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Agenda and Reports

for the meeting of

THE COUNTY COUNCIL

to be held on

12 OCTOBER 2021

Woodhatch Place
Reigate
Surrey

Monday, 4 October 2021

TO THE MEMBERS OF SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

SUMMONS TO MEETING

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the Council to be held at Woodhatch Place, 11 Cockshot Hill, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 8EF, on Tuesday, 12 October 2021, beginning at 10.00 am, for the purpose of transacting the business specified in the Agenda set out overleaf.

JOANNA KILLIAN
Chief Executive

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Thank you for your co-operation

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman to report apologies for absence.

2 MINUTES

(Pages
15 - 58)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13 July 2021.

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 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

Welcome to today's first Council meeting in the Council Chamber! I am sure you will agree it is a fantastic space and we are extremely lucky to have access to this state-of-the-art equipment, that will no doubt help in facilitating today's meeting.

Thank you to the Democratic Services Officers for having us set up and ready to go! As always, we are all extremely grateful to you for ensuring the smooth running of Council.

Farewell to Tom Sharpe & Heather Hawker

A moment of sadness now as we have recently said farewell to former Councillor Tom Sharpe and Heather Hawker MBE DL.

Tom was a generous, compassionate and intelligent man who cared deeply for the people of Surrey serving them tirelessly, first as a Surrey County Councillor from 1989 to 2005 and then also as a Guildford Borough Councillor from 1991 to 1999.

Heather was a committed and energetic County Councillor who was first elected to the county council in 1985, she became Chairman of the Libraries, Leisure and Countryside Committee in 1993 and finally she served as Chairman of the Council for three years before standing down in 2001.

Please let us all take a moment to remember Tom and Heather.

Awards

I am over the moon to relay that Surrey County Council obtained for three projects, one Silver and two Bronze awards at the IESE Award Ceremony last month. This is a tremendous achievement and many congratulations to all Surrey staff involved. You have certainly done Surrey proud.

Young Mayor of Surrey

The Young Mayor, Natalie Winfield is studying hard at Boarding School but we are thrilled to have Tallulah flying the flag as Deputy, and we look forward to hearing about the work they are doing with Surrey's young people in due course.

Chair's work in the County

I have been exceedingly busy in my role as Chair across the county since the last council meeting and as some of you may have seen, I have been using my Facebook page to promote some of the engagements, meetings and visits I have made.

Here are just a few highlights:

- **Wood Street Jaz Festival** – All of the money raised went directly to Challengers, helping to break down the barriers to play, for local disabled children and their families.
- **Rededication of the SFRC** – Memorial Dedication to the 100 Surrey firefighters who lost their lives in World Wars I and II.
- **Surrey Hill's** – Sharing experiences of how we can all help to promote better access for more people of all abilities to access and enjoy our beautiful countryside in a sustainable way for their health and well-being whilst reducing conflict.
- **Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre** – awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service and a special commendation from the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport for outstanding service to our community during the early Covid lockdowns. The award was presented to the Museum by Sir Michael More-Molyneux, Lord Lieutenant of Surrey.
- **Surrey Civic Network Event** – I welcomed the newly elected Mayor's and Chairs of Surrey's District and Boroughs to Woodhatch to meet and discuss their themes and charities for the year.
- **The Bula Festival** – A day to and raise awareness of the cultural diversity within the Armed Force and celebrate Surrey's diversity by bringing together Service communities, veterans, their families and local communities through cultural exposition whilst celebrating Fijians contribution to the UK Armed Forces.
- **Bloomin' Arts** – A visit with HRH The Duke Of Gloucester to support people with learning difficulties to enjoy, develop skills, perform and work in the arts.

The next few months look like they will be equally busy but I would encourage members to get in touch with any concerns or proposals for visits to their divisions.

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 6 October 2021).

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 11 October 2021).

8 ORIGINAL MOTIONS

Item 8 (i)

Bernie Muir (Epsom West) to move under standing order 11 as follows:

This Council notes that:

- Surrey County Council would like to thank all public transport staff, including the frontline staff, who have all worked extremely hard on a daily basis over the last eighteen months to maintain the vital rail network across Surrey during the pandemic, and in the face of such adversity.
- It is crucial to review our public transport networks – both bus and rail – to ensure as far as we practicably can that these networks continue to support our economy and growth ambitions, meet the needs of our communities, and ensure we reach net zero in Surrey.

This Council further notes that:

- Any reduction in services across the network is contrary to national, regional and local strategies. Specifically, the County Council's emerging Surrey Transport Plan, the Rail Strategy approved earlier this year and the Climate Change Strategy; all of which promote public transport ahead of car use, whilst providing a framework to promote the wider decarbonisation of transport.
- This Government's Bus back better Strategy, which in tandem with Surrey County Council's Active Travel, will transform the way in services are planned and delivered and the way in which residents use public transport.

