

To: All Members of the Council

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Dear Councillor

COUNCIL MEETING – 17 JULY 2012

A MEETING of the WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, THE BURYS, GODALMING on **TUESDAY, 17 JULY 2012 at 7.00 p.m.** and you are hereby summoned to attend this meeting.

The Agenda for the Meeting is set out below.

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 Extraordinary and Annual Council Meetings held on 8 May 2012 ([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 from members of the public in accordance with Procedure Rule 10:-

i. from Mrs Betty Ames

With regard to the Core Strategy and with specific reference to Policy CS8 – Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople:

In the introduction to Appendix B and in Annexe 1, clear references are made to the changes in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) with both the consequent implications for the resultant major changes and for the relevant legal tests of soundness to be addressed.

However, apart from the acknowledgement at para 1.3 on page 8 of the Strategy document of the additional "Planning Policy for Traveller Sites" (PPTS) document, which forms a part of the revised NPPF, and on p.80 at para 9.27 of the Strategy (which came into force in March 2012 at the same time as the NPPF and therefore must be complied with), the policies promoted in this section, including Policy CS8 itself concerning Traveller sites makes no mention of the PPTS.

Without such a reference, and without appropriate qualification, pursuit of the sequential approach proposed by Policy CS8 for the identification of sites and pitches, namely prioritising the provision of additional pitches within or by extension of existing authorised sites, would appear to be unlawful. The absence of reference in the Policy to the need for such existing sites, as they may be extended by the Policy, to comply with the requirements of PPTS is a serious flaw. This is particularly relevant in relation to the PPTS requirements that Planning Authorities should aim for balance and avoid domination by sites of the local settled community given that no such balance has been achieved by Waverley's current policy which has resulted in 60% of all traveller pitches in the Borough being located at adjacent sites on Stovolds Hill.

Therefore the questions are:-

- why have no "major changes" been made to the policies proposed for the future reviews and provision of sites to address identified needs for such sites, in Waverley as a whole, which take account of the very specific policies of the PPTS?

- What action do you propose to take – even at this late stage – to address our very real concerns?

ii. from Mr Jerry Hyman

“Mr Mayor,

The January 2012 Surrey Heath Core Strategy Inspector's Report confirms that neither Natural England nor the SPA-affected LPAs can provide the required *Waddenzee* standard of convincing and objective evidence that their TBHSPA mitigation strategy will be effective (Circ 06/05 [20, 21] refer), and so to satisfy the overriding legal constraints the SHBC CS/Local Plan added a requirement that developers must themselves provide the *Waddenzee* evidence that LPAs' mitigation works; and because it is clearly impossible for developers to do so, and as the same issue forced the withdrawal of WBC's 2006 Core Strategy submission when specifically queried by the Inspector, does WBC accept that it must now explain just how your Core Strategy intends to satisfy the statutory requirement for *Waddenzee* evidence ?”

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. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES

- (a) To receive the minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on:-
- (i) 29 May 2012 (herewith - coloured grey); and
 - (ii) 3 July 2012 (herewith – coloured grey);
- (b) To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Planning Committee held on 8 May 2012 (herewith - coloured yellow);
- (c) To receive the minutes of the meetings of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee held on:-
- (i) 8 May 2012 (herewith - coloured bright green);
 - (ii) 31 May 2012 (herewith – coloured bright green);
- (d) To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 19 June 2012 (herewith – coloured buff); and

- (e) To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 26 June 2012 (herewith - coloured bright blue).

10. ANNUAL REPORTS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

To receive the Annual reports from the following Overview and Scrutiny Committees:-

- i. Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee (herewith – coloured gold)
- ii. Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee (herewith – coloured blue)

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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