

GUILDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL



BILLINGTON MAYOR

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To the Councillors of Guildford Borough Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council for the Borough of Guildford to be held in the **Council Chamber, Millmead House, Millmead, Guildford, Surrey GU2 4BB** on **TUESDAY, 13 APRIL 2021** commencing at 7.00 pm.

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THE COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

Vision – for the borough

For Guildford to be a town and rural borough that is the most desirable place to live, work and visit in South East England. A centre for education, healthcare, innovative cutting-edge businesses, high quality retail and wellbeing. A county town set in a vibrant rural environment, which balances the needs of urban and rural communities alike. Known for our outstanding urban planning and design, and with infrastructure that will properly cope with our needs.

Three fundamental themes and nine strategic priorities that support our vision:

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| Place-making | Delivering the Guildford Borough Local Plan and providing the range of housing that people need, particularly affordable homes |
| | Making travel in Guildford and across the borough easier |
| | Regenerating and improving Guildford town centre and other urban areas |
| Community | Supporting older, more vulnerable and less advantaged people in our community |
| | Protecting our environment |
| | Enhancing sporting, cultural, community, and recreational facilities |
| Innovation | Encouraging sustainable and proportionate economic growth to help provide the prosperity and employment that people need |
| | Creating smart places infrastructure across Guildford |
| | Using innovation, technology and new ways of working to improve value for money and efficiency in Council services |

Values for our residents

- We will strive to be the best Council.
- We will deliver quality and value for money services.
- We will help the vulnerable members of our community.
- We will be open and accountable.
- We will deliver improvements and enable change across the borough.

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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AGENDA

1. 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.

Councillors are further invited to disclose any non-pecuniary interest which may be relevant to any matter on this agenda, in the interests of transparency, and to confirm that it will not affect their objectivity in relation to that matter.

3. MINUTES (Pages 7 - 28)

To confirm the minutes of the budget meeting of the Council held on 10 February and the extraordinary meeting held on 4 March 2021.

4. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

To receive any communications or announcements from the Mayor.

5. LEADER'S COMMUNICATIONS

To receive any communications or announcements from the Leader of the Council.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To receive questions or statements from the public.

7. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

To hear questions (if any) from councillors of which due notice has been given.

8. REVIEW OF THE TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENSING POLICY
(Pages 29 - 292)

9. REVIEW OF ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES: 2020-21 (Pages 293 - 302)

10. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE (Pages 303 - 312)

To receive and note the attached minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 26 January and 16 February 2021.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION DATED 18 MARCH 2021: UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME SCHEME

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, Councillor Steven Lee to propose, and Councillor George Potter to second, the following motion:

“The Council notes that many residents in Guildford are living in precarious circumstances. Furthermore, many who work in either the gig economy or under zero hours contracts lack the job security afforded to previous generations and that even those who may seem to be in traditionally safer employment are at a growing risk of redundancy from the increasing use of Artificial Intelligence and automation.

This Council notes that a Universal Basic Income scheme has the potential to provide security for our residents and improve wellbeing thereby increasing financial security for everyone whilst safeguarding our most vulnerable residents.

Other Councils, including Sheffield, Mendip, Bristol, Oxford, Newbury Town, Richmond and Lewes have put themselves forward in support of UBI trials. This Council joins them to call for a trial scheme to be established in Guildford now so that the challenges and benefits of UBI can be properly researched and understood.

Accordingly, this Council

RESOLVES:

- (1) To engage with our local UBI lab in order to get funding for a pilot UBI trial in Guildford.
- (2) To call upon the government to fund UBI trials across the UK and to support trials of UBI in Guildford now and that the findings of these trials be published and used to assess the best way to implement financial security for every family.
- (3) To write a letter signed by the Leader of the Council and all leaders of the Groups on the Council choosing to support this motion and address it to: the Prime Minister; the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions; the Chancellor of the Exchequer;

the leaders of all opposition parties in Parliament; all Surrey MPs and the media.

- (4) To send the aforementioned letter, accompanied by this motion to addressees and ask in it for a trial of Universal Basic Income in Guildford to be urgently established and funded by Government.”

12. NOTICE OF MOTION DATED 19 MARCH 2021: LOCAL PLAN

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, Councillor Paul Spooner to propose, and Councillor Nigel Manning to second, the following motion:

“The Guildford Borough Local Plan was based on Brownfield sites and Infrastructure first. Infrastructure was a key requirement in the Local Plan and if it could not be delivered then housing should not be built. This constraint was a key factor in the adopted local plan.

It is now clear that the most significant piece of infrastructure affecting Guildford Town Centre, namely the A3 Capacity Upgrade, can no longer be delivered in this Local Plan period.

Whilst Highways England submitted this capacity upgrade as part of Road Investment Strategy 2 (2020-2025) this has not been taken forward.

Surrey Highways and Transport for South East are pushing for it to be included in Road Investment Strategy 3 (2025-2030). If accepted and designed during this period, buildout of this complex upgrade would follow in 2030 through 2035 which is after the period of this local plan.

Therefore, a review of the Local Plan must now take place as this key constraint is now a reality and the Local Plan should not be delivered as originally set out.

Neither Surrey Highways nor Highways England have been asked by Guildford Borough Council to review the transport and infrastructure evidence base following this clear indication that the A3 Capacity Upgrade will not be delivered within the Local Plan period.

Housing capacity without the A3 upgrade was significantly constrained and affects thousands of houses along its corridor with the Guildford Town Centre and surrounding area.

This Council therefore:

RESOLVES: That a review of the Local Plan be undertaken immediately to reduce the housing numbers as the A3 capacity upgrade cannot be delivered in the plan period.”

13. REMOTE COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Report to follow.

14. ASH ROAD BRIDGE UPDATE - PART 1 REPORT (IN PUBLIC) (Pages 313 - 418)

15. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The Council is asked to consider passing the following resolution:

“That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in paragraphs 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.”

16. ASH ROAD BRIDGE UPDATE (Pages 419 - 584)

17. 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.