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Dear Councillor

COUNCIL MEETING - 22 JULY 2008

The MEETING of the WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, THE BURYS, GODALMING on **TUESDAY, 22 JULY 2008** at 7.00 p.m. and you are hereby summoned to attend this meeting.

The Agenda for the Meeting is set out below.

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting, prayers will be led by the Reverend John Page of Hale and Badshot Lea.

Yours sincerely



Chief Executive

This meeting will be webcast and can be viewed by visiting <http://www.waverley.ukcouncil.net/> and will be preceded by an open public question time at 6.30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. **MINUTES**

To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 13 May 2008 (herewith).

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Mayor to report apologies for absence.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

To receive from Members declarations of personal and prejudicial interests in relation to any items included on the agenda for this meeting in accordance with the Waverley Code of Local Government Conduct.

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

To answer the following questions received from members of the public in accordance with Procedure Rule 10:-

*[*NB. The following questions express personal views of the questioners and Waverley does not endorse the statements of fact and opinion in any way and they do not reflect the views of Waverley Borough Council.]*

i. from Mr S Cochrane of Farnham

"I would be most grateful if I could ask the following two part question, the first part is important for my understanding and only requires a yes or no answer:

'Is the air quality action plan part or whole of the Area Action Plan for Farnham's town centre traffic management which Waverley is committed to on page 5 of the Statement of Community Involvement?

Whilst improving air quality is a priority, changes to traffic flows, direction and pedestrianisation will undoubtedly have an economic and physical impact on certain elements of the community. When only one statutory respondent replies to the consultation, the local town council fails to do so, there is no sign that retailers or the Chamber of Commerce has been consulted and the consultants employed also have CNS as a client and therefore potential conflicts of interest, why is it that decisions are being made by the council before adequate truly independent studies have been completed and more importantly specific schemes trialed before implementation and approval?"

ii. from Mr J Hyman of Farnham

"Mr Mayor,

At present, pedestrians that wish to cross South Street or Bear Lane at the Royal Deer junction have to wait up to thirty eight seconds for the next pedestrian 'green' phase.

Surrey County Council have recently confirmed that the re-phasing proposal, which is an integral and (in terms of funding mechanisms) a pre-requisite of the Farnham AQAP, involves increasing that 38-second wait to 82 (EIGHTY TWO) seconds.

Can you please explain in simple terms how WBC justify this drastic measure as being in accordance with the AQAP's claim to 'improve pedestrian conditions', how it passed SCC's 'Safety Audit', and how it improves the pedestrian linkage between The Borough and the eastern parts of the town centre?

Thank you".

iii. from Mr M Murphy of Farnham

"Many existing Farnham businesses feel threatened by the so-called East Street Development proposals. Several have closed and gone, others are considering whether to renew their leases.

This is Planning Blight. If WBC were to grant consent it would extend this blight over Farnham indefinitely leading to the ruination of Farnham's commercial viability and therefore damage to WBC's own financial stability.

Why are we so pessimistic? It is because it is now apparent that WBC's chosen commercial development partner is not in a position to carry out their side of the contract. It emerges that Crest Nicholson are in trouble. They are laying off their work force, abandoning unfinished developments and not starting on any new projects. They have been obliged to call upon the services of one of the nation's top accountancy firms who specialise in "distressed companies" to sort out their financial problems.

My question is:-

Is it any longer prudent for WBC to grant consent to their development partners if Crest Nicholson are unable to fulfil their side of the contract.

May I add that if WBC are planning to continue playing this busted flush, we will require that the point raised by our MP be fulfilled and that the people of Farnham should now be given all the financial information on this latest scheme showing that is a "fully costed, commercially viable plan".

iv. from Mrs C Sandars of Farnham

"As a process matter re the East Street scheme, last October's Council meeting was assured that the 'cherry picking' by the developer of the most profitable residential elements from the East Street scheme could not occur, due to the access to the construction site being via a temporary link to the A31 bypass and the direction of works necessarily

being from the north to south of the site. As there is no sign of progress on a complementary planning application to secure that link road for the start of construction, what alternative access would be used to ensure that the developer is not free to include only those most profitable elements within a partial scheme?"

v. from Mr R Sandars of Farnham

"The Air Quality Action Plan for Farnham prescribes measures that include re-phasing of the signals at the Royal Deer junction and 'Reallocating Roadspace' in Downing Street and the Borough. The unavoidable consequence of these proposals will be further congestion in the town centre, with significant displacement of A287 (Castle Hill / Castle Street) traffic to other routes - in particular the already heavily loaded Upper Hale Road - and significant congestion in South Farnham on all routes into the town centre, especially those feeding into the Hickley's Corner / A31 junction.

Given the legal requirement that the feasibility, benefits and disadvantages of measures intended to improve air quality be assessed **prior** to their inclusion in an Air Quality Action Plan, will Waverley Borough Council please detail what research has been undertaken to assess the impact of the proposed signal re-phasing and 'reallocation of roadspace' on the wider road network, particularly in Hale and South Farnham.

Will the Council also explain how it is complying with requirements to

- [1] make public the Surrey County Council plans for all the 'improvements' within the Farnham Review Study and AQAP (including the complementary traffic calming on Upper Hale Road) and,
- [2] provide an appropriate Strategic Environmental Assessment of the consequences?"

6. QUESTION TIME

To answer any questions received in accordance with Procedure Rule 11.2.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION

To receive any notices of motion received in accordance with Procedure Rule 12.1.

8. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES

(a) To receive the minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on:-

- (i) 20 May 2008 (herewith - coloured grey);

- (ii) 10 June 2008 (herewith - coloured grey);
- (iii) 8 July 2008 (herewith - coloured grey); and
- (b) To receive the minutes of the meetings of the Joint Planning Committee held on
 - (i) 13 May 2008 (herewith - coloured yellow);
 - (ii) 27 May 2008 (herewith - coloured yellow);
 - (iii) 28 May 2008 (herewith - coloured yellow); and
- (c) To receive the minutes of the meetings of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee held on:-
 - (i) 13 May 2008 (herewith - coloured aqua);
 - (ii) 2 June 2008 (herewith - coloured aqua); and
- (d) To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 24 June 2008 (herewith - coloured lavender); and
- (e) To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 1 July 2008 (herewith - coloured buff).

9. ANNUAL REPORTS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

To receive the Annual Reports from each of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees, endorsed by the Committees at their meetings in June 2008:-

- (a) Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee (herewith - coloured gold);
- (b) Environment and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee (herewith - coloured green); and
- (c) Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee (herewith - coloured blue).

10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (COMMITTEES AND POLITICAL GROUPS)
REGULATIONS 1990 – OUTSTANDING APPOINTMENTS

To appoint the Members of the Appeals Panel and the Emergency Advisory Group, as set out below:-

Appeals Panel (12)

Cllr Mrs G M Beel
Cllr L C Bate
Cllr Mrs P Ellis
Cllr M R Goodridge
Cllr D C Inman
Cllr Mrs D M James

Cllr R A Knowles
Cllr B J Morgan
Cllr S L Pritchard
Cllr K T Reed
Cllr Ms J Thomson
Cllr Mrs N Warner-O'Neill

Emergency Advisory Group (4)

Cllr M H W Band
Cllr V Duckett

Cllr Mrs P M Frost
Cllr R J Gates

11. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider the following motion, to be moved by the Mayor, where appropriate:-

That pursuant to Procedure Rule 20 and in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any matter on this agenda on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the item(s), there would be disclosure to them of exempt information (as defined by Section 100I of the Act) of the description specified in the appropriate paragraph(s) of the revised Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (to be identified at the meeting).