

To: All Members of the Council

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Dear Councillor

COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2019

A MEETING of the WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, THE BURYS, GODALMING on **TUESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2019** at **7.00 pm** and you are hereby summoned to attend this meeting.

The Agenda for the Meeting is set out below.

Yours sincerely

ROBIN TAYLOR

Head of Policy and Governance

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AGENDA

1. MINUTES (Pages 7 - 18)

To confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 December 2018 (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 any questions from members of the public, received in accordance with Procedure Rule 10.

The deadline for receipt of questions is 5pm on Tuesday 5 February 2019.

6. QUESTION TIME

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

The deadline for receipt of questions is 5pm on Tuesday 5 February 2019.

The following question has been submitted by Cllr Robert Knowles, Haslemere East & Grayswood Ward

- 1) "Santander Bank has announced the closure of Haslemere Branch in April, 2019, following the closure of Barclay, HSBC and Nat West Banks in the town, leaving only one Branch of Lloyds for a town with a catchment area of over 25,000 people.

Godalming and Guildford High Street Branches are also listed for closure. What representations has the portfolio holder for economic development and the Executive made to Santander regarding the removal of a vital service in Haslemere, which also includes the loss of another ATM, whilst noting that the excuse that a Post Office can be used is not like for like and in Haslemere there are no ATMs at Post Offices for out of hours use."

The following questions have been received from Cllr Paul Follows, Godalming Central Ockford:

- 2) “The Leader of the Council is no doubt aware that Ockford Park, a development of 262 houses in my ward of Godalming Central and Ockford was passed by the JPC on 9th January 2019. As this happened pre-CIL, the developer is due to pay only £3.8 million in infrastructure contributions (instead of over £8m that would be due under CIL). A £4m loss to our community.

This has happened despite your personal reassurances that scenarios such as this would not occur - reassurances you made during the initial local plan vote on Feb 20th 2018 and then at Full council sessions on 24th April, 16th October and 11th December 2018 respectively when I asked this question again. As I have said on all these occasions - this was an entirely foreseeable consequence of leaving an 8 month gap between the passing LPP1 and CIL and then allowing a further, consultation period (itself excessive in duration by comparison to other boroughs) for it to come into effect. You have effectively created a window for developers to rush in their applications now to avoid CIL - and they have jumped at the opportunity.

It should also be noted that last site of any real size in the Godalming area, Milford Golf Course - is before the JPC on February 20th. Just days before the introduction of CIL and potentially at a further loss of several million pounds to the community.

Will the Leader explain:

- a) what benefit Godalming will see from this local plan when it has almost reached its local plan period (up to 2032) housing numbers without seeing a penny of CIL?
 - b) why you believe it is acceptable that strategic sites be given planning permission despite not yet being subject to the public consultation planned for such sites under LPP2?
 - c) how you expect large, strategic sites to ever provide the infrastructure required to mitigate their impact and benefit the wider community (in the way that local plan envisages) absent of the money to actually deliver such infrastructure?
 - d) Could the Leader explain how her figure of £94million of CIL over the plan period is actually calculated considering the number of strategic and large sites that have already been approved pre-CIL?”
- 3) The Leader is likely aware of the existence of a task and finish group of the Housing O&S Committee considering views and perceptions of stigma felt by council tenants. You may also be aware that this group came into existence because of the comments of one member that “there was no stigma surrounding social housing in Waverley”. A point challenged vociferously by the tenants panel reps and myself.

This group has been chaired positively and effectively by Cllr Townsend and includes Cllrs. Seaborne, Cockburn and myself as members and has

been fantastically managed and supported by Yasmine Makin and Annalisa Howson. However this exceptional piece of work has laid bare the poor participation and engagement levels of many members of this council.

As a fellow member representing a ward containing a substantial proportion of social housing and considering the origin of this task and finish group and its subject matter,

a) Would the Leader care to comment on the fact that only 18 members of this council could be bothered to complete the survey?

b) What does the Leader believe this says about her councillors and what they think or understand about council tenants in Waverley?"

7. MOTIONS

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

The deadline for receipt of Motions was 5pm on Thursday 31 January 2019.

