

To: All Members of the Council

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Dear Councillor

COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2015

A MEETING of the WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, THE BURYS, GODALMING on **TUESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2015 at 7.00 pm** 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 2.00pm on Friday 20 February 2015]***

Yours sincerely

ROBIN TAYLOR

Head of Policy and Governance

**This meeting will be webcast from the conclusion of Informal Question Time and can be viewed by visiting [www.waverley.gov.uk](http://www.waverley.gov.uk)**

## **AGENDA**

**Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Mayor to receive any informal questions from members of the public, for a maximum of 15 minutes**

1. **MINUTES** (Pages 7 - 10)

To confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 9 December 2014 (herewith).

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Mayor to report apologies for absence.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive from Members, declarations of interest 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 question received from Mr Jerry Hyman of Farnham, in accordance with Procedure Rule 10:-

"Madame Mayor. Crest Nicholson's contract currently requires that they provide a new Brightwell Gostrey Community Centre within the Brightwells site as a Required Element of their proposed scheme, but on 6th January Waverley's Executive agreed to pursue a 'Memorial Hall solution', which would require the sacrifice of the valuable large community hall constructed in memory of lives lost in the Great War, and gifted to the people of Farnham for their use; and although the Portfolio Holder responded to a Public Question at the 3rd February Executive Meeting by stating that other options, including a (perhaps far preferable) 'Cobgates solution' had been considered, the long-awaited Feasibility Study was not presented to the Executive Meeting and has been withheld; hence we don't know the Council's justification for agreeing to pursue an option that your papers say will cost some £1.5 million in construction costs to alter the Memorial Hall, which is worth some £1 million as it stands - representing a total cost to us in the region of TWO AND A HALF MILLION POUNDS, perhaps sufficient to build a veritable palace on the Brightwells site or solve all of Cobgates' problems - and given that a stand-alone newbuild Community Centre could be constructed for a fraction of that princely sum, it is difficult to believe that there is not a more appropriate and less expensive alternative to the proposed loss of public use of valuable facilities (for Crest's benefit); and so Madame Mayor, in the absence of the Feasibility Study, will you please now inform Members and the public of the estimated costs of each of the alternative solutions considered, including in particular the likely costs of reconstruction of the Gostrey Centre on its existing site, and at Cobgates ?"

**[NB. Questions from members of the public express personal views of the questioners and Waverley does not endorse any statements in any way and they do not reflect the views of Waverley Borough Council].**

6. QUESTION TIME

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

7. MOTIONS

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

8. BUDGET 2015/2016 (Pages 11 - 130)

To receive the report of the Executive in respect of the 2015/2016 budget, set out as follows, incorporating:-

Appendix A.1 - General Fund Revenue Estimates 2015/2016

Appendix A.2 - General Fund Capital Programme 2015/2016

Appendix A.3 - Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2015/2041 and Revenue Budget 2015/2016

Appendix A.4 - Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme 2015/2016, New Affordable Homes Programme, Stock Improvement Programme

Appendix A.5 - Council Tax Setting 2015/2016 (including any information received since the meeting of the Executive) – To Follow.

The recommendations included within each report are set out below:

Recommendation

**The Executive, having considered the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees, RECOMMENDS that**

- 1. the Council Tax Freeze Grant offered for 2015/16 be accepted and therefore a 0% increase for Waverley's element of Council Tax for 2015/16 be agreed;**
- 2. the proposals included on the List of Reductions as shown at Annexe 4 to Appendix A.1 be implemented, including any staffing changes;**
- 3. the proposals included on the List of Growth Items as shown at Annexe 5 to Appendix A.1 be implemented, including any staffing changes;**
- 4. the changes to Fees and Charges as shown at Annexe 6 to Appendix A.1 be approved;**
- 5. the staff Pay Award of 1.6% from 1 April 2015 be agreed;**
- 6. the General Fund Budget for 2015/16 be approved, as amended by the above changes;**
- 7. 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; and**

8. the list of Revenue Projects totalling £569,775 be approved, as shown at Annexe 1 to Appendix A.2, to be included within the Revenue Estimates;
9. the 2015/16 General Fund Capital Programme totalling £3,346,400 be approved, as shown at Annexe 3 to Appendix A.2;
10. the financing proposals for 2014/2015 in Annexe 3 of Appendix A.2 be agreed;
11. the budgets for schemes marked with an asterisk on the schedules be approved, but spending on these projects be subject to the agreement of the Director of Finance and Resources and Finance Portfolio Holder or the Executive if appropriate;
12. the rent level of Council dwellings be increased by 2.8% from 6 April 2015, with an addition of up to £2/week for those properties below their historic target rent;
13. the weekly charge for garages rented by both Council and non-Council tenants be increased by 2.8% from 6 April 2015;
14. the service charge in sheltered accommodation be increased by 50p/week from 6 April 2015;
15. the recharge for energy costs (as appropriate) be increased by 50p/week from 6 April 2015 with a review being carried out in 2015/16 to assess changing energy prices;
16. the fees and charges be increased in line with the proposals at Annexe 6 to Appendix A.3;
17. the proposals included on the List of Growth Items be implemented as shown at Annexe 3 to Appendix A.3, including any staffing changes;
18. the resultant HRA Revenue Budget and Business Plan updated for 2015/16, which incorporate the above changes, be approved;
19. for 2015/16 and 2016/17, 100% of the Business Plan Capital investment contributions be allocated to the New Affordable Homes provision;
20. the total spend proposed in the 2015/16 Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme, as shown at Annexe 1 to Appendix A.4, be approved;
21. the indicative 2015/16 New Affordable Homes Programme be approved with specific scheme approvals to be sought when detailed costs are available;

22. **the indicative 2015/16 Stock Improvement Programme be approved with specific scheme approvals to be sought when detailed costs are available;**
23. **the financing of these programmes be approved in line with the resources shown; and**
24. **the Financial Strategy be updated to take account of the decisions taken.**

9. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE

To receive the minutes of the Meetings of the Executive held on:-

- 9.a 6 January 2015 (herewith - coloured grey) (Pages 131 - 180)
- 9.b 3 February 2015 (herewith - coloured grey) (Pages 181 - 208)

10. MINUTES OF THE JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meetings of the Joint Planning Committee held on:-

- 10.a 5 January 2015 (herewith coloured yellow) (Pages 209 - 212)
- 10.b 26 January 2015 (herewith - coloured yellow) (Pages 213 - 216)
- 10.c 2 February 2015 (herewith - coloured yellow) (Pages 217 - 228)

11. MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS PANEL (Pages 229 - 244)

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Panel, held on 26 January 2015 (herewith – coloured buff).

12. MINUTES OF THE LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE (Pages 245 - 248)

To consider the Minutes of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee held on 29 January 2015 (herewith - coloured bright green).

13. 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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