



Agenda and Reports
for the meeting of
THE COUNTY COUNCIL
to be held on
18 MARCH 2014

County Hall
Kingston upon Thames
Surrey

7 March 2014

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, 18 March 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. The Dean of Guildford, The Very Revd Dianna Gwilliams 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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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

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11 February 2014.

(Note: the Minutes, including the appendices, will be laid on the table half an hour before the start of the meeting).

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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 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

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Gowing in Democratic Services by 12 noon on Wednesday 12 March 2014).

7 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 17 March 2014).

8 ORIGINAL MOTIONS

Item 8(i)

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

'This council wishes to place on formal record its thanks to all staff and its contractors, who working tirelessly in partnership with other councils, agencies and the emergency services to respond to the recent and current flooding to do as much as possible to protect residents' homes and businesses.

While recognising this weather has been exceptional by past standards, the County now has a statutory duty to investigate flooding and the need to understand better the impacts of the recent events. The Council must now plan for similar occurrences and learn from any omissions or failures which may have contributed to the scale of the flooding-related problems in Surrey. Particular attention should be paid to how the resilience of the county's infrastructure against recurrence of such events can be strengthened, especially on gully maintenance, and whether any improvements can be made in cross authority and cross agency working.

Council notes:

1. That Government has a Severe Weather Recovery scheme and that the European Union has a Solidarity Fund to which the UK has contributed and is designed to provide emergency aid after such natural disasters. In addition European Union Regional Development Funds can be used towards flood prevention infrastructure in the future.
2. The date of the most recent published wetspots list, where past flooding incidents have been reported, on the County Council website is February 2012 even though an update was promised to members to be completed by February 2013.
3. That the statutory Flooding Asset Register which includes key assets (structures and features such as a wall, ditch or bridge) that are known to cause or allow the major flooding of properties, critical infrastructure or block major roads when the asset is not functioning to an adequate level was last updated in December 2011 and only contains 65 items for the whole county.

Council calls for:

- i. The Flooding Asset Register and the wetspots list to both be completed and updated urgently, and at most within six months.
- ii. A review of the maintenance of highway drainage assets such as gullies, soakaways, ditches, channels, drains, grills and outlets. In particular, a review of the adequacy of the policy of gully cleaning at least once per year and put together a ditching programme in rural areas.
- iii. A programme of tree planting on higher ground, in particular to replace trees that have been lost, to help trap and slow down the movement of water.
- iv. The County Council to work with boroughs and districts to develop planning policies not to build on flood plains.
- v. Flood damaged roads and bridges to be repaired.
- vi. The Leader to apply for any additional funding the County Council requires from the Severe Weather Recovery scheme, the European Union Solidarity Fund and the Regional Development Fund.'

Item 8(ii)

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

'This Council:

1. Notes and recognises the seriousness of the recent severe weather and flooding in the County and the impact it is having on residents' homes and businesses, with many thousands damaged, in some instances severely, as well as much of the County's infrastructure, for which the estimated repair bill currently stands at over £10m
2. Expresses sympathy and concern for the residents, businesses and livelihoods affected
3. Commends the County's Fire & Rescue Service, Surrey Police, our District and Borough Council colleagues, HM Armed Forces, SCC staff, and the large number of individuals and community and voluntary organisations on their response to this major incident
4. Acknowledges and welcomes the Government's commitment to support local authorities in helping those residents and businesses affected by providing Council Tax relief
5. Recognises that Surrey's economy, at £32.7 billion GVA, is substantial and creates a very significant net contribution to the Exchequer

This Council therefore resolves:

- a) To continue working alongside our partners to help Surrey's residents and businesses with advice and assistance and to ensure any future incidents are met with a rapid, comprehensive multi-agency approach.
- b) To assess the viability of longer term engineering and environmental solutions for Surrey in conjunction with utility companies, the Environment Agency, other Local Authorities and appropriate Government departments.
- c) To call on Government to help protect, and demonstrate the government's commitment to, this key part of the UK economy by fully funding the Environment Agency's Lower Thames Flood Alleviation Scheme.'

9 REPORT OF THE CABINET

(Pages
15 - 54)

To receive the report of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 25 February 2014 and to agree two recommendations in respect of:

- (i) Admission Arrangements for September 2015 for Surrey's Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools and Co-ordinated Schemes
- (ii) Formation of Woking Joint Committee

10 SURREY PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2014 - 2015

(Pages
55 - 64)

To approve a pay policy statement for publication on the Council's external website.

11 AMENDMENTS TO FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

(Pages
65 - 86)

To seek the Council's approval to the proposed changes to the Financial Regulations.

12 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET

(Pages
87 - 144)

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 17 March 2014.

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