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Agenda and Reports

for the meeting of

**THE COUNTY COUNCIL**

to be held on

**9 July 2019**

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County Hall  
Kingston upon Thames  
Surrey

Friday, 28 June 2019

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, 9 July 2019, beginning at 10.00 am, for the purpose of transacting the business specified in the Agenda set out overleaf.

JOANNA KILLIAN  
Chief Executive

**Note 1:** *For those Members wishing to participate, Prayers will be said at 9.50am. Nabil Mustapha, from Elmbridge Multi-Faith Forum, Cobham 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 Amelia Christopher on 020 8213 2838.

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It is requested that if you are not using your mobile device for any of the activities outlined above, it be switched off or placed in silent mode during the meeting to prevent interruptions and interference with PA and Induction Loop systems.

*Thank you for your co-operation*

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman to report apologies for absence.

## 2 MINUTES

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11 - 24)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 21 May 2019.

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

## 3 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.

## 4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Over the past month or so I have been involved with Royal visits, Borough and District civic events and visits to schools and charities.

Some of the events I have attended include:

- The Royal County of Berkshire and Surrey Armed Forces Briefing
- AGM of the Surrey Staff Retirement Association
- Horley Library opening
- In addition, in May we hosted the Long Service Awards, a ceremony to mark the completion of either 25 years or 40 years at Surrey County Council. It was a wonderful afternoon hearing the great achievements, commitment and loyalty the members of staff have to Surrey residents.
- The Surrey Civic Network took place in June, this provided the opportunity to welcome all the new Mayors and Chairmen of Surrey's towns, districts and boroughs to their new role. Each Mayor and Chairmen spoke about their plans for the up and coming year and in addition guest speakers included: Bridget

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Biddell the High Sheriff of Surrey, Michael More-Molyneux the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey and Bill Biddell the Vice Lord Lieutenant of Surrey. We also had talks from Active Surrey and Surrey Chambers.

- The Queen's Awards for Voluntary Service were announced on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June and a 'Magnificent Seven' voluntary groups in Surrey were recipients of the coveted Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, these groups are:
  - Dyscover- Leatherhead
  - Friday Swimmers- Guildford
  - Guildford Town Guides- Guildford
  - Patchworking Garden Project- Dorking
  - Stripey Stork- Reigate and Redhill
  - Surrey Hills Society- countywide
  - The Millennium Embroidery Group- Sunbury
- All of these groups have shown a deep-seated commitment either to supporting those individuals who are less fortunate than ourselves, or to delivering a valuable service for the people of Surrey. We are especially fortunate in this county to have so many volunteers who do such extraordinary, and often unpublicised, work in caring for our communities. They are an inspiration to us all.
- Finally I attended the Charterhouse open evening in Godalming, it was a wonderful celebration of local partnership working in education.

## **5 LEADER'S STATEMENT**

The Leader to make a statement.

There will be an opportunity for Members to ask questions and/or make comments.

## **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 3 July 2019).**

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 8 July 2019).***

## 8 ORIGINAL MOTIONS

### Item 8 (i)

**Mr Eber Kington (Ewell Court, Auriol & Cuddington) to move under standing order 11 as follows:**

This Council notes:

- The importance of trees in slowing the pace of climate change by absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen into the air, as well as providing a habitat for wildlife
- The contribution trees make to the environment in our towns including shading and cooling, pollution and noise mitigation, as well as speeding up floodwater drainage and improving the quality of our street scene.

This Council further notes:

- The Government's pledge in 2018 to plant 11 million new trees by 2050, including in towns and urban areas, and the appointment of a national Tree Champion with a remit to make this happen.

In support of the national campaign to increase the number of trees being planted, particularly in our towns, this Council therefore:

- I. Calls for a review of Surrey County Council's current policies on, and attitude towards, the planting of trees in urban areas with a view to introducing a more proactive policy, which looks to increase the number and regularity of trees planted;
- II. Calls for the new strategy to include providing opportunities to educate children in understanding the benefits of trees and to get involved in tree planting;
- III. Recommends closer partnership working with Borough and District Councils, and landowners seeking sites for new tree planting; and
- IV. Recommends that Surrey Highways take advantage of any outside funding to assist with costs, including any Borough and District schemes that enable residents and community groups to fund the planting and future maintenance of trees.