BUDGET 2018/2019

To receive the reports of the Executive in respect of the 2019/20 budget, and recommendations *(to follow)*:

8.1 Medium Term Financial Plan 2019/20 - 2021/22 and General Fund Budget 2019/20 (Pages 19 - 68)

This report outlines the latest Medium Term Financial Plan Projection and seeks Councillors' approval for the draft General Fund Budget for 2019/20. The Financial Plan sets out the key areas to target to address the significant budget shortfall in the medium term which is estimated to be £3.8million or 36% of the total net service cost by 2022/23.

This report contains the following Annexes:

- Annexe 1 – Medium Term Financial Plan projection
- Annexe 2 – draft General Fund Budget Summary 2019/20
- Annexe 3 – statement of key variations from 2018/19 budget
- Annexe 4 – draft Fees & Charges for 2019/20
- Annexe 5 – schedule of projected reserves and balances
- Annexe 6 – draft Capital Programme

8.2 Housing Revenue Account Business Plan, Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2019/20 (Pages 69 - 80)

This report advises Councillors of the latest position regarding the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for 2019/20 and the updated Business Plan and seeks approval of the 2019/20 budget.

This report contains the following Annexes:

- Annexe 1 – Revised HRA Business Plan - 2019/20 to 2022/23
- Annexe 2 – Housing Fees and Charges
- Annexe 3 – Capital Programme comprising
 - New Affordable Homes Programme
 - Stock Remodelling Programme
- Annexe 4 – Core Capital Programme
- Annexe 5 – HRA Reserves Summary

8.3 Council Tax Setting 2019/20

The purpose of this report (*to follow*) is to enable the Council to make the necessary resolutions in relation to the setting of Council Tax for 2019/20.

In setting the Council Tax levels for 2019/20 the Council must include all details of the precepting authorities' requirements. The Council expects to receive the precept requirement of Surrey County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey in the week commencing 4 February 2019.

9. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE

To receive the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 5 February 2019, and to consider the recommendations set out within (*to follow*).

The reports to be considered by the Executive in relation to the Medium Term Financial Plan 2019/20 – 2021/22 and General Fund Budget 2019/20, and the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan, Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2019/20 are attached at Council agenda item 8.

There are two further reports on the Executive agenda for 5 February 2019 that seek a recommendation from the Executive for a decision by Council:

- Council Tax Empty Homes Discount and Empty Homes Premium (Executive agenda item 8)
- Annual Pay Policy Statement 2019/20 (Executive agenda item 9)

Members of the Council wishing to speak on any Part II matters of report must give notice to the Democratic Services Team by midday on Tuesday 12 February 2019.

10. MINUTES OF THE LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE (Pages 81 - 82)

To receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee held on 14 January 2019 (attached – coloured bright green), and consider the recommendation contained within.

There is one PART I recommendation to Council:

LIC 26/18 Financial Strategy 2019/20-2021/22: Licensing Budget 2019/20

The Committee considered the draft revenue estimates for 2019/20 for the Licensing function, and the proposed Licensing Fees and Charges for 2019/20. The Committee has noted that the proposed increases in fees and charges are

inflationary. It is a statutory requirement to advertise proposed increases in fees and charges, and this consultation is now in progress. The recommendation to Council, below, to approve the proposed Licensing Fees and Charges, which are included in the General Fund Budget at Agenda Item 8 Annexe 4, is subject to consideration of consultation responses by the Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

The Committee RECOMMENDS to Council that the level of fees and charges for 2019/20 on pages 61-62 of this agenda are approved, noting that various fees will be subject to advertisement prior to implementation.

Members of the Council wishing to speak on any Part II matters of report must give notice to the Democratic Services Team by midday on Tuesday 12 February 2019.

11. MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE (Pages 83 - 92)

To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of the Standards Committee held on 21 January 2019 (attached, coloured cream), and to consider the recommendation contained within.

There is one PART I recommendation to Council:

STD 17/18 Standards Committee – Terms of Reference

Following the agreement of Council in October 2018 to re-designate the Standards Panel as the Standards Committee, the Committee has reviewed its terms of reference to ensure that these better reflect the function and purpose of the committee.

The Committee RECOMMENDS to Council that the revised terms of reference of the Standards Committee, attached at Annexe 1, be approved and incorporated in to the Constitution at Article 9.

Members of the Council wishing to speak on any Part II matters of report must give notice to the Democratic Services Team by midday on Tuesday 12 February 2019.

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).