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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.

This Order Paper sets out details of those members of the public who have given advance notice of their wish to ask a question or address the Council in respect of any matter on the agenda, or any matter which affects the Borough. It also sets out details of any motions and amendments to be proposed by councillors in respect of the business on the agenda.

Unless a member of the public has given notice of their wish to ask a question or address the Council under Item 6 (Public Participation), 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

Time limits on speeches at full Council meetings:	
Public speaker:	3 minutes
Response to public speaker:	3 minutes
Questions from councillors:	3 minutes
Response to questions from councillors:	3 minutes
Proposer of a motion:	10 minutes
Seconder of a motion:	5 minutes
Other councillors speaking during the debate on a motion:	5 minutes
Proposer of a motion's right of reply at the end of the debate on the motion:	10 minutes
Proposer of an amendment:	5 minutes
Seconder of an amendment:	5 minutes
Other councillors speaking during the debate on an amendment:	5 minutes
Proposer of a motion's right of reply at the end of the debate on an amendment:	5 minutes
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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 meeting of the Council held on 7 February 2018.

4 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

To receive any communications or announcements from the Mayor.

5 LEADER'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Leader to make a statement in respect of the Local Plan Inspector's questions and the Council's response.

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

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following persons have given notice of their wish to address the Council in respect of Agenda Item 10 – Minutes of the Executive (specifically minute EX84 – West Lodge, Blacksmith Lane, Chilworth):

- (1) Gavin Morgan (on behalf of Guildford Heritage Forum)
- (2) Maggie Scott (on behalf of Chilworth2gether, and member of the St Martha Parish Council West Lodge Working group)

The relevant Lead Councillor will be invited to respond to the statements from the public speakers.

7 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

- (1) **Councillor Angela Gunning** to ask the Lead Councillor for Social Welfare, Heritage and the Arts, Councillor Nikki Nelson-Smith, the following question:

"2018 marks the centenary of women achieving the vote - albeit initially only property owners aged over 30. Many Guildford women participated in the previous decades of campaigning – both as suffragists and suffragettes.

It is very disappointing to see that Guildford Museum apparently has currently no plans to celebrate this historic achievement.

Can we know why?

To rectify this omission can we please have an exhibition and/or an event devised as quickly as possible to take place before end 2018?

The Lead Councillor's response is as follows:

"I am very happy to allay Councillor Gunning's concerns and confirm that Guildford Museum will indeed be marking the anniversary of women achieving the vote.

Heritage team staff are already planning and curating the temporary exhibition, Women's work, to open at the Museum in November 2018. This will draw on photographs, from the Guildford Museum collection, depicting women at work during World War I – largely in roles previously only occupied by men. While the images are interesting in themselves and provide a record of life in Surrey during World War I, they also show how WWI disrupted the status quo at home and contributed to furthering women's suffrage. The exhibition will be accompanied by a programme of activities. We are also providing copies of some of these images for display during the Suffragette Centenary Dinner at the Watts Gallery in December.

In addition, we are planning to show the exhibition, the March of the Women, Surrey's Road to the Vote, a touring exhibition being curated by the Surrey History Centre. This will explore and chronicle the contribution of Surrey's people to both sides of the suffrage debate <http://www.exploringsurreyspast.org.uk/march-women-surreys-road-vote/>. The exhibition will launch at the Surrey History Centre in November 2018 and tour Surrey museums after this."

Councillor Nikki Nelson-Smith
Lead Councillor for Social Welfare, Heritage, and the Arts

- (2) **Councillor Tony Rooth** to ask the Lead Councillor for Economic Development and Tourism, Councillor David Bilbé the following question:

"In light of the fact that, as at 2pm on Wednesday 4 April 2018, the Village was still closed with the containers remaining on the site, may I ask the Lead Councillor for Economic Development and Tourism, by reference to the Report made to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 6 March 2018 (paragraphs referred to below):

- (a) whether the Council has now negotiated the sale of the containers, at what financial return and when will they be removed from the site? (paragraph 13);*
- (b) whether the Council is now required to pay £138,000 in business rates with effect from 1 April 2018? (paragraphs 14 and 15);*
- (c) what is the estimated supplementary estimate required to be approved for the 2018-19 budget? (paragraph 19)*
- (d) what are the accrued, current and ongoing costs and other financial implications in relation to the site (paragraph 20);*
- (e) what viable options for the future of the site (and their estimated financial outcomes) are being progressed as a matter of urgency in order to reduce or remove additional cost of the site to the Council and its taxpayers over and above the approximately £1,200,000 already spent?"*

The Lead Councillor's response is as follows:

In response to part (a) of the question:

We are still in discussions with two potential buyers but have yet to agree a price or calculate the cost of removal. One will require the containers circa June 2018 and the other has not yet confirmed when they would require the containers.

In response to part (b) of the question:

Business rates of £138,040 are payable for the year at the start of the year. Should we remove the containers during the year then we can apply to have the business rates repaid for the remaining period. It will also cost c.£10,000 to disconnect and "cap" services from the units (power, water, waste WiFi etc). Any income achieved from the sale of the containers would be a capital receipt from which we can pay reasonable removal/disposal costs.

In response to part (c) of the question:

The supplementary estimate will depend on when the containers are removed and business rates repaid.

In response to part (d) of the question:

The cost to the Council in 2017-18 was £345,252 (the final accounts are yet to be closed). The costs for 2018-19 are as indicated in the response to part (b) above. There are no other ongoing costs as the site will be locked and secure.

In response to part (e) of the question:

There are no plans for other uses of the site in accordance with previous decisions of the Council."

Councillor David Bilbé
Lead Councillor for Economic Development and Tourism

8 ADOPTION OF EFFINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (Pages 21 – 26 of the Council agenda)

The Leader of the Council and Lead Councillor for Planning and Regeneration, Councillor Paul Spooner to propose, and Councillor Caroline Reeves, to second, the adoption of the following recommendation, as set out in the report submitted to the Council:

"That the Council makes the Effingham Neighbourhood Plan.

Reason:

To meet the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)".

Comments:

None

9 APPOINTMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S EXTERNAL AUDITORS FOR THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD FROM 2018-19 (Pages 27 – 30 of the Council agenda)

Update:

At its meeting on 29 March 2018, the Corporate Governance and Standards Committee considered this matter and endorsed the recommendation set out in the Council report on page 27 of the agenda.

The motion:

The Lead Councillor for Finance and Asset Management, Councillor Michael Illman to propose, and The Deputy Leader of the Council, and Lead Councillor for Infrastructure and Governance, Councillor Matt Furniss to second, the adoption of the following recommendation as set out in the report submitted to the Council:

“That, following conclusion of the tendering exercise conducted through Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd, Grant Thornton UK LLP be appointed as the Council’s auditors for a period of five years commencing with the audit of the 2018-19 Statement of Accounts.

Reason:

To comply with regulation 13 of the Local Audit (Appointing Person) Regulations 2015”

Comments:

None

10 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE (Pages 31 - 38 of the Council agenda)

To receive and note the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 20 February 2018, which are attached to the Council agenda.

Comments:

None

11 COMMON SEAL

To order the Common Seal to be affixed to any document to give effect to any decision taken by the Council at this meeting.

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