



Agenda and Reports
for the meeting of
THE COUNTY COUNCIL
to be held on
19 MARCH 2024

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Woodhatch Place
Reigate
Surrey

Monday, 11 March 2024

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, 19 March 2024, beginning at 10.00 am, for the purpose of transacting the business specified in the Agenda set out overleaf.

LEIGH WHITEHOUSE
Interim Chief Executive

Note 1: *For those Members wishing to participate, Prayers will be said at 9.50am. Rabbi Alex Goldberg, Dean of Religious Life and Belief at the University of Surrey, 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.

If you would like a copy of this agenda or the attached papers in another format, e.g. large print or braille, or another language, please email Amelia Christopher on amelia.christopher@surreycc.gov.uk

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 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair to report apologies for absence.

2 MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 6 February 2024.

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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

I am sure that I am not the only one who is pleased to see daffodils in bloom and more daylight. Spring is on its way, a sign of new beginnings, and that is especially the case for Surrey. We will come together next month for our Extraordinary Council Meeting, and I invite you to the garden room following the meeting for tea, coffee and cake. I hope to see you all there.

Charity Visits

Since our last meeting, I have been fortunate enough to be out in the county visiting some of Surrey's charities and recognising the hard work that goes into each of these charitable organisations. In February I visited the Hashim Welfare Hospital, a charity hospital providing the relief of sickness in rural Pakistan, in particular by assisting in the provision and management of a hospital. I also paid a visit to the Grange Centre for people with disabilities. The Grange does a tremendous job, supporting people with disabilities to lead independent and fulfilling lives. I have seen firsthand the incredible difference these charities make in their communities and to Surrey's residents. I will be continuing to visit charities over the course of the year in line with my theme, 'celebrating diverse communities' and I look forward to sharing more of the work taking place in the county with you.

Ukraine

On Saturday 24 February I stood at Jubilee Square in Woking to commemorate two years of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Even now, it is still hard to believe that in 2022, the world entered an unprecedented era, irreversibly altering the lives of Ukrainians and countless others across the globe. Over these challenging two years and as we start the third year, the resilience of the Ukrainian people continues to shine through.

Openings

One of the many, enjoyable tasks undertaken in the role as the Chair are grand openings, and this month I had the pleasure of attending the official opening of Heathside School in Walton-on-Thames who were also lucky enough to have His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester in attendance.

I welcomed residents to Blanchman's Farm Nature Reserve who, after being granted £119,000 by Your Fund Surrey, installed a trackway around its reserve. Nature reserves have historically been very hard to access for everyone and the previous trackway had become unfit for purpose. The new track has made the reserve completely accessible for people of all abilities and circumstances, just as it should be. It was a privilege to officially open the track and thank every member of the team for all their efforts in bringing the project to life, a very proud moment for the reserve and for the county.

International Women's Day

8 March marked International Women's Day 2024, and the theme for this year is 'Invest in women: Accelerate progress'. As a male Chair, I feel I have an even greater duty to ensure women are celebrated.

The world is facing many crises, ranging from geopolitical conflicts to soaring poverty levels and the escalating impacts of climate change. These challenges can only be addressed by solutions that empower women. By investing in women and championing gender equality, we can spark change and speed the transition towards a healthier, safer, and more equal world, where everyone in society can thrive, creating a world of boundless opportunity and equal empowerment for all.

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, the Deputy Leader 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 13 March 2024).

2. Cabinet Member and Deputy 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 18 March 2024).

8 ORIGINAL MOTIONS

Item 8 (i)

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

This Council believes that:

The current system for local government finance is no longer fit for purpose.

This Council resolves to:

Call on the next government to bring in a fairer and more robust system to replace Council Tax.

- 9 **SELECT COMMITTEE FEEDBACK ON A REFERRED MOTION: 'ADVERTISING & SPONSORSHIP POLICY'** (Pages 45 - 54)

To provide feedback from the Communities, Environment and Highways Select Committee's Greener Futures Reference Group on the Council motion titled 'Advertising & Sponsorship Policy' as requested by the Council.

- 10 **ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (FRIMLEY PARK HOSPITAL)** (Pages 55 - 62)

To agree the Terms of Reference and membership of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Frimley Park Hospital).

- 11 **SELECT COMMITTEES' REPORT TO COUNCIL** (Pages 63 - 66)

For Members to note the headline activity of the Council's overview and scrutiny function in the period October 2023 to February 2024 asking questions of Scrutiny Chairs as necessary.

- 12 ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL - MEMBER DEVELOPMENT** (Pages 67 - 72)
- This report provides an annual overview of the council's approach to member development, to provide assurance that the current approach is effective and equitable.
- 13 REPORT OF THE CABINET** (Pages 73 - 78)
- To receive the report of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 27 February 2024.
- 14 MINUTES OF CABINET MEETINGS** (Pages 79 - 90)
- 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 18 March 2024.

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Thank you for your co-operation.