This Council resolves to:

- I. Continue to engage a constructive dialogue with railway service providers and other partners in the rail industry to help inform and shape the detail of future timetables, and to include a restoration of service frequencies through our stations across Surrey.
- II. Support the Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure in writing a letter to the Secretary of State outlining this Council's concerns regarding the impact that new timetable proposals may have on Surrey residents and to ensure adequate funding is provided to support sustainable transport provision in Surrey.

Item 8 (ii)

Marisa Heath (Englefield Green) to move under standing order 11 as follows:

This Council notes that:

- Surrey County Council is committed to becoming a net zero council by 2030.
- The Council has further committed to Surrey becoming a net zero county by 2050 at the latest to mitigate the impact of climate change on our residents, infrastructure, landscapes and biodiversity, and to play our part in preserving the vitality of our planet for future generations.
- Surrey County Council has a crucial role to play in delivering and driving this agenda by ensuring that resources and levers that are within its control and areas of influence are utilised to the maximum.
- The ambitions of the Greener Futures Climate Change Strategy require a step change in how our communities live, work and play.

This Council further notes that the Council's role in delivering the county's net zero target requires us to:

- **Lead** by example with the ambition to reduce the carbon emissions of the Council's own operations and services, recognising that elected members and officers have a significant role in leading by example in their actions and lifestyles and inspiring our colleagues, residents and communities to move to more sustainable ways of living and working in all of their decision making.
- **Enable** and identify opportunities and projects that reduce carbon emissions across Surrey that can benefit from the Council, by the Council facilitating finance and resources to attract external investment.
- **Inspire** by maximising opportunities to influence behaviour change and empower people and organisations to take actions that lead to real and sustainable change.

Additionally, it will be crucial for the Council to take a fourth role, by **collaborating** with districts and boroughs, health and other key partners to ensure every effort is maximised and joined up wherever possible.

In light of the above, this Council resolves to:

- I. Endorse a Greener Futures Member Commitment and in doing so, agree to put greener futures at the forefront of all aspects of decision-making, in line with our refreshed organisational strategy.
- II. Commit to working cross-party to champion the Greener Futures agenda and Climate Change delivery plan. Where Surrey County Council members also hold seats at District and Borough councils, they will support ongoing collaboration to deliver shared objectives and targets, and will, wherever possible, support local decisions and policies that deliver decarbonisation for Surrey.
- III. Commit to act as a connector with residents, staying abreast of opportunities for residents and communities to reduce their personal carbon footprints and improve their local environments. This includes promoting schemes, initiatives and funding opportunities which will be highlighted through communications undertaken around the Greener Futures.
- IV. Commit to actively encouraging communities to take a leading role in shaping and delivering the way in which we decarbonise the county and supporting community led decarbonisation and environmental initiatives, signposting appropriate funding sources such as Your Fund Surrey.
- V. Commit to working with partners through the Greener Futures Board to provide countywide leadership to this agenda.
- VI. Work with County Council officers to identify and support those on lower incomes and vulnerable residents to reduce their carbon

footprint and energy bills, ensuring that our policies do not have unintended consequences on these groups and that no one is left behind.

- VII. Agree that the Greener Futures Member Commitment will be included as a project within the One Net Zero Public Estate Programme of the new Greener Futures Climate Change Delivery Plan, which will be taken to Cabinet for a decision in October. The carbon impact of the commitment will be monitored and included as part of the Council's carbon reduction contribution.
- VIII. Agree that the Communities, Environment & Highways Select Committee Climate Change Task Force consider other actions in the future which can be added to the Greener Futures Member Commitment.
- IX. Appoint a Greener Futures Champion to support members in their efforts and highlight relevant points to all elected members that can help them deliver on their commitment to tackling climate change.

Item 8 (iii)

Catherine Baart (Earlswood and Reigate South) to move under standing order 11 as follows:

This Council notes that:

At present it is very expensive for suppliers to provide locally generated renewable electricity to local customers.

The Local Electricity Bill would help reduce the cost of renewable electricity from community projects. It would make the supplier's financial costs proportionate to the size of the operation and in doing so would help community energy groups get their schemes going. In turn, this would generate local revenues for the local economy, as well as reducing carbon emissions.

"Accelerating community energy projects" is part of the Council's Climate Change Delivery Plan and the Local Electricity Bill made law would support the Council in achieving its Greener Futures goals. In Outwood (an East Surrey village with no gas supply largely dependent on oil for heating), a local community electricity project could make decarbonising heating possible for the residents.

The Local Electricity Bill would establish a "Right to Local Supply" policy.

At present, 79 councils and a cross party group of at least 264 MPs support the Local Electricity Bill, including Jeremy Hunt, MP.

This Council resolves to:

- I. Support the Local Electricity Bill.
- II. Write to local MPs who have not yet expressed support for the Bill.
- III. Write to the organisers of the Bill, Power for the People, expressing its support.

Item 8 (iv)

Robert Evans (Stanwell and Stanwell Moor) to move under standing order 11 as follows:

This Council notes:

With great concern the on-going national and local issue regarding incidences of faulty cladding on buildings and other related defects, which have come to light since the tragic Grenfell Tower fire of 2017, which claimed seventy-two lives.

