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Cllr John Ward (Chairman)  
Cllr Paul Follows (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr David Beaman  
Cllr Andy MacLeod  
Cllr Mark Merryweather

Cllr John Neale  
Cllr Nick Palmer  
Cllr Anne-Marie Rosoman  
Cllr Steve Williams

Dear Councillors

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE will be held as follows:

DATE: TUESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2019

TIME: 6.00 PM

PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, THE BURYS,  
GODALMING

The Agenda for the Meeting is set out below.

Yours sincerely

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Contact Officers are shown at the end of each report and members are welcome to raise questions, make observations etc. in advance of the meeting with the appropriate officer.

**Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Leader, Deputy Leader or an appropriate Portfolio Holder to respond to any informal questions from members of the public, for a maximum of 15 minutes.**

*[Questions will be taken in the order in which questioners register with the Democratic Services Officer prior to the start of question time. When read out, each question must be concluded within 2 minutes. In the event that it is not possible to give a verbal response, a written response will be provided following the meeting.]*

## **AGENDA**

1. **MINUTES**

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 July 2019.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

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. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The Chairman to respond to any questions received from members of the public for which notice has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 10.

The deadline for receipt of questions from members of the public is 5pm on Tuesday 27 August 2019.

5. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

The Chairman to respond to any questions received from Members in

accordance with Procedure Rule 11.

The deadline for receipt of questions from Members is 5pm on Tuesday 27 August 2019.

6. CLIMATE EMERGENCY (Pages 7 - 12)

[Portfolio Holder: Councillor Steve Williams]

[Wards Affected: All Wards]

To consider a report requesting that the Council declare a Climate Emergency and to seek the recommendation of the Executive.

Recommendation

**1. That the Executive notes that:**

- i) **the continuing rise in greenhouse gases, if not addressed, represents an existential threat to our civilisation on this planet.**
- ii) **the impacts of climate breakdown are already causing serious damage around the world.**
- iii) **the recent 2018 IPCC report stated that we had just 12 years to act on climate change if global temperature rises are to be kept within the recommended 1.5 degrees Celsius; this assumes we reduce emissions to net zero by 2050 from the current 40+ billion tonnes.**
- iv) **such a reduction will require (in the words of the IPCC) *“rapid and far-reaching transitions in energy, land, urban and infrastructure (including transport and buildings), and industrial systems. These systems transitions are unprecedented in terms of scale, but not necessarily in terms of speed, and imply deep emissions reductions in all sectors, a wide portfolio of mitigation options and a significant upscaling of investments in those options”.***
- v) **all governments (national, regional and local) have a duty to act, and local governments that recognise this should not wait for their national governments to change their policies.**
- vi) **strong policies to cut emissions also have associated health, wellbeing and economic benefits.**
- vii) **central government has committed to a zero-carbon national target and has adopted a policy whereby sales of petrol and diesel engine cars and vans, one of the main causes of emissions resulting in climate change, are to be totally phased out.**
- viii) **a growing number of UK local authorities have already**

**passed ‘Climate Emergency’ motions in recognition of the urgency of the climate crisis.**

- ix) Waverley Borough Council and other local authorities working to ambitious targets for achieving net zero carbon emissions will require additional urgent support from central government in order to achieve their goals.**

**2. That the Executive recommends to Council that:**

- i) Waverley Borough Council declares a ‘Climate Emergency’ requiring urgent action.**
- ii) Waverley Borough Council aims to become carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions, and takes a leadership role to achieve this working with other councils, including town and parish councils within the borough.**
- iii) Waverley Borough Council recognises that the achievement of the target will require central government to provide the powers, funding and other resources to achieve the target and therefore calls on the government to provide such powers, funding and other resources as appropriate to facilitate achieving the 2030 target.**
- iv) Officers be instructed to provide to the Council’s Executive, within six months of the date of this decision, a report on the actions the Council and the local community can take to address these issues together with an action plan, specifying year on year milestones and metrics to show progress towards achieving the goal of carbon neutrality by 2030 noting any additional costs that might be involved.**

**7. WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL CORPORATE STRATEGY 2019-2023  
(Pages 13 - 16)**

**[Portfolio Holder: Councillor John Ward, Councillor Paul Follows]  
[Wards Affected: All Wards]**

Since their election in May, the multi-party Executive, comprising Farnham Residents, Green, Labour and Liberal Democrat councillors, has been working together and with senior managers to agree their shared priorities for their term of office, 2019-23.

This report accordingly sets out a new draft Corporate Strategy with a stronger focus on housing affordability, climate and public engagement.

It is recommended that the Executive recommend the corporate strategy set out at Annexe 1 to Full Council for adoption at its 18 September Full Council meeting.

Recommendation

**That the Executive recommends the adoption of the Waverley Borough Council Corporate Strategy 2019-2023 (attached as Annexe 1 to this report) to Full Council.**

8. BUDGET MANAGEMENT - REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE REGARDING INJUNCTION AT POLLINGFOLD PLACE, RUDGWICK, HORSHAM (Pages 17 - 22)

[Portfolio Holder: Councillor Mark Merryweather, Councillor Nick Palmer]  
[Wards Affected: Alfold Cranleigh Rural and Ellens Green]

To request a supplementary estimate to continue to seek an injunction to require the known occupants to cease the unlawful occupation of the site and to clear the site of all structures and hardstanding.

Recommendation

**It is recommended that the Executive approves a supplementary estimate of £20,000 to meet the costs of continuing to seek an injunction. This figure may need to be revised depending on the works associated with the application, and any subsequent proceedings.**

9. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider the following recommendation on the motion of the Chairman:-

Recommendation

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 the following item(s) 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 these items, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information (as defined by Section 100I of the Act) of the description specified at the meeting in the revised Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

10. ANY OTHER ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED IN EXEMPT SESSION

To consider matters (if any) relating to aspects of any reports on this agenda which, it is felt, may need to be considered in Exempt session.

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