider the report and the matters to which the Chief Executive draws attention.

**7. 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.

**8. 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 7 and 8 on the agenda must be given in writing, preferably by e-mail, to Anne Gowing in Democratic Services by 12 noon on Wednesday 7 December 2011).*

**9. REPORT OF THE SURREY POLICE AUTHORITY**

To receive a report from the Surrey Police Authority.

**10. REPORT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

To consider a report from the Standards Committee regarding the appointment of independent representatives to the committee.

**11. 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 December 2011).*

**12. ORIGINAL MOTIONS**

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

On 18 November the Cabinet Member for Children and Families sent out two emails to Members highlighting some good news about Surrey's Adoption Service in the light of National Adoption Week.

However, the Child in Care and Adoption Performance Tables, published by the Department for Education on 1 November 2011, showed many major failings by Surrey County Council in its performance for children in care and adoption services.

In fifteen key indicators, Surrey was in the bottom half of the country in nine, and in the bottom quartile in four.

Council calls for urgent action to:

- Ensure that looked after children have a stable home life with a minimal number of placements and that they are fully supported so that they fulfil their full potential in education, training and employment.
- Ensure that young adults who were formerly looked after are living in suitable accommodation.
- Strive to maximise the number of looked after children who are adopted and to improve the speed of adoption.

Council calls on the Leader to establish a cross party Member Working Group to urgently examine the issues highlighted by the Department for Education performance tables and to learn from the best practice of other authorities.

**13. INTERIM REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL:  
REVIEW OF MEMBERS' MILEAGE RATES**

Under the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances)(England) Regulations 2003, the County Council is required to establish and maintain an Independent Remuneration Panel (Panel) to make recommendations to the Council about the allowances to be paid to Members.

The Regulations state that a council may not amend its Scheme of Allowances without reference to the recommendations of an independent remuneration panel. The Panel is currently undertaking a review of the existing Scheme, and is planning to report to the Council in May 2012 on any proposed changes for 2012/2013. The mileage allowances paid to Members undertaking Council business form part of the Scheme, and the Panel felt that it was appropriate to review this element only in light of the recent increase from 40p to 45p in the maximum rate paid to staff for use of their own vehicles.

**14. REPORT OF THE CABINET**

To receive the report of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 1 and 29 November 2011.

**15. SURREY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – COMMUNITY FIRE  
PROTECTION – DELEGATED POWERS OF SIGNATORIES**

The Council is asked to agree amendments to the Scheme of Delegation in relation to delegated powers to approve to serve and withdraw formal notices under Article 31 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, Section 10 of the Safety at Sports Grounds Act 1975, and Sections 21 and 22 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

**16. AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION – THE EXERCISE OF  
EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS**

The Leader has agreed changes to 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.

**17. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN**

a) To appoint the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of People, Performance and Development Committee.

b) To appoint the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Surrey Heath Local Committee.

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