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Agenda and Reports
for the Budget meeting of
THE COUNTY COUNCIL
to be held on
8 FEBRUARY 2022

Woodhatch Place
Reigate
Surrey

Monday, 31 January 2022

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, 8 February 2022, 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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This meeting will be held in public, however numbers will be limited in order to adhere to Covid-19 social distancing requirements. If you would like to attend, please contact Amelia Christopher on 07929 725663 or via the email address above in advance of the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair to report apologies for absence.

2 MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 12 October 2021.

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- 52)

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

(Pages
53 - 54)

Welcome

Welcome everyone to today's Council meeting – our first formal meeting of 2022. It is wonderful to be back here in our fantastic Council Chamber and see you all in person.

Queens New Year Honours

Well done and a huge thank you to all Surrey residents who were honoured in the Queen's New Year Honours. Exceptional work has been carried out across a wide range of sectors that has really made an incredible difference to so many peoples' lives.

Please find the list of Surrey New Year Honours 2022 attached to the agenda (Annex 1). I encourage you all to have a look.

Holocaust Memorial Day 2022

Sadly, this year we were again unable to gather together to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day and remember all those who perished so horrifically at the hands of Nazi Germany.

In place of our annual commemoration service, a message from me was uploaded to our Surrey web pages, along with information

about the Holocaust and links to our Surrey History Centre exhibition.

When you can, please do take a moment to pause and reflect on the atrocities. I very much hope we can all come together in person next year to pay homage to those who suffered so needlessly and so senselessly.

Platinum Jubilee – Queen’s Green Canopy

A big thank you to all of you who took a tree away with you from our last ‘in person’ Council meeting in October, as part of the Queen’s Green Canopy initiative during her Platinum Jubilee year. I hope you have managed to plant your trees and that they are all flourishing.

Please may I ask you to send a photograph of your tree to my office – chairs.office@surreycc.gov.uk. We are creating a montage of all our Queen’s Green Canopy trees to put on display in the Reception at Woodhatch Place. Please make sure your tree is included!

There are a handful of trees still available if you wish to take one away with you after the meeting. They will be placed just outside the door to the car park and will be given on a first come, first served basis.

Thank You

Finally, I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to the fantastic people of this Council as they continue to do their utmost to serve and protect the residents of our county. A sincere ‘thank you’ to all our staff for the immeasurable difference you are making to so many lives. Please do keep it up!

Although 2022 has got off to a somewhat bumpy start, things are certainly looking up with restrictions lifting and I think we can all start to feel very positively about the future. I really hope 2022 is a brighter and smoother year for us all.

5 2022/23 FINAL BUDGET AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY TO 2026/27 (Pages 55 - 240)

Council is asked to approve the 2022/23 Final Budget and Medium-Term Financial Strategy to 2026/27.

- Leader’s Statement (Budget) - *to be appended to the minutes.*

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

6 CHANGES TO CABINET PORTFOLIOS AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES (Pages 241 - 250)

Recommendations:

1. Council is asked to note the updated Cabinet Portfolios (Annexes 1 and 2).

2. Council to note Rebecca Paul's appointment by the Leader as the Deputy Cabinet Member for Levelling Up on 30 November 2021.
3. As a result of the above, David Harmer to be appointed as a Select Committee Task Group Lead (Vice-Chair) to the Resources and Performance Select Committee.
4. Alison Todd (née Griffiths) to be appointed as Vice-Chair of Spelthorne Joint Committee.

7 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 Democratic Services by 12 noon on Wednesday 2 February 2022).

8 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 7 February 2022).

9 RATIFICATION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS FROM INFORMAL REMOTE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING ON 18 JANUARY 2022

(Pages
251 -
294)

Council is asked to formally ratify the outcome of the debate on Original Motions from the informal remote meeting of the Council on 18 January 2022.

The minutes from the informal remote Council meeting held on 18 January 2022 can be found at Annex A and Council is asked to agree that these are a true record of the informal meeting.

10 REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE: EXTERNAL AUDIT PROCUREMENT

(Pages
295 -
306)

That Council approve the decision to opt into the Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) sector-led option for the appointment of external auditors to principal local government and police bodies for five financial years from 1 April 2023.

11 REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE: ANTIFRAUD AND CORRUPTION STRATEGY AND FRAMEWORK 2021-2024

(Pages
307 -
330)

That Council notes that the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy and Framework has been reviewed and agreed by the Audit and Governance Committee on 29 November 2021 and that the Constitution would be updated with the new strategy.

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| 12 | APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE | (Pages
331 -
334) |
| | Council is asked to ratify the appointment of the Independent Member to the Audit and Governance Committee for a period of 4 years as detailed in the report. | |
| 13 | SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21 | (Pages
335 -
344) |
| | Council is asked to review the Scrutiny Annual Report 2020/21 as presented in the accompanying paper (Annex 1) offering feedback and comments as appropriate. | |
| 14 | MEMBER DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY REVIEW 2021-23 | (Pages
345 -
382) |
| | To review the Member Development Strategy and agree suggested changes from the Member Development Steering Group. | |
| 15 | REPORT OF THE CABINET | (Pages
383 -
396) |
| | To receive the report of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 26 October 2021, 30 November 2021, 21 December 2021 and 25 January 2022. | |
| 16 | MINUTES OF CABINET MEETINGS | (Pages
397 -
462) |
| | 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 7 February 2022. | |

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