



Agenda and Reports

for the meeting of

THE COUNTY COUNCIL

to be held on

10 DECEMBER 2013

County Hall
Kingston upon Thames
Surrey

29 November 2013

TO THE MEMBERS OF SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

SUMMONS TO MEETING

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 2DN, on Tuesday, 10 December 2013, 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: *For those Members wishing to participate, Prayers will be said at 10:25am. Rev. Chris Luckraft, St John's Church, Merrow has kindly consented to officiate. If any Members wish to take time for reflection, meditation, alternative worship or other such practice prior to the start of the meeting, alternative space can be arranged on request by contacting Democratic Services.*

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.*

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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 on 020 8541 9938

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman to report apologies for absence.

2 MINUTES

(Pages 1
- 16)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 15 October 2013.

(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

(Pages
17 - 18)

The Leader to make a statement.

To report the changes to the Cabinet Associates.

There will be an opportunity for Members to ask questions.

**6 SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL PROGRESS REPORT: JULY -
DECEMBER 2013**

(Pages
19 - 44)

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 4 December 2013).

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 9 December 2013).

9 ORIGINAL MOTIONS

Item 9(i)

Mr Robert Evans (Stanwell and Stanwell Moor) to move under Standing Order 11 as follows:

'This council recognises the huge contribution made to the County by its employees.

Members are therefore concerned to learn that the Council retains over 6000 people on 'zero hours contracts' and resolves to end this practice.

Furthermore the Council recognises that the cost of living in Kingston and Surrey is one of the highest in the country. The Council notes that the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson has stated that 'paying the London living wage is not only morally right, but makes good business sense' and that he has called for an updated figure of £8.80 an hour.

This Council, therefore, resolves that the London Living Wage should be the minimum paid to any person, directly or indirectly employed by Surrey County Council.'

Item 9(ii)

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

'This council notes:

- a) the current consultation on Surrey County Council's Home to School Transport Policy, the stated intention of which in advance was that "Surrey County Council is not proposing any change to its home to school transport policy for 2015."

and

b) concerns by Surrey residents including:

- i) the discouragement that the present system gives to parents returning to full time work, given the Coalition Government's focus on getting people off benefits and into work. At present if parents cease to receive maximum Working Tax Credit or a child ceases to qualify for free school meals, Home to School Transport stops immediately.
- ii) the difficulties in obtaining school transport by children living in rural parts of Surrey, especially for pupils wanting to go to their nearest school within the Borough or District where they live, where there are community ties, but who live close to Borough or District or County boundaries.
- iii) the difficulties caused by the nearest school to a child's home being denominational when a child is of a different religion.
- iv) people being denied free Home to School Transport when the shortest practical route is far longer than the distances used under the qualifying criteria because there are major physical obstacles (such as railway lines, major roads and reservoirs).
- v) the difficulties caused to children who live more than 3 miles from any school but who are denied free transport to the parent's school of choice because the parents have not opted for the nearest school.
- vi) the difficulties caused when a child does not live in a school's catchment area, even though it is their nearest school.

Council calls for a Members' Start and Finish Task Group to be established to assess the findings of the consultation, the concerns above and any other relevant concerns with the aim of reaching recommendations to resolve as many of the concerns as possible and report back to the Children & Education Select Committee.'

Item 9(iii)

Mr Ian Beardsmore (Sunbury Common and Ashford Common) to move under Standing Order 11 as follows:

'This Council agrees to re-establish a Surrey-wide Youth Council at Surrey County Council to include representatives of young people from all eleven Boroughs and Districts in order to:

- (a) give Surrey young people the opportunity to debate and influence the County Council's policies.

and

- (b) to enable Surrey young people to be represented on the national Youth Parliament.'

Item 9(iv)

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

'Noting the start of the badger cull in Somerset and Gloucestershire and the possibility that DEFRA may roll out the badger cull across the rest of the UK, Council agrees not to allow the badger cull to take place on any of its county owned land, given that the science is not proven nor conclusive that a cull of badgers is the answer to eradicating Bovine TB from the countryside.

Council agrees that more research should be undertaken by Government and the scientific community to find more effective and cheaper vaccinations for badgers and cattle to help eradicate this disease from the countryside.'

Item 9(v)

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

'This Council fully supports the successful launch of its recent apprenticeship programme in helping the County's young people get a foot in the world of work but recognises that there is much still to be done.

The Council therefore calls on all Members to discuss and encourage the setting up of apprenticeships with their local businesses, Districts, Boroughs, Parishes and relevant partners.'

10 REPORT OF THE CABINET

(Pages
45 - 64)

To receive the report of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 22 and 30 October and 26 November 2013 and to agree one recommendation in respect of:

Youth Justice Strategic Plan

11 REPORT OF THE PLANNING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

(Pages
65 - 66)

To receive the report from the Planning and Regulatory Committee, which includes a recommendation to Council following revisions to the Scheme of Delegation.

12 AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION

(Pages
67 - 70)

To agree amendments to the Scheme of Delegation consequential on recent legislative changes.

13 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CABINET

(Pages
71 - 94)

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 9 December 2013.

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