

To all Members of the Council

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Your attendance is requested at a Meeting of Mole Valley District Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Pippbrook, Dorking on **TUESDAY 5th DECEMBER 2017 at 7.00pm** for the transaction of the business set out in the following Agenda.

Karen Brimacombe
Chief Executive
Monday 27th November 2017

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 10th October 2017.

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. POLITICAL BALANCES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS 2017/18

- 5.1 The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 contains provisions relating to political balance on Committees and Sub-Committees and seats have therefore to be allocated on them in proportion to the representation of political groups on the Council and in accordance with the wishes of the political groups.
- 5.2 Based upon the information currently provided to the Chief Executive the membership of the Council is as follows:

Conservative Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Informal Independent Group
Tim Ashton	Margaret Cooksey	Mary Cooper
Lucy Botting	Stephen Cooksey	David Harper
Lynne Brooks	Joe Crome	David Hawksworth CBE
John Chandler	David Draper	Simon Ling
Rosemary Dickson	Paul Elderton	Peter Stanyard
Simon Edge	Raj Haque	Michelle Watson
James Friend	Bridget Kendrick	Patricia Wiltshire
Mary Huggins	Paul Kennedy	
Chris Hunt	Tim Loretto	
Metin Huseyin	Claire Malcomson	
Duncan Irvine	Wayne Monkman	
Howard Jones	Paul Potter	
Malcolm Ladell	Clayton Wellman	
Vivienne Michael		
David Mir		
John Muggerridge		
Paul Newman		
Corinna Osborne-Patterson		
Jatin Patel		
Sarah Seed		
Charles Yarwood		
21/41	13/41	7/41

- 5.3 The Council is asked to note that the membership of the political groups on the Council is a Conservative Group of 21, a Liberal Democrat Group of 13 and an Informal Independent Group of 7.
- 5.4 The Council is advised to review the representation of the Conservative, Liberal Democrat and Informal Independent Groups to determine the allocation of seats to those Groups. When proportionality is applied to the current membership of the Council, the Informal Independent Group is now entitled to an allocation of 8 committee seats.
- 5.5 In line with the new political balance, the additional committee seat allocated to the Informal Independent Group will be on the Licensing Committee. The Leader of the Informal Independent Group, Councillor Mary Cooper, has indicated that Group's Committee memberships will be amended to appoint Councillor Michelle Watson as a full member of the Development Control Committee, replacing Councillor Mary Cooper who will become a substitute member of the same Committee. Councillor Mary Cooper will fill the vacancy for the Informal Independent Group on the Licensing Committee.

The Council is asked to RESOLVE:

1. That the allocation of seats to the Conservative, Liberal Democrat and Informal Independent Groups be on the basis that 25 seats are allocated to the Conservative Group, 15 seats are allocated to the Liberal Democrat Group and 8 seats to the Independent Group
2. That the proposals of the Informal Independent Group Leader in respect of the membership of the Council's Committees, as set out above, be approved.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

Executive – 28th November 2017- Interim Policy Statement on Employment Land

The Executive, at its meeting on 28th November 2017, will consider the report attached at pages 7 to 18 of this agenda and made a recommendation to Council for its consideration.

7. CAPEL (PARISH WARDS OF BEARE GREEN, CAPEL AND COLDHARBOUR) NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

To consider the report as set out at pages 19 to 22 of this agenda (Please note: the Capel Neighbourhood Development Plan is attached separately).

Recommendation

To make the Capel (Parish Wards of Beare Green, Capel and Coldharbour) Neighbourhood Development Plan, bringing it into force as part of the Development Plan.

8. WESTCOTT NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

To consider the report as set out at pages 23 to 56 of this agenda.

Recommendation

To make the Westcott Neighbourhood Development Plan, bringing it into force as part of the Development Plan

9. INDEMNITY FOR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

To consider the report as set out at pages 57 to 60 of this agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

That a revised policy is adopted providing an indemnity for officers and members arising from errors or omissions (not covered by the Council's insurance policies or falling with the excess of such policies).

10. MINOR CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION RELATING TO THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION

To consider the report as set out at pages 61 to 64 of this agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

That the revised provisions be adopted and incorporated into the relevant parts of the Constitution.

11. LEADER'S STATEMENT

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

12. REPORTS OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

To receive reports from Executive Members

13. QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

A period of up to 30 minutes is set aside for questions to Members of the Executive. Questions are to be received by the Corporate Head with responsibility for Democratic Services by no later than 10am on the third working day immediately prior to the meeting (30th November 2017).

14. MOTIONS

Motion 6/2017

The following motion has been submitted by Councillor Margaret Cooksey

“This Council notes:

1. that the Future Mole Valley project is based on satisfying central government policies which require large scale housing development regardless of location and specific area housing needs;
2. that in order to meet these requirements the Executive has adopted housing demand figures which take no or insufficient account of local constraints such as the green belt, the adequacy of infrastructure, or the need to balance housing provision with provision for employment, retail and leisure facilities;
3. that the recent ‘consultation’ was flawed particularly in relation to its questions on greenfield sites and did not provide the evidence required to justify the conclusions reached;
4. that in the next phase of the project the capacity of future housing development sites will be based on developer’s estimates and no attempt will be made to determine whether these sites will provide for the real housing needs of the community which are principally affordable and social housing.

This Council therefore resolves:

1. to recognise and correct the unsatisfactory structure of the project before the next phase is implemented;
2. to seek to prepare a Local Plan that reflects the needs and aspirations of local residents, protects our green environment, recognises the limitations of our infrastructure and ensures a sensible balance between housing, employment, leisure and wellbeing;
3. to ensure that the potential capacity of development sites to meet local needs is made clear in a revised schedule;
4. to be prepared, if necessary, to challenge central government when the best interests of our residents and our communities are threatened.”

15. URGENT ITEMS

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

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