
To all Members of the Council

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Your attendance is requested at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Pippbrook, Dorking on **TUESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2013 at 7.00pm** for the transaction of the business set out in the following Agenda.

AM Griffiths

Corporate Head
Monday 11th February 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 4th December 2012 and 30th January 2013 as a correct record.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members should declare interests that they have with respect to any item on the agenda and state whether they are personal or prejudicial and the nature of the interest.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE/HEAD OF PAID SERVICE AND ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER/RETURNING OFFICER

To receive the report of the Leader as set out on pages 7 to 8 of the agenda.

The Council is asked to continue the appointment of Yvonne Rees as Interim Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service and Electoral Registration Officer/Returning Officer until 31st March 2014.

6. BUDGET 2013/14

6.1 The Executive at its meeting on 5th February 2013 agreed to make the following recommendations to the Council for approval:

ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. that the proposed budget for 2013/14 be set at £9,673,000;
2. that as part of 1 above, the package of savings and increased income proposals set out in Annex B be endorsed;
3. that the Council Tax Freeze Grant of 1.0% or £62,000, offered by Government, be rejected for 2013/14 and 2014/15;
4. that on the basis of agreeing 1, 2 and 3 above, the Band D Council Tax for 2013/14 be set at £154.53 representing a 1.9 percent increase in Council Tax for 2013/14;
5. that, in order to balance funding with expenditure, a small amount of £12,000 be transferred from the General Fund reserves in the setting of the 2013/14 budget;
6. that a capital programme of £5,042,000 be approved for 2013/14 and a total capital programme of £16,693,000 be approved for 2013/14 to 2017/18;
7. that Members' allowances for 2013/14 are frozen; and
8. that the Section 151 Officer's statement regarding the 2013/14 budget and medium term financial outlook for the Council be noted.

6.2 The Executive decided that the subscription fee for garden waste should be increased to £49.50, not £51.00 as set out in the report. As a result an amendment to the balancing figure to the recommendation to the Council would be calculated. A revised Annex B is attached at page 35.

6.3 Since the original papers for the Executive were finalised the Council has received final confirmation of the level of government grant to be received for 2013/14.

6.4 The Government has also notified the Council of a required change in the calculation of the Council Tax base to reflect the localisation of Council Tax support. (Revised Annex A showing the amended 5 year revenue budget is attached at page 34.)

6.5 As a result of 6.2 – 6.4 the following changes to the recommendations from the Executive are required:-

	£000
• The Council's tax base was recalculated in line with the new statutory requirement to reflect the reductions in tax collection as a result of the localisation of Council Tax support in the tax base	(8)
• Grants calculated to each of the Parish Councils to compensate them for the reduced tax base	11
• Additional grant received from Government from the funds that had been put aside to fund the New Homes Bonus and Community Right to Challenge and Bid	(27)
• Amendment to the list of savings and income proposals in the light of the Executive decision on the level of fees and charges for garden waste subscriptions	20
• Net impact on proposed budget	(4)

6.6 Consequently, the resolutions being recommended to the Council are:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. that the proposed budget for 2013/14 be set at £9,685,000;
2. that as part of 1 above, the revised package of savings and increased income proposals set out in revised Annex B be endorsed;
3. that the Council Tax Freeze Grant of 1.0% or £62,000, offered by Government, be rejected for 2013/14 and 2014/15;
4. that on the basis of agreeing 1, 2 and 3 above, the Band D Council Tax for 2013/14 be set at £154.53 representing a 1.9 percent increase in Council Tax for 2013/14;
5. that, in order to balance funding with expenditure, a small amount of £8,000 be transferred from the General Fund reserves in the setting of the 2013/14 budget;
6. that a capital programme of £5,042,000 be approved for 2013/14 and a total capital programme of £16,693,000 be approved for 2013/14 to 2017/18;
7. that Members' allowances for 2013/14 are frozen; and
9. that the Section 151 Officer's statement regarding the 2013/14 budget and medium term financial outlook for the Council be noted.