**Item 8 (ii)**

**Mr Mike Goodman (Bagshot, Windlesham and Chobham) to move under standing order 11 as follows:**

Following the Prime Minister's announcement that the UK will eradicate its net contribution to climate change by 2050:

This council notes:

- That as the first country in the G7 to legislate for long-term climate targets, the UK already leads the world in tackling climate change
- This is not only the right thing to tackle the climate emergency for future generations but a significant opportunity to increase our energy efficiency, improve our resilience and deliver a greener, healthier society.

This council welcomes:

- The target of net zero emissions being enshrined in law as soon as possible
- That in its report, the Committee on Climate Change forecast significant benefits to public health and savings to the NHS from better air quality and less noise pollution, as well as improved biodiversity
- That the UK is on track to become the first G7 country to legislate for net zero emissions, with other major economies expected to follow suit
- That for the first time, young people will have the chance to shape our future climate policy through the Youth Steering Group, set up by DCMS and led by the British Youth Council, who will advise Government on priorities for environmental action and give a view on progress to date against existing commitments on climate, waste and recycling, and biodiversity loss.

Therefore, this council resolves to:

- I. commit to working closely with the Government, the Environment Agency, our Borough & District colleagues, local businesses, our residents and other partners in meeting this ambitious target;
- II. deliver a strategy in 2019/20 that clearly outlines how we plan to deliver the target; and
- III. write to the government asking them to confirm what support will be made available to local authorities to help achieve this goal.



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**Mr Jonathan Essex (Redhill East) to move under standing order 11 as follows:**

**Managing Verges for Wildlife**

Surrey County Council is responsible for managing highway verges and related highway owned land. This includes the cutting of verges and the use of weed killer. The way in which it manages this land has an impact on wildlife and amenity.

This Council notes that each of Surrey's eleven boroughs and district areas has a contract to cut verges on behalf of the County Council which results in many of Surrey's highway verges being cut typically at least twice each year (where speed limits are over 50mph) and more often in urban areas.

Surrey's highway verges being cut several times each year means verges are cut before many wildflower plants have had a chance to flower. Wildflowers need to be available for insects when in flower and to be left long enough to have seeded before being cut. Cutting regimes should be timed to allow wildflower verges to self-perpetuate and improve the wildlife value of verges. Many councils who have reduced cutting regimes have also found it saved money.

Furthermore, this Council notes that its contracts for management of its highway verges include the use of Glyphosate weed killer. Other councils, including Croydon and Lewes, have committed to be pesticide free, the latter successfully adopting weed killer-free alternatives after six months of trials.

Council therefore agrees to:

- I. Review and reduce the timing and frequency of highway verge cuts across the County to increase biodiversity and manage our verges as wildlife habitats, and work with partners to produce a pollinator action plan to guide verge cutting contracts;
- II. Communicate to residents the reasons for the change of management and the importance of road verges as wildlife habitats; and
- III. Commit to phase out use of Glyphosate on Surrey Council's own land over the next two years.

**9 REVISED MEMBER/OFFICER PROTOCOL**

(Pages  
25 - 36)

To endorse the Revised Member/Officer Protocol for inclusion in the Constitution.

**10 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SHAREHOLDER BOARD**

(Pages  
37 - 66)

To approve the Annual Report of the Shareholder Board.

**11 APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING OFFICER**

(Pages  
67 - 68)

To approve the appointment of the Monitoring Officer.

**12 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

**Recommendations:**

1. That Bill Chapman is duly elected as the Chairman of the Adults and Health Select Committees for 2019/20.
2. That Bill Chapman is duly elected as Surrey County Council's representative on the South West London and Surrey Joint Health Scrutiny Committee and sub-committee.

**13 REPORT OF THE CABINET**

(Pages  
69 - 70)

To receive the report of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 28 May 2019 and 25 June 2019; the report includes details for information / discussion in respect of:

- a. 2018/19 Financial Outturn Report
- b. Moving Closer to Residents
- c. Quarterly Report on Decisions Taken Under Special Urgency Arrangements: 8 May – 28 June 2019.

**14 MINUTES OF CABINET MEETINGS**

(Pages  
71 - 82)

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 8 July 2019.