



Agenda and Reports  
for the Budget meeting of  
**THE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
to be held on  
**6 FEBRUARY 2024**

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Woodhatch Place  
Reigate  
Surrey

Friday, 26 January 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, 6 February 2024, 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 Bhikkhu from Wat Phra Dhammakaya London, Dhammakaya International Society 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  
- 54)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 12 December 2023.

## 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

### **Donations to Surrey Charities**

Whilst Christmas now seems a rather distant memory, I am pleased to announce that, instead of hosting a Christmas Reception, I donated much-needed funds to several Surrey charities that help some of our most vulnerable and at-risk residents. As you know, my theme for my chairmanship is 'Celebrating Diverse Communities' and I therefore selected a number of charities that do fantastic and vital work within Surrey's diverse communities. Furthermore, as we are all too aware, Christmas can be a particularly difficult time for many individuals and families facing homelessness and poverty and I therefore donated to foodbanks and homeless charities across the county. We have had some heartfelt feedback and I am humbled to know that among others, donations ensured that many were given a hot meal and a warm bed over the festive period.

### **Thank You to Surrey Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS)**

On Christmas Day, I visited Surrey's Fire Stations in Guildford, Painshill and Woking to not only wish the firefighters and staff a very 'Merry Christmas' but also to thank them on behalf of Members for all they do to keep us safe all year round, particularly on those special days when most of us are relaxing and having fun with family and friends. They do an incredible job and it was a privilege to spend time with them and boost morale.

At the end of December, I attended a Pass Out Parade for the new recruits and was so impressed by the men and women joining the SFRS who I have no doubt will continue to uphold the superb standards of our Fire Service. I am proud of each and every one of them and I wish them all the very best in their new careers.

### **King's New Year Honours**

I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to the Surrey residents who were honoured in His Majesty The King's New Year Honours. Our great county is home to exceptional residents who have made a significant and often immeasurable difference to the lives of many Surrey residents.

A particular 'well done' to Surrey County Councillor Rachael Lake, who received an Order of the British Empire (BEM) for services to the community in Walton-on-Thames. Very many congratulations to you Rachael - your residents are lucky to have you.

Please find the list of Surrey New Year Honours 2024 here: [New Year Honours List 2024 - Surrey Lieutenancy](#)

### **Holocaust Memorial Day 2024**

On 26 January we marked Holocaust Memorial Day to remember and pay respects to all those who suffered so horrendously at the hands of Nazi Germany.

Members and officers gathered at Woodhatch Place to hear from Councillor Paul Deach, who spoke so movingly about his experiences of growing up in a Jewish household in Manchester. We reflected on the Holocaust and other genocides that have taken place over the years and we lit candles in remembrance of those who perished.

To find out more, please visit [Holocaust Memorial Day Trust \(hmd.org.uk\)](http://hmd.org.uk)

### **Social Media Drop-in**

Our Communications and Engagement team is once again holding a social media drop-in session!

Please come and meet officers from that team to discuss one-to-one, how you can use social media in your roles as Members.

This will be an informal drop-in session to provide the opportunity for you to ask about any queries or concerns you may have relating to social media. They can advise on things like setting up Facebook pages, when to respond to residents and where to find the right information.

Officers can be found in the Council Chamber after the Council meeting.

### **Members & Officers**

I would like to thank Members and officers for your continued and exceptional hard work to support our residents, particularly over the festive period. Winter has brought further seasonal pressures and challenges and I know everyone is working continuously to support and deliver for our residents. Thank you – and please keep up the excellent work.

### **Joanna Killian – Thank You and Farewell**

Last - but by absolutely no means least - I would like to conclude by saying 'farewell' and 'thank you' to our Chief Executive, Joanna Killian who will sadly be leaving Surrey County Council. Her last working day will be 6 March, exactly six years to the day that she joined us, she will be taking up the prestigious position of Chief Executive of the Local Government Association.

Joanna has been an absolute powerhouse since she joined us in 2018; turning around the organisation, leading us superbly through the tumultuous Covid years and beyond and, of course, taking the Council's headquarters back into Surrey for the first time since 1965. Her positive impact upon the Council, Surrey and its residents is immeasurable and we are all immensely grateful to her. The Council's loss is certainly the LGA's gain and they are extremely lucky to have her. I have no doubt she will be exceptionally successful in her new role and I am sure you will all join me in wishing Joanna the very best of luck. Joanna, on behalf of us all - thank you.

### **5 2024/25 FINAL BUDGET AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY TO 2028/29**

(Pages 55 - 234)

Council is asked to approve the 2024/25 Final Budget and Medium-Term Financial Strategy to 2028/29.

- 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 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 31 January 2024).***

### **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 5 February 2024).***

- 8 REPORT OF THE PEOPLE, PERFORMANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** (Pages 235 - 236)
- A. Appointment of Interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service:** to approve the appointment of an Interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service.
- B. Appointment of Interim Section 151 Officer:** to approve the appointment of an Interim Section 151 Officer.
- 9 REVIEW OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES FOR 2024 - 2025 - REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL** (Pages 237 - 250)
- County Council is invited to consider the Independent Remuneration Panel's report on the review of Members' Allowances for 2024 - 25 and the Panel's resulting recommendations.
- 10 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION** (Pages 251 - 252)
- It is the Council's responsibility to approve changes to the Council's Constitution.
- This report sets out proposed changes to Part 2 – Articles of the Constitution. These are brought to Council for formal approval in accordance with Article 4.04(b) and Article 13.01 of the Council's Constitution.
- 11 REPORT OF THE CABINET**
- To receive the report of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 11 December 2023, 19 December 2023 and 30 January 2024.
- (Note: report to follow)*
- 12 MINUTES OF CABINET MEETINGS** (Pages 253 - 274)
- 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 5 February 2024.
- (Note: to follow: Minutes, Cabinet - 30 January 2024)*

**MOBILE TECHNOLOGY AND FILMING – ACCEPTABLE USE**

Members of the public and the press may use social media or mobile devices in silent mode during meetings. Public Wi-Fi is available; please ask the committee manager for details.

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The use of mobile devices, including for the purpose of recording or filming a meeting, is subject to no interruptions, distractions or interference being caused to any Council equipment or any general disturbance to proceedings. The Chairman may ask for mobile devices to be switched off in these circumstances.

Thank you for your co-operation.