6.7 Following consideration of the above, the Council is asked to approve the Council Tax resolutions for 2013/2014 (set out in Appendix 1 to the agenda at pages 36 to 38).

A copy of the report considered by the Executive on 5th February is attached at pages 9 to 33.

7. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ELECTORAL REVIEW OF SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

To receive the report of the Democratic Services Manager as set out at pages 39 to 46 of the agenda.

The Council is asked to approve the amendments to polling districts within Mole Valley as set out in Paragraph 2.3 in order to accommodate the final recommendations of the Electoral Review of Surrey County Council.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

(i) Audit Committee – 29th November 2012 – Treasury Management Mid Year Monitoring Report

The Committee considered a report, on pages 14 to 26 of the agenda, that outlined the performance of the Treasury Management function of the Council for the six months ending 30th September 2012.

This report provided an update on the current economic conditions affecting Treasury Management decision making and looked ahead to future reporting requirements.

There was a view that, subject to further information on finance leases and secondary leasing arrangements, it be recommended that the Authorised Limit be increased to £5.5m and that the Operational Boundary be increased to £4m.

RESOLVED: That the Treasury Management Mid Year Monitoring Report for the period ended 30th September 2012 be received and noted.

RECOMMENDED: That, subject to further information on finance leases and secondary leasing arrangements, the Authorised Limit (affordable borrowing limit) be increased to £5.5m and that the Operational Boundary (expected borrowing position) be increased to £4m.'

The report considered by the Audit Committee is set out at pages 47 to 60 of the agenda.

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

'The Committee considered a report, on pages 27 to 59 of the agenda, that outlined the Council's prudential indicators for 2013/14 to 2015/16 and set out the expected treasury operations for that period.

RECOMMENDED: Subject to further information on finance leases and secondary leasing arrangements,

(1) That the capital expenditure Prudential Indicators and Limits for 2013/14 to 2015/16 contained within Appendix A to the report be approved.

(2) That the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement contained within Appendix A to the report that sets out the Council's policy on MRP be approved.

(3) That the Treasury Management Strategy 2013/14 to 2015/16, and the treasury Prudential Indicators contained within Appendix B to the report be approved.

(4) That the Investment Strategy 2013/14 contained in the Treasury Management Strategy contained within Appendix B, and the detailed criteria included in Annex B1 to the report be approved.'

The report considered by the Audit Committee is set out at pages 61 to 94 of the agenda.

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

9. LEADERS' 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 4/2012

Motion 4/2012 was submitted by Councillor Margaret Cooksey at the meeting of the Council held on 4th December 2012. The Council agreed to refer the motion to the Scrutiny Committee for consideration. The motion was considered at the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 29th January 2013 and amendments suggested by the Committee. (Amendments shown in **bold**.)

The Committee resolved that the amended Motion 4/2012 be referred back to full Council.

This Council notes that:

- Over 500 people are killed or seriously injured on Surrey's roads every year;
- Since 2006 when Surrey County Council resolved to extend the implementation of 20mph zones to a greater number of local residential streets, only three schemes have been introduced – none in Mole Valley.

This Council recognises that:

- Lowering the normal residential speed limit from 30 mph to 20 mph **could** make roads safer.
- The Government has relaxed the requirement that local speed reductions below 30mph have to be accompanied by expensive traffic calming measures. As a result, the relatively small cost of changing speed limits (e.g. new signage) pays for itself many times over by preventing costly accidents.

This Council welcomes the recent actions of Surrey County Council in introducing advisory speed reductions in the immediate vicinity of some schools, but notes that this excludes other areas in which children's and vulnerable adults' footfall is high, and also the common routes in which children might walk or cycle to school.

This Council resolves:

- That reducing the number of road deaths and serious accidents should be a priority;
- To support local requests to Surrey County Council for 20mph limits in residential roads where residents show clear support;
- To request that **residential** roads within new developments in Mole Valley have 20mph limits.

For these purposes, the term "residential roads" shall be interpreted as meaning those roads which are intended purely for access to residential properties and not as routes for through traffic.'

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

13. URGENT ITEMS

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

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