

To all Members of the Council

## MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Your attendance is requested at the meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Pippbrook, Dorking on **TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2014 at 7.30pm** for the transaction of the business set out in the following Agenda.

**Members are asked to note that the briefing from the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner and Deputy Chief Constable will begin at 6.30pm (This is a briefing for Councillors only).**

*AM Griffin*

Corporate Head  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014

**The Chairman would like to remind Members that they have the opportunity to ask Officers questions, in respect of issues concerning matters of detail or for further clarification, prior to the meeting.**

## AGENDA

### 1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

### 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

### 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

To receive any disclosures of interests from Members (either disclosable pecuniary interests or non-pecuniary interests) in relation to any items included on the agenda for this meeting in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct.

### 4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**5. COUNCIL TAX FLOODING RELIEF**

To receive the report of the Corporate Head of Service as set out at pages 5 to 7 of the agenda.

**The Council is asked to approve an extension to the local discount in respect of properties subjected to internal flooding and remaining unoccupied due to flood damage.**

**6. THE FUTURE OF THE PIPPBROOK SITE**

To receive the report of the Corporate Head of Service as set out at pages 8 to 65 of the agenda.

**The Council is asked to consider the report to be submitted to the Executive on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014 and to decide which options it might wish to recommend.**

**7. LEADER'S STATEMENT**

The Leader will speak to the Council for up to 5 minutes.

**8. QUARTERLY REPORT ON DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER SPECIAL URGENCY ARRANGEMENTS – 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL TO 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014**

The Leader is required under the Constitution to report to Council on a quarterly basis the details of executive decisions taken under the special urgency arrangements set out in paragraph 14 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules in the Council's Constitution.

There has been one such decision during the last quarter as follows:

**Dorking Football Club Limited**

*Decision:*

That Mole Valley District Council enter into a deed of surrender with Dorking Football Club Limited in relation to its tenancy of Meadowbank Football Ground.

The decision was taken by the Strategic Director on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014 in accordance with paragraph 9 of the Scheme of Delegation to Officers (power to deal with any urgent matter arising in between ordinary meetings of the Executive in consultation with the Leader or appropriate Executive Member) and paragraph 14 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.

The decision was urgent because it was a condition of the agreement that the deed of surrender be completed no later than 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014.

**9. REPORTS OF PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

To receive reports from Portfolio Holders.

**10. QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

A total of up to two questions can be put to each Portfolio Holder (for a period of up to 15 minutes whichever is the shorter). Questions are to be received by the Corporate Head with

responsibility for Democratic Services by no later than 10am on the working day immediately prior to the meeting.

## 11. MOTIONS

### Motion 2/2014

The following motion has been submitted by Councillor Chris Hunt:

"This Council fully accepts the guidance included in the Ministerial statement from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Planning), Nick Boles MP of 6 March 2014 namely that Local Plans:

- Can include windfalls for each year of the plan
- Do not need to identify land to meet housing targets for years 11 to 15 of the Plan
- Should not seek to release Greenbelt Land solely to meet Housing Target numbers

This Council resolves:

- to publish an updated position of new dwellings created and permitted since 2006 as at 30 June 2014
- to publish an updated assessment of the recent average annual rate of Windfall dwellings
- to publish the implications, for the level of new dwelling land required to be identified in the Local Plan, of the above updates when applied alongside the above accepted guidance from the Minister's written statement that if the level of new dwelling land calculated as now required to be identified is below 100, not to propose to make any changes to the Greenbelt boundary through the Local Plan except where local communities have demonstrated Very Special Circumstances apply and that where there is a majority of local ward residents in favour of such a change (including, where applicable, demonstration through the approval of a Neighbourhood Development Plan)."

### Motion 3/2014

The following motion has been submitted by Councillor Stephen Cooksey

"This Council:

#### Notes

1. that the Liberal Democrat Manifesto for the 2014 Local Elections in Mole Valley stated that 'no site should be released from the Green Belt unless it no longer contributes to Green Belt aims and has the consent of the community'
2. that in a press release dated 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014 the Leader of the Conservative Group stated 'that there will be no changes to the Green belt boundary without support of the local community' and 'that Conservative Councillors will remain resolute in listening to our residents and communities and rejecting greenbelt boundary changes unless local communities can demonstrate very special circumstances and full local support for any minor change'
3. that both Liberal Democrats and Conservatives have therefore committed publically to policies to oppose development on Green Belt sites which do not have the consent of the local community;

4. that policies and statements from Government Ministers with regard to Green Belt development lack clarity and that there is considerable uncertainty about the Government's position on whether the Green Belt or housing development have priority in local planning processes.

#### Resolves

1. to inform the Planning Policy Working Group that any proposals for development on Green Belt sites which do not have the support and consent of the local community following the recent and continuing public consultation exercise and which continue to contribute to Green Belt aims will not have the support of the majority of Councillors;
2. that if, as a consequence, Mole Valley is unable to meet the housing requirement agreed in the Core Strategy, a special case should be made to Government arguing that having conducted the review and taken account of the wishes of local residents, the target is no longer realistic given the desire of the Council to respond positively to the views expressed by local residents and its own determination to protect the Green Belt;
3. that the search for appropriate brownfield sites be intensified but full regard must be given to the importance of reserving and retaining land for industrial, employment, cultural, retail and recreational purposes within our urban communities."

#### Motion 4/2014

The following motion has been submitted by Councillor David Preedy:

"On 10<sup>th</sup> July, the Ministry of Defence announced that the Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre, currently based at Headley Court, will move to a new centre at Stanford Hall in the Midlands when it opens in 2018.

This Council regrets that, despite the motion passed unanimously by Council on 18<sup>th</sup> February, the Ministry of Defence has failed to engage with local representatives prior to this announcement.

This Council calls for urgent discussions with interested parties, including the Ministry of Defence and the Headley Court Trustees, to assess possible alternative uses which retain a centre of expertise at Headley Court, based on the specialist facilities on the site and any civilian staff who would prefer not to relocate. If no such alternative uses are viable, the Council should engage with the Headley Court Trustees to ensure that the views and interests of the local community are represented early in the process of deciding the future use of the site."

#### **12. URGENT ITEMS**

To consider any items which the Chairman considers to be urgent.

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