

Corporate Head
Angela Griffiths

To all Members of the Council

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Your attendance is requested at a Meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Pippbrook, Dorking on **TUESDAY 23rd JULY 2013 at 7.00pm** for the transaction of the business set out in the following Agenda.



Corporate Head
Monday 15th July 2013

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 confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 21st May 2013 as a correct record.

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. BARNETT WOOD LANE ALLOTMENTS - PETITION

A petition has been received with 2,772 signatures in the following terms:

'We the undersigned petition Mole Valley District Council to withdraw the proposed plans to market the Barnett Wood Lane Allotments (included within the Leatherhead Bypass site) as a potential development site and thus remove the need to relocate the allotments.'

The organiser of the petition will speak on the petition for up to five minutes. A response will be given by the Leader or appropriate Portfolio Holder.

6. PROPOSED REDUCTION IN THE SIZE OF MOLE VALLEY HOUSING ASSOCIATION'S BOARD

To receive the report of the Strategic Housing Manager, as set out on pages 7 to 10 of the agenda.

The Council is asked to:

(1) approve that written consent be given to Mole Valley Housing Association to change its Rules of the Association to enable the reduction in size of the Association's board from 15 to 12 members; and

(2) appoint the three Council representatives to sit on the board should the decision to reduce the size of the Mole Valley Housing Association board be approved.

7. ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT

To receive the report of the Democratic Services Officer as set out on pages 11 to 14 of the agenda.

The Council is asked to agree that it be participatory signatory to an Armed Forces Community Covenant as a voluntary statement of mutual support between the civilian community of Mole Valley and its local Armed Forces Community; and that the Corporate Head with responsibility for Democratic and Legal Services be authorised to finalise the covenant in consultation with the Chairman and Leader of the Council, and to arrange for the formal signing of the Covenant.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

(i) Audit Committee – 12th March 2013 – Treasury Management Strategy 2012/13 to 2014/15 – Amendment to the Prudential Code

'The Committee considered a report, on pages 20 to 22 of the agenda that outlined an amendment to the Prudential Code.

The report advised that its meeting on 29th November 2012, the Committee recommended approval of the Treasury Management Strategy Report 2013/14 to 2015/16. Council approved the recommendation at its meeting on 19th February 2013.

The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) had recently been out to consultation on changing one of the prudential indicators and had reached a conclusion on this matter.

The change relates to the comparison between the Council's borrowing and its Capital Financing Requirement, and proposes that this indicator should now relate to gross debt rather than net debt, (i.e. it should not take account of investment income). The resultant indicators were set out at paragraph 1.7 of the previously circulated report.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL: That the amendment to the Prudential Code as set out in paragraph 1.7 of the report submitted to the Audit Committee on 12th March 2013 be approved.'

The report considered by the Audit Committee is set out at pages 15 to 18 of the agenda.

The Council is asked to accept the recommendation of the Audit Committee.

(ii) Scrutiny Committee 16th July 2013 – Scrutiny Committee Work Plan 2013/14

The minute of the Scrutiny Committee will be circulated to Members following the meeting on 16th July.

The report to be considered by the Scrutiny Committee is set out at pages 19 to 24 of the agenda.

The Council is asked to accept the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee.

(iii) Executive 9th April 2013 – Larger Rural Villages Character Appraisals SPD and Landscape SPD

The Executive was asked to recommend to Council that the Larger Rural Village Character Appraisals SPD and the draft Landscape SPD, which had been the subject of public consultation, be adopted.

The Portfolio Holder for Planning, Councillor John Northcott, explained that the report concerned two proposed Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs). The draft Larger Villages Character Appraisal SPD covered the six "larger rural villages" i.e. Beare Green, Brockham, Capel, Charlwood, Hookwood and Westcott. The Landscape SPD covered the whole District, focusing on the natural landscape and the setting of towns and villages.

The Executive considered draft versions of both SPDs in November 2012. They were published for public consultation from 18th January to 1st March 2013. The report summarised the consultation responses and proposed that amended versions of the SPDs be agreed by the Executive and recommended to the Council for adoption.

Members noted that further representations from the Surrey Hills AONB had been received and incorporated into the documents since the report's consideration by the Scrutiny Committee.

The Scrutiny Committee had commended the report.

Final copies of the documents were requested for delivery to Parish Councils, and it was suggested that in the future the Council ask for input and involvement from Parish Councils earlier on in the process.

The Executive went on to consider the report in full and it was accordingly

RECOMMENDED: That the Larger Rural Village Character Appraisals SPD and Landscape SPD, which had been the subject of public consultation, be adopted.'

The covering report is attached at pages 25 to 38 of the agenda. The full report and appendices considered by the Executive are available to view online at the link below or on request from Democratic Services. <http://www.molevalley.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=14547>

The Council is asked to accept the recommendation of the Executive.

9. LEADER'S STATEMENT

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

10. REPORTS OF PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

To receive reports from Portfolio Holders.

11. 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.

12. MOTIONS

Motion 1/2013

The following motion was submitted by Councillor Paul Potter:

'This Council notes that:

- The Core Strategy gives priority to locating new residential development towards the defined built-up areas of Leatherhead, Dorking, Ashted, Bookham and Fetcham.
- In the smaller communities, only infilling and limited residential development are permitted;
- The Council's housing allocation policy recognises local connections with Mole Valley, but not with smaller communities within Mole Valley.

This Council recognises that many people who have strong connections with the smaller rural villages in Mole Valley cannot afford to buy a house in the area and find themselves unable to qualify for the limited social housing available in the community they are connected to. Such people with existing connections to the local community often contribute much to the activities and social fabric of our villages.

This Council resolves to recommend to the Executive that the Housing Allocations Policy, when applied to smaller rural village communities in Mole Valley, should give weight to an applicant's local connection with the community concerned by way of family connections, children's schooling or local employment.'

13. URGENT ITEMS

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

14. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Council may exclude the press and public for the following items of business and to do so it must pass a resolution in the following terms:

RECOMMENDED that members of the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they:

involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act; namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and (the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.)

PART II

15. NORTH LEATHERHEAD BYPASS SITE (INCLUDING BARNETT WOOD LANE ALLOTMENTS)

To receive the report of the Strategic Director as set out on pages 39 to 68 of the agenda.

The Council is asked to agree any comments it wishes to submit to the Executive.

16. DORKING SPORTS CENTRE – CONTRACTOR SELECTION, GRANT OF LEASE AND CONTRACT AWARD 2013

To receive the report of the Partnerships and Development Manager set out at pages 68a to 85 of the agenda.

The Council is asked to agree any comments it wishes to submit to the Executive.

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