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Agenda and Reports

for the meeting of

THE COUNTY COUNCIL

to be held on

6 DECEMBER 2016

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County Hall
Kingston upon Thames
Surrey

Monday, 28 November 2016

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, 6 December 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. 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.

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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 Angela Guest on 020 8541 9075

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman to report apologies for absence.

2 MINUTES

(Pages 1
- 14)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11 October 2016.

(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

All Members present are required to declare, at this point in the meeting or as soon as possible thereafter

- (i) Any disclosable pecuniary interests and / or
- (ii) Other interests arising under the Code of Conduct in respect of any item(s) of business being considered at this meeting

NOTES:

- Members are reminded that they must not participate in any item where they have a disclosable pecuniary interest
- 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)
- Members with a significant personal interest may participate in the discussion and vote on that matter unless that interest could be reasonably regarded as prejudicial.

5 LEADER'S STATEMENT

The Leader to make a statement.

There will be an opportunity for Members to ask questions.

6 MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME

1. 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 Angela Guest in Democratic Services by 12 noon on Wednesday 30 November 2016).

2. Cabinet Member Briefings on their portfolios

These will be circulated by email to all Members prior to the County Council meeting, together with the Members' questions and responses.

There will be an opportunity for Members to ask questions.

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 Angela Guest in Democratic Services by 12 noon on Monday 5 December 2016).

8 ORIGINAL MOTIONS

ITEM 8 (i)

Mr Mike Goodman (Surrey Heath) to move under Standing Order 11 as follows:

Given the decision by the Government to support a new runway at Heathrow, this Council reaffirms its position on airport expansion set out in the resolution agreed in July 2013.

The Council recognises the crucial role of the airports at Heathrow and Gatwick in supporting employment for Surrey residents, generating investment in the Surrey economy and in attracting and retaining major businesses to locate in the county.

This Council remains strongly of the view that expansion requires the environmental and surface access issues involved to be satisfactorily addressed.

This Council wishes to work constructively with the Government, the airport, relevant national agencies, other local authorities and Local Enterprise Partnerships on the expansion plans in order to protect and promote the interests of Surrey residents and businesses.

However, this Council considers that the proposals and commitments, including on surface access, that have so far been made by the airport and by the Government associated with the preferred approach to expansion at Heathrow are inadequate. In particular they give neither confidence that the necessary measures will be prioritised nor that adequate funding will be committed.

This Council considers that any expansion will only be a success for Surrey residents and businesses and for the wider South East if there is a clear and agreed framework for the necessary infrastructure, including southern rail access, and other measures to be in place before any new runway comes into operation.

This Council calls on the Government to take the lead in developing such a framework.

ITEM 8 (ii)**Mr Ian Beardsmore (Spelthorne) to move under Standing Order 11 as follows:**

The Council notes the difficulties in recruiting and retaining skilled staff to work for the County Council, the high cost of agency staff and that the situation is becoming critical as the council's financial position worsens.

This Council has previously agreed that more emphasis should be given to key worker housing as one approach to dealing with this problem.

The Council now agrees to support a new investment strategy that sees increased emphasis on acquiring key worker housing for Surrey, to help recruit and retain more skilled staff whilst reducing agency spend.

ITEM 8(iii)**Mr Robert Evans (Spelthorne) to move under Standing Order 11 as follows:**

This Council congratulates the many teachers, support staff, parents, governors and children who have enabled the vast majority of Surrey's schools to be judged, by Ofsted, as 'good' or 'outstanding'. Council is very proud that Surrey has so many excellent schools at every phase of education.

Surrey County Council takes great pride that as an education authority, it has for many years, been at the forefront of innovative, progressive education and setting high standards in schools.

There have been many changes in the format of schools in recent years, with for example, academies and free schools being created. Council therefore believes that a period of stability would be beneficial and is concerned that the Government is considering yet further changes.

Council expresses confidence in its teachers and headteachers to continue to deliver a high quality education under the current system.

9 REPORT OF THE CABINET(Pages
15 - 106)

To receive the report of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 11 October and 22 November 2016 and to agree the recommendations in respect of:

1. The School Organisation Plan 2016/17 – 2025/26 be approved.
2. That at present the funding for the increased number of school places within this Plan has not been fully identified.

10 PAY POLICY STATEMENT(Pages
107 -
108)

To comply with Section 38(1) of the Localism Act 2011 and related guidance under Section 40 provided by the Secretary of State, all local authorities are required to publish a Pay Policy Statement, approved through decision by Full Council with effective from 1 April each year. The Statement will be tabled at the meeting.

11	RECRUITMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON	(Pages 109 - 110)
	To appoint an Independent Person for Surrey County Council for a four year term expiring in December 2020, in line with the Localism Act 2011.	
12	CONSTITUTION UPDATE REPORT	(Pages 111 - 242)
	This report seeks Council's approval for updates to the Scheme of Delegation. The Scheme of Delegation forms part of the Council's Constitution and has recently been revised to ensure that it reflects the current management structure of the organisation.	
13	MINUTES OF CABINET MEETINGS	(Pages 243 - 264)
	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 Angela Guest in Democratic Services by 12 noon on Monday 5 December 2016.	

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