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Dear Councillor

COUNCIL MEETING – 21 FEBRUARY 2012

A MEETING of the WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, THE BURYS, GODALMING on **TUESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2012** 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 3.00pm on Thursday 23 February 2012]

Yours sincerely

Chief Executive

This meeting will be webcast from the conclusion of Informal Question Time and can be viewed by visiting 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 Council Meeting held on 13 December 2011 (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 the following questions received in accordance with Procedure Rule 10:-

i. from Mrs Celia Sandars of Farnham

“In the context of the optimism expressed by the Portfolio Holder, in response to questions from the public at recent council meetings regarding the East Street scheme, why has the council agreed, according to the development agreement published online on 30 January, that the developer should be allowed up to six and a half years to complete the development, rather than the two and a half years, previously agreed?”

ii. from Mr David Wylde of Farnham

“How can the covenant for Brightwells Gardens be considered appropriate, when the development would be built on part of the land the covenant purports to protect from development?”

7. QUESTION TIME

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

8. NOTICE OF MOTION

To receive any motions submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 12.1.

9. BUDGET 2012/2013

To receive the report of the Executive in respect of the 2012/13 budget, set out at Appendix A, incorporating:-

Appendix A.1 - General Fund Revenue Estimates 2012/13

Appendix A.2 - General Fund Capital Programme 2012/13

Appendix A.3 - Housing Revenue Account Business Plan

- Appendix A.4 - Housing Revenue Account Business Plan Revenue Estimates 2012/13
- Appendix A.5 - Housing Revenue Account Business Plan Capital Programme 2012/13
- Appendix A.6 - Council Tax Setting 2012/13 (including any information received since the meeting of the Executive).

The recommendations included within each report are set out below:-

The Executive RECOMMENDS

- 1. that a 0% increase for Waverley's element of Council Tax for 2012/13 be approved;**
- 2. approval of the List of Star Chamber/Foresight Reductions and Growth Items as shown at Annexe 3 to Appendix A.1;**
- 3. approval of the changes to Fees and Charges as shown at Annexe 5 to Appendix A.1;**
- 4. approval of the General Fund Budget for 2012/13, as amended by the above changes;**
- 5. that the Executive carries out a mid-year review of the General Fund Budget and takes any appropriate action in the light of the position at that time;**
- 6. approval of the 2012/13 General Fund Capital Programme in the sum of £5,034,640;**
- 7. the financing proposals for 2012/13 be agreed in accordance with Annexe 2 to Appendix A.2;**
- 8. approval of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) 30 year Business Plan at Annexe 1 to Appendix A.3;**
- 9. authorisation to the Deputy Chief Executive to raise debt up to the borrowing cap of £192.310m indicated in the final Self-Financing Determination and on terms to be agreed in consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader and the Chief Executive, having regard to the advice of the Council's treasury management advisors;**
- 10. that the HRA debt can include internal borrowing from the General Fund of up to £5million;**
- 11. authorisation to the Deputy Chief Executive to agree the debt repayment profile in consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader**

and the Chief Executive having regard to the advice of the Council's treasury management advisors;

12. that officers be requested to report to the Executive in March with a headline delivery action plan for the developments referred to in the Business Plan;
13. the average actual rent level of Council dwellings be increased by 5.9% from 2nd April 2012;
14. the weekly charge for garage rents at Wagon Yard, Farnham be increased by £2.50 week from 2nd April 2012 to reflect their location;
15. the weekly charge for garages at Meadow, Latimer Road and Peperharow Road, Godalming; Hillhouse and Sunbrow, Haslemere be increased by £1.15 week from 2nd April 2012 to reflect the demand for garages in these areas;
16. the remaining garages rented by both Council and non-Council tenants be increased by 5.9% from 2nd April 2012;
17. the resultant HRA Revenue Budget for 2012/13 be approved which includes the above changes;
18. the total spend proposed in the 2012/13 Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme as shown at Annexe 1 to Appendix A.5 be approved;
19. the financing of the programme be approved in line with the resources shown at Annexe 1 to Appendix A.5;
20. the Financial Strategy be updated to take account of the decisions taken;
21. to grant every member of staff a one-off thank you payment of £450 (pro-rata depending on hours worked and length of service) as a token of the Council's appreciation;
22. that councillors' allowances be increased by 2% from 1 April 2012, costing £3,670 in 2012/13;
23. the cost of these payments, totalling £190,150, be met through a one-off transfer of funds from the revenue reserve for general fund costs (£143,350) and from the housing revenue account balance for housing costs (£46,620); and
24. approval of resolutions 24.1 – 24.4 relating to Council Tax Setting, as set out in detail at Appendix A.6

10. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES

- (a) To receive the minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on:-
- (i) 10 January 2012 (herewith - coloured grey); and
 - (ii) 7 February 2012 (herewith – coloured grey);
- (b) To receive the minutes of the meetings of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee held on:-
- (i) 15 December 2011 (herewith – coloured aqua); and
 - (ii) 16 February 2012 (to follow); and
- (c) To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Planning Committee held on 15 February 2012 (to follow).

11. APPOINTMENT TO COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Following the appointment of Cllr Julia Potts to the Executive as Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and Young People to replace Cllr Roger Steel who had resigned from the Executive, a vacancy has been created on the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Cllr Roger Steel be appointed to the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the current Council year.

12. 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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