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Agenda and Reports
for the meeting of
THE COUNTY COUNCIL
to be held on
10 OCTOBER 2017

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County Hall
Kingston upon Thames
Surrey

Monday, 2 October 2017

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 October 2017, beginning at 10.00 am, for the purpose of transacting the business specified in the Agenda set out overleaf.

JULIE FISHER
Interim Chief Executive

Note 1: *For those Members wishing to participate, Prayers will be said at 9.50am. Reverend Richard Abbott, St John the Baptist Church, Bisley, 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.

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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
- 16)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11 July 2017.

(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 Democratic Services by 12 noon on Wednesday 4 October 2017).

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 Democratic Services by 12 noon on Monday 9 October 2017).

8 ORIGINAL MOTIONS

Item 8(i)

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

This Council notes that:

- 1) Surrey County Council has invested £186m, as of 24.7.17, in purchasing commercial properties (such as warehouses, offices and retail premises) outside of Surrey via a wholly owned property company called Halsey Garton
- 2) There is a significant risk that Surrey County Council will lose money on these property investments as a result of the costs of maintenance, professional advisors, rates and other costs exceeding the income from rent, loss of rent as a result of voids and loss of value as buildings become outdated
- 3) That the County Council's stated intention is to invest up to £1bn by 2020/21, with a maximum return of only 2%
- 4) Surrey County Council owns a significant number of buildings across Surrey which have been left vacant for years, in some cases over a decade and that such vacant buildings constitute a waste of money as those assets are unutilised, deteriorating and thus losing value.

Council is concerned that:

The County Council has invested in a large property portfolio outside of Surrey despite its clear inability to properly utilise its own vacant buildings within Surrey.

Therefore, Council calls upon the Cabinet to:

- a) cease further commercial property investment outside of Surrey as it risks losing public money
- b) prioritise County Council owned vacant buildings to either be used

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to provide services, or to be sold or let.

Item 8 (ii)

Mr Eber Kington (Ewell Court, Auriol & Cuddington) to move under Standing Order 11 as follows:

This Council notes:

- i. the challenging financial position faced by SCC
- ii. the savings made across several years to meet those challenges

However, this Council expresses its concern that in many areas the priorities for both spending and service reductions, and also new and increased expenditure, are unreasonable and do not reflect the priorities of residents.

This Council therefore calls upon the Leader and Cabinet to re-assess their spending and cost reduction plans through all-member and cross-political group discussions over the coming months to ensure that SCC has a set a priorities which will more closely reflect the concerns and aspirations of Surrey residents.

Item 8 (iii)

Mr David Harmer (Waverley Western Villages) to move under Standing Order 11 as follows:

That the wording of the Financial Framework for Members' Allocations, contained in Part 5 of the County Council's Constitution, be modified in the Section "What we cannot consider", point 5, to replace the word "core" with the word "statutory".

Item 8 (iv)

Mr Jonathan Essex (Redhill East) to move under Standing Order 11 as follows:

Council notes the widening gap in pay between the lowest and highest paid council employees in Surrey.

Council believes that a pay ratio policy in Surrey would be transparent, open and would increase employee participation and morale.

Surrey County Council therefore agrees that a pay ratio policy should be considered by the People, Performance and Development Committee at the earliest opportunity.

9 REPORT OF THE CABINET

(Pages
17 - 50)

To receive the report of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 18 July and 26 September 2017 and to agree one recommendation in respect of:

- the Annual Report of the Shareholder Board

- 10 SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL PROGRESS REPORT** (Pages 51 - 120)
To consider the report and matters which the Chief Executive draws to attention.
- 11 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL REPORT** (Pages 121 - 142)
To receive the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel and any changes to the Members' Allowances Scheme.
- 12 UPDATES TO THE CONSTITUTION - ARTICLES REFRESH** (Pages 143 - 212)
Surrey County Council has a Constitution which is agreed by Members and sets out how the Council operates, how decisions are made and the procedures to be followed to ensure that they are efficient, transparent and accountable to the residents of Surrey.

The Constitution contains Articles that set out the basic rules governing the Council's business and these have been updated to ensure that they are fit for purpose.

The County Council is asked to agree the updated Articles so that these can be implemented and published on the Council's website.
- 13 MINUTES OF CABINET MEETINGS** (Pages 213 - 230)
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 Democratic Services by 12 noon on Monday 9 October 2017.

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