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Dear Councillor

COUNCIL MEETING – 15 FEBRUARY 2011

The MEETING of the WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, THE BURYS, GODALMING on **TUESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2011 at 7.00 p.m.** and you are hereby summoned to attend this meeting.

The Agenda for the Meeting is set out below.

[In the event that adverse weather conditions prevent this meeting from proceeding, the meeting will be held instead at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday 17 February 2011]

Yours sincerely

Chief Executive

Please note, due to essential maintenance, the lift in the Council Offices will be out of action from 31st January until further notice. As the Council Chamber and Committee Rooms are situated on the 1st floor of the Council Offices, members of the public who are unable to manage stairs are advised not to attend in person. Meetings will be available to watch on the Waverley Website at www.waverley.gov.uk

AGENDA

1. **INFORMAL QUESTION TIME**

The Mayor to receive any informal questions from members of the public (for a maximum of 15 minutes), before the start of the formal meeting.

2. MINUTES

To confirm the Minutes of the Meetings held on 14 December 2010 (herewith).

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Mayor to report apologies for absence.

4. 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.

5. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

To answer any questions received from members of the public in accordance with Procedure Rule 10.

7. QUESTION TIME

To answer the following question received from Cllr Ken Reed in accordance with Procedure Rule 11.2:-

"During his 13th January visit to speak with government minister, Bob Neill, to press for a "fairer deal" for Waverley's residents, the Leader delivered a written submission that contained claims that could be considered to be misleading to the minister. One in particular said that, "Since 2008, Waverley has reduced the number of Directors from 6 to 2...", a claim that was reiterated in part by Councillor Steel, at a meeting of the Executive on the 25th January.

I expect that Members present who were councillors during the last administration will recall that reports brought to Council on 'Senior Management Restructuring', in 2006, referred to the Liberal Democrats intention to seek to reduce the number of Directors from five to four and then to three. Imagine then my surprise to read that by 2008, under this Conservative Administration, the number of Directors had increased to six and my further confusion in learning that there are now only two.

As part of the Restructuring review in 2006, members of the Liberal Democrat Executive and opposition leaders visited a number of other local authorities to investigate different Senior Management Structures; at no point was there any confusion on the definition of a Director. It would seem, however, that there now is some doubt as to what criteria we should use to define a Director at Waverley. It is clear to me that the criteria used by this Conservative Administration must be different

from that used by other authorities and the last Liberal Democrat Administration. It is also possible that this Conservative Administration has changed its criteria again between 2008 and 2011.

To clear up this confusion, would the Leader like to explain the criteria used to define a director, the names of the six Directors in 2008 and the current two?"

8. NOTICE OF MOTION

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

9. BUDGET 2011/2012

To receive the report of the Executive in respect of the 2011/2012 budget, set out at Appendix A, incorporating:-

Appendix A.1 - Budget Monitoring

Appendix A.2 - General Fund Revenue Estimates 2011/12

Appendix A.3 - General Fund Capital Programme 2011/12

Appendix A.4 - Housing Revenue Account Revenue Estimates and Rent Levels 2011/12

Appendix A.5 - Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme 2011/12

Appendix A.6 - (To Follow) Council Tax Setting 2011/12 (including any information received since the meeting of the Executive).

10. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES

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

(i) 25 January 2011 (herewith - coloured grey); and

(ii) of the Special Meeting of 14 February 2011 (to follow); and

(b) To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee held on 10 February 2011 (to follow - coloured bright green).

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).

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