



Agenda and Reports

for the meeting of

THE COUNTY COUNCIL

to be held on

11 DECEMBER 2012

County Hall
Kingston upon Thames
Surrey

30 November 2012

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, County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 2DN, on Tuesday, 11 December 2012, beginning at 10.30 am, 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 Right Reverend, Ian Brackley, the Suffragen Bishop of Dorking 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.

Note 2: *This meeting may be filmed for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's internet site - at the start of the meeting the Chairman will confirm if all or part of the meeting is being filmed. The images and sound recording may be used for training purposes within the Council.*

Generally the public seating areas are not filmed. However by entering the meeting room and using the public seating area, you are consenting to being filmed and to the possible use of those images and sound recordings for webcasting and/or training purposes.

If you have any queries regarding this, please contact the representative of Legal and Democratic Services at 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 020 8541 9938

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 16 October 2012.

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(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 any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests from Members in respect of any item to be considered at the meeting.

NOTES:

- Each Member must declare any interest that is disclosable under the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, unless it is already listed for that Member in the Council's Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
- As well as an interest of the Member, this includes any interest, of which the Member is aware, that relates to the Member's spouse or civil partner (or any person with whom the Member is living as a spouse or civil partner).
- If the interest has not yet been disclosed in that Register, the Member must, as well as disclosing it at the meeting, notify the Monitoring Officer of it within 28 days.
- If a Member has a disclosable interest, the Member must not vote or speak on the agenda item in which it arises, or do anything to influence other Members in regard to that item.

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 2012

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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.

(Note: Notice of questions in respect of the above item on the agenda must be given in writing, preferably by e-mail, to Anne Gowing in Democratic Services by 12 noon on Wednesday 5 December 2012).

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 10 December 2012).

9 ORIGINAL MOTIONS

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

Following the recent Ofsted Inspection of SCC's arrangements for the protection of children, this Council:

1. Congratulates the Children's Service on the result of the inspection that children at risk of harm in Surrey are responded to quickly and effectively;
2. Welcomes this result against the backdrop of a tougher inspection regime and an increased level of public concern regarding the safety of vulnerable children;
3. Recognises the Service's good strategic leadership and the hard work of its staff, as acknowledged by the inspection; especially in the context of the ever- rising demands placed upon it;
4. Celebrates the many valued aspects of the Service which impressed the inspectors, particularly in the context of the difficulty of recruiting qualified and experienced social workers;
5. Accepts the need for a continued focus on improved partnership working, both internally and externally, and
6. Urges Members to support the Service by working with it to establish "early-help" for children and communities in Surrey where prevention would be better than cure.

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

This Council notes that:

- i) reducing speed limits on roads where appropriate reduces the number and severity of road traffic accidents

and

- ii) only three 20mph speed limit schemes have been implemented in Surrey since May 2006

Council requests the Cabinet to amend the Council's speed limit policy to make it easier for local committees to introduce 20mph limits, using terminal and repeater signs (rather than physical traffic calming measures), where evidence says they are required and they are supported by local residents.

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

This Council recognises the importance of providing respite care for families with disabled children to support them in carrying out their caring role.

Council requests that:

- i) the document "Shorts Breaks Statement for parents and carers of disabled children and young people in Surrey, October 2012" be amended to include clear eligibility criteria to clarify which families are entitled to different forms of respite care

and

- ii) that information provided by Surrey County Council for parents about the availability of respite care services for disabled children, whether provided by the County Council or external providers, is more accessible and comprehensive

and

- iii) geographical coverage of residential respite care should, as far as is reasonable, be equitable to minimise journey times for children and parents.

Council calls on the Cabinet to provide respite care for more Surrey families of disabled children and to review its policy that "no child under 10 years of age should be accessing residential short break provision except in exceptional circumstances."

(iv) Mrs Fiona White (Guildford West) to move under Standing Order 11 as follows:

The UK Living Wage is an hourly rate, reviewed annually, that is calculated nationally (except for London, where the GLA sets a London Living Wage) by the Centre for Research in Social Policy in

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association with a charity known as ‘the Living Wage Foundation’.

The Living Wage ensures low paid workers earn enough to provide for themselves and their families.

Surrey County Council recognises the cost of living has risen significantly in the last few years, without an accompanying national wage increase for employees. This has hit those on the national minimum wage disproportionately.

Council agrees that:

Surrey County Council will commit to ensuring that no county council employee will be paid less than the UK Living Wage, which is currently £7.45 per hour. Those performing work on behalf of the council should likewise ensure that none of their employees are paid less than the living wage and future contracts will reflect this.

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

Council notes that Surrey County Council is a party to the High Court proceedings by Europa Oil and Gas to quash the Planning Inspector’s decision to dismiss the appeal to allow oil and gas exploration at Bury Hill Wood in Coldharbour.

Council instructs the County Council’s officers and legal team to proactively defend the arguments raised by the Planning Inspector including protection of the Green Belt in support of the Planning Inspector and the Treasury Solicitors defence of the Planning Inspector’s decision to dismiss the appeal.

10 REPORT OF THE CABINET

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47 - 78)

To receive the report of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 23 October and 27 November 2012 and to agree two recommendations in respect of:

(i) School Organisation Plan 2012 – 2021

(ii) Supporting the economy through Investment in Transport and Infrastructure

11 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON

(Pages
79 - 84)

(a) To appoint the Independent Person for Surrey County Council

(b) To consider the interim report of the Independent Remuneration Panel

12 AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION - FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

(Pages
85 - 86)

The Leader has agreed a 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.

13 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF CABINET

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87 - 106)

Any matters within the minutes of the Cabinet's meetings, and not otherwise brought to the Council's attention in the Cabinet's report, may be the subject of questions and statements by Members upon notice being given to the Democratic Services Lead Manager by 12 noon on Monday 10 December 2012.

MOBILE TECHNOLOGY – ACCEPTABLE USE

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Thank you for your co-operation