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Agenda and Reports
for the Annual meeting of
THE COUNTY COUNCIL

to be held on

24 MAY 2022

Woodhatch Place
Reigate
Surrey

Friday, 13 May 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, 24 May 2022, 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. The Venerable Moira Astin, Archdeacon of Reigate, 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.

***Note 2:** This meeting may be filmed for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's internet site - at the start of the meeting the Chair will confirm if all or part of the meeting is being filmed. The images and sound recording may be used for training purposes within the Council.*

Generally the public seating areas are not filmed. However by entering the meeting room and using the public seating area, you are consenting to being filmed and to the possible use of those images and sound recordings for webcasting and/or training purposes.

If you have any queries regarding this, please contact the representative of Legal and Democratic Services at 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 07929 725663 or via the email address above.

1 CHAIR

1. To elect a Chair for the Council Year 2022/23.
2. The Chair to make the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair to report apologies for absence.

3 MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22 March 2022.

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- 44)

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 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

Welcome everyone to today's Annual General Meeting (AGM). I find it hard to believe that a whole year has passed since we were either elected or re-elected as County Councillors of our great county – and what a year it has been. We and our residents have all faced many challenges over the past twelve months and we have more challenging times ahead of us. From the terrific work I have seen over the past year, I am confident that we can meet these challenges head on and continue to provide excellent service to our residents and our county. I look forward immensely to continuing to work with each and every one of you.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee 'Thank You' Party

On the topic of service, at the end of June I am hosting a Queen's Platinum Jubilee 'Thank You' Party for the extraordinary volunteers of Surrey who worked so tirelessly – often at great personal risk – to provide invaluable service and support to some of our most vulnerable residents throughout the pandemic.

Earlier this month you all received an email from my office kindly requesting that you nominate the phenomenal volunteers in your areas. I do hope you have all taken the time to nominate your residents who did – and continue to do – so much to help others in less fortunate positions.

If you have not yet nominated but wish to do so, please drop my office a line with the details. All nominations must be received by 10am tomorrow morning so please get nominating!

Ukraine

Of course, the terrible, terrible situation in Ukraine continues at devastating cost. We remain shoulder to shoulder with our friends in Ukraine and will continue to do all that we can to support them. I am greatly heartened that so many Surrey residents have stepped forward and opened their homes to displaced Ukrainians who have suffered so enormously. I am very proud of our residents who have done so and invite everyone to consider whether they too could offer their home to help someone very much in need.

I am also exceptionally proud to say that Surrey County Council has played its part with Surrey Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) donating essential equipment and our firefighters volunteering to help with the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) distribution of equipment in Ukraine. Of the many firefighters who volunteered, six were selected to help deliver this equipment to Ukraine:

Rory Coulter – Logistics Lead
Robert Clark – Firefighter – Training & Development
Chris Clinnick – Crew Commander – Haslemere Alpha Watch
Tom Westcott – Crew Commander – Dorking Red Watch
Karl Jones – Firefighter – Egham Alpha Watch
Matt Oakley – Fire investigation

Among others, I waved them off from Woodhatch earlier this month and was relieved and delighted to hear of their safe return. I am sure you join with me in offering them our grateful thanks and respect.

Sad News – Cllr John Carruthers

It is my sad duty to inform you of the death of a former County Councillor - Cllr John Carruthers. John was a Surrey County Councillor for Ashford West for several terms in the 1990s to 2000s. I am sure you join me in sending condolences to his family.

Surrey Fire & Rescue Services – Pass Off & Platinum Jubilee Celebration

It was an enormous privilege and my absolute pleasure to attend the SFRS Pass Off and Platinum Jubilee Celebration at their Wray Park Training Centre here in Reigate. It was a wonderfully happy occasion, celebrating the graduates of the Wholetime Course from 2021 who were unable to Pass Off due to Covid restrictions, alongside graduates from Wholetime and On Call Courses in 2022. Last but by no means least, Suki, our Fire Investigation Dog, also received her much-deserved recognition at this fantastic event. I offer my heartfelt congratulations and thanks to you all for keeping our residents safe.

Thank You

As ever, I would like to say a big 'thank you' to Surrey County Council's officers who do such a first-rate job of serving and protecting our residents. You are truly appreciated and valued – thank you for all that you do. Please do keep it up!

6 VICE-CHAIR

1. To elect a Vice-Chair for the Council Year 2022/23.
2. The Vice-Chair to make the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

7 LEADER'S STATEMENT

The Leader to make a statement.

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

8 CHANGES TO CABINET PORTFOLIOS

(Pages
45 - 52)

Recommendation:

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

9 ANNUAL REVIEW OF POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY

(Pages
53 - 54)

To formally review the proportional political allocation of places on committees and to adopt a scheme of proportionality for the Council Year 2022/23.

10 APPROVAL OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR ABSENCE

(Pages
55 - 56)

The purpose of this report is to request that the County Council considers whether to agree that County Councillor Alison Todd may continue to be absent from Council meetings by reason of ill health.

11 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

To appoint Members of the various Boards / Committees of the Council for the Council Year 2022/23 subject to any changes of membership to be reported to the meeting by Group Leaders.

(Note: report to follow).

12 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN

To elect Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees for the Council Year 2022/23.

(Note: report to follow).

13 AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

(Pages
57 - 190)

It is the Council's responsibility to approve changes to the Council's Constitution. This includes the Scheme of Delegation regarding non-executive functions, while amendments to executive functions are the responsibility of the Leader and are brought to County Council to note.

This report sets out proposed changes to the Constitution's Standing Orders and also includes executive and non-executive functions set out in the Scheme of Delegation and these are brought to Council for information and formal approval.

14 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 18 May 2022).

15 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 23 May 2022)

16 REPORT OF THE CABINET

(Pages
191 -
196)

To receive the report of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 29 March 2022 and 26 April 2022.

17 MINUTES OF CABINET MEETINGS

(Pages
197 -
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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 23 May 2022.

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Thank you for your co-operation