



## COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2017

### ORDER PAPER

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On behalf of all councillors, I would like to welcome you to this evening's meeting. I should be grateful if you would ensure that your mobile phones and other hand-held devices are switched to silent during the meeting. If the fire alarm sounds during the course of the meeting - we are not expecting it to go off - please leave the Council Chamber immediately and proceed calmly to the assembly point in Millmead on the paved area adjacent to the river as you exit the site.

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Unless a member of the public has given notice of their wish to ask a question or address the Council under the Public Participation item, they will not be permitted to speak. Those who have given notice may address the Council for a maximum of three minutes. Speakers may not engage in any further debate once they have finished their speech.

*Councillor Nigel Manning  
The Mayor of Guildford*

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## **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive any apologies for absence.

## **2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

To receive and note any disclosable pecuniary interests from councillors. In accordance with the local Code of Conduct, a councillor is required to disclose at the meeting any disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI) that they may have in respect of any matter for consideration on this agenda. Any councillor with a DPI must not participate in any discussion or vote regarding that matter and they must also withdraw from the meeting immediately before consideration of the matter.

If that DPI has not been registered, the councillor must notify the Monitoring Officer of the details of the DPI within 28 days of the date of the meeting.

## **3 MINUTES (Pages 1 - 18 of the Council agenda)**

To approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 10 October and the extraordinary meeting held on 21 November 2017.

## **4 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

To receive any communications or announcements from the Mayor.

## **5 LEADER'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Leader to comment on the Local Government Association (LGA) Peer Challenge that the Council is currently undertaking, and would like to thank the LGA Peer Challenge team:

- Mark Williams, Chief Executive, East Devon District Council
- Julian Daly, Member and former Leader of St Albans District Council
- Rachel Prance, Policy, Performance & Communications Officer, Chiltern and South Bucks District Councils
- Tim Sadler, Executive Director for Community Services, Oxford City Council
- Robert Hathaway, Local Government Association

Councillors shall have the opportunity of asking questions of the Leader in respect of his communications.

## **6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There are no public speakers this evening.

## **7 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

There are no questions, on notice, from councillors.

## **8 LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2018-19 (Pages 19 – 66 of the Council agenda)**

At its meeting on 28 November 2017, the Executive considered this matter and endorsed the recommendation contained in the report submitted to the Council.

The Lead Councillor for Housing and Environment, Councillor Philip Brooker to propose, and the Lead Councillor for Finance and Asset Management, Councillor Michael Illman, to second, the adoption of the following recommendation:

- “(1) That the current Local Council Tax Support scheme be amended for 2018-19, as set out in detail in Appendix 1 to the report submitted to the Council, and implemented with effect from 1 April 2018.
- (2) That the Council maintains a discretionary hardship fund of £40,000 in 2018-19.

Reasons:

- (1) To ensure that the Council complies with government legislation to implement a Local Council Tax Support scheme from 1 April 2018.
- (2) To maintain a discretionary fund to help applicants suffering from severe financial hardship”.

**Comments:**

None

**9 THE VILLAGE, NORTH STREET/COMMERCIAL ROAD: BUDGET APPROVAL AND AUTHORISATION OF EXPENDITURE (Pages 67 – 114 of the Council agenda)**

Update:

At its meeting on 28 November 2017, the Executive considered this matter and endorsed the three recommendations set out on page 69 of the agenda. The Executive also considered the recommendation from Overview and Scrutiny Committee following its consideration of this matter on 14 November 2017, which was:

“That the Executive honours Council commitments made over the 2017 Christmas period until The Village closes on 24 December, and thereafter work up a full exit strategy to include consideration of alternative future uses. As part of this process, consideration should be given to whether or not The Village should reopen on Easter Good Friday 2018”.

The Executive resolved:

“That an exit strategy in respect of The Village project be drawn up by the Director of Resources, in consultation with the Lead Councillor for Economic Development and Tourism, such strategy to be used as a contingency should the project become unsustainable in the future.”

The motion:

The Lead Councillor for Economic Development and Tourism, Councillor David Bilbé to propose, and The Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Matt Furniss to second, the adoption of the following motion:

- “(1) That the income budget for 2017-18 in respect of The Village be reduced by £376,280 by viring the budget from external interest.
- (2) That the expenditure budget for 2017-18 in respect of The Village be increased by £254,762 to cover the projected Village costs for 2017-18 by viring the budget from the Minimum Revenue Provision budget.
- (3) That the proposal to include a budget of £224,903 to operate The Village in 2018-19 in the Council’s draft General Fund Revenue Budget for 2018-19, be withdrawn.
- (4) That discussions be held with third party operators for the purpose of taking on the management of the site for the extended period of three years, at no further cost to the taxpayer.

- (5) That, should no suitable operator be found, officers be requested to investigate alternative temporary uses for the site, and to report back their findings to the Executive.

Reason:

To account for the reduction in income and increase in budget in respect of The Village for 2017-18.”

**Comments:**

Councillor Bob McShee  
Councillor Angela Gunning  
Councillor Caroline Reeves  
Councillor Tony Rooth

**10 SELECTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE DEPUTY MAYOR 2018-19** (Pages 115 – 116 of the Council agenda)

Notes:

- No further nominations for Deputy Mayor for 2018-19 have been received.
- The Mayor to ask the nominees for Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2018-19 to leave the Chamber for this item of business.

The Deputy Leader of the Council, and Lead Councillor for Infrastructure and Governance, Councillor Matt Furniss to propose and Councillor Caroline Reeves, to second, the adoption of the following recommendation:

- “(1) That the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mike Parsons be nominated for the Mayoralty of the Borough for the 2018-19 municipal year.
- (2) That Councillor Richard Billington be nominated for the Deputy Mayoralty of the Borough for the 2018-19 municipal year.

Reason:

To make early preparations for the selection of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the 2018-19 municipal year.”

**Comments:**

None

**11 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE** (Pages 117 - 122 of the Council agenda)

To receive and note the minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 26 September and 24 October 2017, which are attached to the Council agenda.

**Comments:**

Minute No. EX42 (Executive: 26 September 2017) – Town Twinning and International Relationships

Councillor Angela Gunning

**12 COMMON SEAL**

To order the Common Seal.

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