

To all Members of the Council

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Your attendance is requested at an Extraordinary Meeting of Mole Valley District Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Pippbrook, Dorking on **TUESDAY 18th JUNE 2019 at 7.00 pm** for the transaction of the business set out in the following Agenda.

Karen Brimacombe
Chief Executive
Monday 10th June 2019

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. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

2. 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.

3. MOTIONS

Motion 1/2019

The following motion has been submitted by Councillor Margaret Cooksey and seconded by Councillor David Preedy:-

RETURN TO THE COMMITTEE SYSTEM

This Council resolves to:

1. Initiate the preparation of the recommendations to replace the current Cabinet system of governance with a Committee system which will return the powers which are presently the responsibility of the Cabinet to the full Council;
2. Establish a Cabinet Working Group to formulate an appropriate committee structure and recommend terms of reference, composition and mode of operation for each committee;
3. Submit the new structure to Council for approval with a view to it becoming operational from the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2020.

Motion 2/2019

The following motion has been submitted by Councillor Claire Malcomson and seconded by Councillor Clayton Wellman:-

CLIMATE EMERGENCY MOTION

Council recognises that:

1. The consequences of global temperatures rising above 1.5 degree Celsius are so severe that preventing this from happening must be humanity's number one priority.
2. All governments (national, regional and local) have a duty to limit the negative impacts of an increasingly erratic climate and biodiversity loss. Local authorities that recognise this should not wait for the national government to change its policies.
3. It is important that all organisations commit to carbon neutrality, as soon as possible.
4. Mole Valley District Council is uniquely placed to lead the way to a sustainable future by setting an example in the area
5. Bold action to mitigate changes in climate can deliver economic benefits, for example new jobs, savings and market opportunities, as well as improved personal, social and environmental well-being, for people locally and world-wide.

Council therefore resolves to:

1. Declare a Climate Emergency.
2. Pledge to make Mole Valley District Council and its contractors carbon neutral by 2030, or earlier if possible, taking into account both production and consumption emissions.
3. Lobby Surrey County Council and the Government to provide resources that will make possible the 2030 target date set by scientists for total carbon neutrality.
4. Work cross-party within Mole Valley District Council, and with local businesses, land owners, community organisations and residents to make a positively beneficial impact on the environment and biodiversity in the District.
5. Place climate change on agendas to be discussed at appropriate committees - to build strategies and action plans with timescales.
6. Report actions undertaken to address this emergency to Council twice a year and inform Council of planned actions for the next period.
7. Use these actions to help create jobs and a stronger community, along with increased well-being and a sustainable future.

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