



Agenda and Reports

for the meeting of

THE COUNTY COUNCIL

to be held on

9 FEBRUARY 2016

County Hall
Kingston upon Thames
Surrey

29 January 2016

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, 9 February 2016, beginning at 10.00 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 9.50am. Rev. Dr Kuhan Satkunanayagam from St Mary's Church, Long Ditton 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
- 12)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8 December 2015.

(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
13 - 14)

The Chairman to report.

A list of Her Majesty the Queen's New Year Honour's List 2016 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 2016/17 TO 2020/21 AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

(Pages
15 - 118)

This report is for County Council to approve:

1. the draft revenue and capital budgets for the five year period 2016-21, which is collectively known as the council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP); and
2. the level of the council tax precept for 2016/17; and
3. the revised treasury management strategy, including the borrowing

(iii)

and operation limits (prudential indicators) for 2016/21; the policy for the provision of the repayment of debt (minimum revenue provision (MRP)) and the treasury management policy.

The information in the report is based on the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement (Provisional Settlement) with final figures not expected till early February 2016. There has been considerable 'shock' in the Provisional Settlement figures over those that were reasonably expected. This is due to late Government changes, which means that while the Council is able to present a balanced budget for 2016/17, this does assume full delivery of significant savings, use of a significant level of reserves, use of capital receipts and provision of transitional relief from Government to compensate for the degree of 'shock' in the Provisional Settlement. The same applies for 2017/18. Without the assumed transitional relief, the Council is not able to present a sustainable budget and even with this, requires an unprecedented programme of transformation to balance future years.

Additionally, the best available information on service price rises and demographic demand have been reflected in the service cash limits, but there is inherent uncertainty in these, given the changes in national and local circumstances.

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 Gowing in Democratic Services by 12 noon on Wednesday 3 February 2016).

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 8 February 2016).

8 REPORT OF THE CABINET

To receive the report of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 15 December 2015 and 2 February 2016 and to agree two recommendations in respect of:

(i) Confident in Surrey's Future: Corporate Strategy 2016 - 2021

(ii) Admission Arrangements for Surrey's for Surrey's Community & Voluntary Controlled Schools and Co-ordinated Schemes for all schools for September 2017.

(Pages
119 -
130)

- 9 REPORT BACK FROM THE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY, ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS SCRUTINY BOARD ON THE REFERRED MOTION** (Pages 131 - 138)

At its meeting on 26 January 2016, the Economic Prosperity, Environment and Highways Scrutiny Board considered a motion in the name of Mrs Hazel Watson, referred to it by Council on 8 December 2015.

- 10 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CABINET** (Pages 139 - 154)

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 Anne Gowing in Democratic Services by 12 noon on Monday 8 February 2016.

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