That in November 2018, the government banned the use of all combustible materials on the walls of new high rises meaning the problem has now extended beyond aluminium composite material (ACM) cladding to include fire breaks between floors and other building features, including wooden balconies and panels. However, it did not legislate for building owners to take action nor provide sufficient compensation funds to cover all situations.

This Council further notes:

That the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and the UK Council of Mortgage Lenders agreed the industry External Wall System (EWS) fire review and certification process resulting in what is known as an EWS1 form, without which many lenders are now refusing to provide mortgages, leaving many Surrey leaseholders in severe financial crisis and with homes that are dangerous and often unsaleable.

Council therefore welcomes the appointment of Surrey Heath MP, Rt Hon Michael Gove as secretary of state for Levelling up, housing and communities, charged with steering the Building Safety Bill through Parliament and urges him to recognise and address the unfairness of developers or management companies placing the cost of repair works on the shoulders of the leaseholders.

Additionally, Council is deeply concerned that this is all having a detrimental impact on the mental and physical health of many residents in Surrey, who have put considerable, personal and financial investment into becoming part of the home owning democracy, only to find that the large development companies are demanding huge repair costs and/or the cost of waking fire watches.

Furthermore, Council believes Surrey councils have a responsibility and arguably a 'duty of care' to its residents and therefore should not stand by and leave action to the government alone and now needs to step in and take unilateral action where legally allowed to.

This Council therefore calls on its leadership to support all those in Surrey affected by this scandal and to resolve to:

- I. Formally raise the issue with H M government through Mr Gove and the County's other MPs.

- II. Support other local authorities and the LGA's initiatives with the government in exploring ways in which local councils can be empowered to support their residents and ensure building regulations are complied with, or retrospectively repaired, at no cost to the leaseholder.
- III. Ask the boroughs and districts, in conjunction with Surrey Fire and Rescue Service as a matter of urgency and if they have not already done so, to perform an audit and consultation to establish the potential scope of the cladding, EWS1 and snagging issues of all habitable buildings.
- IV. Urge the County's boroughs and districts to explore ways to delay approving planning applications where the applicant has outstanding snagging or EWS1 certification issues and include a condition to be discharged on all future planning applications to provide an EWS1 form before first occupation.
- V. Sign Surrey County Council up to the End Our Cladding Scandal campaign.

Item 8 (v)

Lance Spencer (Goldsworth East and Horsell Village) to move under standing order 11 as follows:

The Council notes that:

The important Climate Summit COP26 is being held in Glasgow this November, and that it is now over two years since the Climate Emergency was recognised and declared by this Council on 9 July 2019.

The local response to the Climate Emergency, as laid out in the Greener Futures Delivery Plan, while capable of undertaking many urgent and useful actions within its powers and capacity and able to energise local people and businesses, faces critical limitations in key areas for scaling-up change, including:

- Sufficient funding for the front-loaded costs of insulation schemes, replacement of carbon-intensive heating systems and installation of renewables in Surrey buildings - by residents, businesses and the public sector.
- Sufficient funding to bring forward the necessary changes to motorised transport as laid out in the Local Transport Plan 4 currently out for consultation to significantly reduce the 46% of Surrey-based greenhouse gas emissions which are from this activity.
- Sufficient funding and a clear strategy for the effective communications and engagement necessary to create the behavioural change that will be required in the coming years to deliver the Greener Futures Delivery Plan.

In light of the climate emergency declaration, this Council resolves to:

- I. Request the Cabinet Member for Environment to write to the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, the new Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, the Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, and Alok Sharma, President of COP26 to urge sufficient funding and policy change to allow local government to make urgent progress in meeting its challenges meaningfully in the financial year 2022/23.
- II. Request the Cabinet Member for Environment to review and update the existing communications and engagement plan, before the next meeting of the Council, to set out how we will engage with the 1.2 million residents, eighty-one Members and businesses across Surrey so they fully understand the transformation needed for Surrey to meet its carbon reduction targets.

9 CHANGES TO CABINET PORTFOLIOS

Recommendation:

Council is asked to note the Leader's changes to Cabinet Portfolios.

Report to follow

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| 10 | ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEMBER MEETINGS | (Pages
59 - 62) |
| | County Council is asked to review and approve the proposed arrangements for member meetings for the remainder of the Council Year 2021/22, following the relaxation of the public health restrictions and the expiry of the Remote Meeting Regulations 2020. | |
| 11 | REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE: RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY | (Pages
63 - 78) |
| | Council is asked to agree to the enclosed Risk Management Strategy and for the Constitution to be updated. | |
| 12 | APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE | (Pages
79 - 82) |
| | For Council to agree in principle the appointment of an Independent Member to the Audit and Governance Committee, for recruitment and final approval by Council at its meeting on 14 December 2021. | |
| 13 | REPORT OF THE CABINET | (Pages
83 - 88) |
| | To receive the report of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 20 July 2021 and 28 September 2021. | |

14 MINUTES OF CABINET MEETINGS

(Pages
89 - 114)

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 11 October 2021.