



Agenda and Reports

for the meeting of

**THE COUNTY COUNCIL**

to be held on

**11 FEBRUARY 2014**

County Hall  
Kingston upon Thames  
Surrey

31 January 2014

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 February 2014, 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 Mark Chester, St Paul's Church, Camberley 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.*

*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 on 020 8541 9938

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Chairman to report apologies for absence.

**2 MINUTES**

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- 16)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10 December 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**

(Pages  
17 - 18)

The Chairman to report.

A list of Her Majesty the Queen's New Year's Honours List 2014 is included within the agenda papers. The Chairman has written letters of congratulations to all those who have received awards for services to Surrey communities.

**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 REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET 2014/15 TO 2018/19 / COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT FOR 2014/15 / TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

(Pages  
19 - 160)

To approve:

- the draft revenue and capital budget for the five years 2014-19;
- the level of the council tax precept for 2014/15; and
- the treasury management strategy, including the borrowing and operation limits (prudential indicators), policy for the provision of

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the repayment of debt (minimum revenue provision (MRP)), and treasury management policy.

## **6 ORIGINAL MOTION**

### **Item 6(i)**

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

'This Council notes the Government announcements restricting Surrey County Council's Council Tax increase, without incurring the cost of holding a referendum, to a level which will severely impact on Surrey's services to the public.

This Council believes in local government as one of the cornerstones of democracy in the UK, championing the needs and ambitions of the people it represents and that decisions made on behalf of a community are best made by those in the community.

This Council notes the Prime Minister's acknowledgement that local government is the most efficient part of the public sector.

Council further notes the General Power of Competence introduced in the Localism Act 2011 giving local authorities power to do anything that individuals of full legal capacity may do giving authorities the power to take reasonable action they need 'for the benefit of the authority, its area or persons resident or present in its area'.

This Council supports the Local Government Association in its campaign for independence for local government based on the following principles:

- i) Councils should retain in full the proceeds of Council Tax and business rates, subject to retaining mechanisms for fairness and redistribution and that both these taxes should be determined by councils alone without central government interference;
- ii) Councils should be granted greater freedoms and flexibilities to drive economic growth;
- iii) Councils should be accountable to their electorates and not to ministers of the Crown;
- iv) The burden of statutory duties and central compliance regimes should be lifted further; and

This Council therefore resolves to work with Surrey's Members of Parliament, the LGA and other Councils to campaign for a far greater devolution of powers from central to local government.'

## **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 February 2014).***

**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 February 2014).***

**9 REPORT OF THE CABINET**

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161 -  
172)

To receive the report of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 17 December 2013 and 4 February 2014 and to agree one recommendation in respect of *Confident in our Future*, Corporate Strategy 2014 – 2019.

**10 REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

(Pages  
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186)

To receive the Annual Report 2012 – 2013 of the Audit and Governance Committee.

**11 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF CABINET**

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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 February 2014.

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