

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 10TH MARCH 2015 at 8.00pm*** for the transaction of the business set out in the following Agenda.




Corporate Head of Service
Monday 2nd March 2015

***Please note start time - as the Council starts at the conclusion of the Member Seminar**

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 17th February 2015.

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. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY REPORT 2015/16 TO 2017/18

The Audit Committee will be considering the report attached at pages 5 to 40 of this agenda at its meeting on 12th March 2015. Council approval of the recommendations in the report is required before the end of the 2014/15 Financial Year. As this is the last meeting of the Council before that date, it is recommended that the Council should consider the report and approve the recommendations prior to their consideration by the Audit Committee, and that authority should be delegated to the S151 Officer, in consultation with the Chairman of the Council and Chairman of the Audit Committee, to make any final amendments to reflect any comments made by the Audit Committee.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

That, subject to the S151 Officer, in consultation with the Chairman of the Council and the Chairman of the Audit Committee, being authorised to make any final amendments following consideration of the recommendations by the Audit Committee:

- (1) The capital expenditure Prudential Indicators and Limits for 2015/16 to 2017/18 contained within Appendix A of the report be agreed;**
- (2) The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement contained within Appendix A that sets out the Council's policy on MRP be agreed;**
- (3) The Treasury Management Strategy 2015/16 to 2017/18 and the Treasury Prudential Indicators contained within Appendix B be agreed; and**
- (4) The Investment Strategy 2015/16 contained in the Treasury Management Strategy (Appendix B) and the detailed criteria included in Annex B1 be agreed.**

6. CORPORATE STRATEGY 2015-19

The Executive at its meeting on 3rd March 2015 will be considering the Corporate Strategy. The report to be considered by the Executive is set out at pages 41 to 58 and following that consideration a copy of the recommended Strategy will be sent to all Members.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

That the Council approves the Corporate Strategy as recommended by the Executive on 3rd March 2015.

7. MOLE VALLEY DISTRICT COUNCIL PAY POLICY STATEMENT

To receive the report of the Corporate Head of Service as set out at pages 59 to 66 of the agenda.

The Council is asked to approve the Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2015/16.

8. LEADER'S STATEMENT

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

9. REPORTS OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

To receive reports from Executive Members.

10. QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

A total of up to two questions can be put to each Executive Member (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 this meeting.

11. MOTIONS

(1) Motion 1/2015

The following motion has been submitted by Councillor Stephen Cooksey:

“That the Council

Notes:

1. the Government's relaxation of permitted development criteria to allow the conversion of offices into residential units without the requirement of planning permission;
2. that as a consequence of this change in planning criteria:
 - 2.1 development companies are buying town centre offices in order to turn them into expensive accommodation which does little to resolve the real housing needs of the community;
 - 2.2 the availability of office space for local companies to rent is rapidly decreasing thereby forcing some companies to relocate to other areas and deterring new businesses from locating in Mole Valley;
 - 2.3 demand for town centre on-street parking facilities will increase in an already overcrowded parking environment since few of the new flats will have their own parking spaces .
3. that similar consequences are affecting town centres in other parts of Surrey and throughout the UK.

Resolves:

1. to write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and the Housing and Planning Minister to advise of the serious consequences of this policy change and ask the Government to reverse the decision to allow the permitted conversion of offices to residential accommodation.
2. to bring this motion to the attention of all Council Leaders and Chief Executives in Surrey with a view to making a Surrey wide approach to the Government to support its objectives;
3. to promote the objectives of this resolution through the LGA.”

The Council is asked to decide whether it wishes to accept or reject the motion.

12. URGENT ITEMS

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

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