



Agenda and Reports  
for the Budget meeting of  
**THE COUNTY COUNCIL**

to be held on

**4 FEBRUARY 2025**

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Woodhatch Place  
Reigate  
Surrey

Monday, 27 January 2025

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, 4 February 2025, beginning at 10.00 am, for the purpose of transacting the business specified in the Agenda set out overleaf.

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Chief Executive

**Note 1:** *For those Members wishing to participate, Prayers will be said at 9.50am. The Reverend Dr Robert Kenyon, St Katharine's church, Merstham, 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](mailto: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

(Pages 9  
- 58)

To confirm the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 10 December 2024 and 8 January 2025 (Extraordinary).

## 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

Following the Extraordinary Council meeting in January, I welcome you all to our first scheduled Council meeting of 2025. Despite January often being associated with doom and gloom, it has been a very eventful and positive start to the year.

### King's New Year Honours List

Surrey has seen a remarkable number of its residents recognised in the King's New Year Honours List for 2025. The volume of awards highlights the county's strong commitment to excellence and public service, showcasing the impact of its residents on both local and national levels.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to all the honourees. Your dedication and contributions to various fields have made a significant impact, and we thank you for your service. It is truly inspiring to see so many people from Surrey being honoured for their hard work and dedication.

You can find a full list of all award winners via The Gazette Official Public Record.

## **Chair's Visits**

**Surrey's Fostering Event:** I attended Surrey's Fostering Annual Winter Event, it was a privilege to celebrate the enormous contribution our foster carers make to the lives of Surrey's Looked After Children. We recognised carers who have reached specific milestones in their fostering careers and provided an opportunity for them to come together and socialise with other foster carers.

**Installation of Dean of Guildford:** I was honoured to attend the installation and welcome of the Dean of Guildford, The Venerable Bob Cooper. Bob brings extensive experience and a passion for community engagement. He will lead the cathedral's mission, ensuring it continues to be a beacon of faith, outreach, and cultural enrichment in Guildford and beyond. I wish the Dean every success in his new post.

**Jewish Commemoration & Reconciliation Day:** I joined the Mayor of Guildford and the Lord Bishop of Guildford to mark the 750th Anniversary of the expulsion of the Jews of Guildford. The day was dedicated to recommitting ourselves to diversity, freedom of religion, and belief, especially in this time of surging antisemitism and Islamophobia.

## **Chair's Events**

**Community Champions Reception:** I would like to thank the Members who nominated residents who do exceptional work in their districts for the Community Champion Reception set to take place this Spring. My office will be in touch in due course, and I very much look forward to recognising, thanking, and celebrating each and every worthy individual.

**Holocaust Ceremony:** This year, for the first time, we held the Holocaust ceremony at the Surrey History Centre in Woking. I was joined by guest speakers, Holocaust survivor Ted Truscoe, our very own Paul Deach, and Rabbi Alex Goldberg in the lighting of the candle. This year's theme, "For a Better Future" was at the forefront, encouraging us to learn from the past and consider what we can do to create a better future. We focused on bringing people together to reflect, speak up against Holocaust and genocide denial and distortion, challenge prejudice, and encourage others to learn about the Holocaust and recent genocides. The ceremony was complemented by an exhibition open to the community to honour the memory of the Holocaust victims.

## **As always – thank you!**

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all Members for their unwavering dedication and hard work. Your commitment to improving our community is truly inspiring and deeply appreciated.

**5 2025/26 FINAL BUDGET AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY TO 2029/30** (Pages 59 - 200)

Council is asked to approve the 2025/26 Final Budget and Medium-Term Financial Strategy to 2029/30.

- 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 APPROVAL OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR ABSENCE** (Pages 201 - 202)

The purpose of this report is to request that the County Council considers whether to agree that County Councillor David Lewis (Camberley West) be absent from Council meetings by reason of ill health.

**7 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

**Recommendation:**

Council is asked to note the Leader's appointment of David Lewis (Cobham) as the Chairman of the Strategic Investment Board.

**8 MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT** (Pages 203 - 222)

To agree the annual adjustment to Members' Allowances for the financial year 2025-2026.

**9 UPDATED HEALTH GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS** (Pages 223 - 254)

This report seeks to inform Council of recent changes to Health Governance arrangements in Surrey and asks it to note the Memorandum of Understanding between Surrey County Council and Surrey Heartlands Integrated Care Partnership and approve the revised Health and Wellbeing Board Terms of Reference.

**10 MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME**

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 29 January 2025).***

**11 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 3 February 2025).***

**12 REPORT OF THE CABINET**

To receive the report of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 17 December 2024, 8 January 2025 (Extraordinary) and 28 January 2025.

*(Note: report to follow)*

**13 MINUTES OF CABINET MEETINGS**

(Pages  
255 -  
272)

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 3 February 2025.

*(Note: 28 January 2025 Cabinet minutes to follow)*

**MOBILE TECHNOLOGY AND FILMING – ACCEPTABLE USE**

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Thank you for your co-operation