

GUILDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL



BILLINGTON MAYOR

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28 September 2020

To the Councillors of Guildford Borough Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council for the Borough of Guildford which **will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on TUESDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2020** 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
Secunder 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
Secunder 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 - 22)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28 July 2020.

4. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

To receive any communications or announcements from the Mayor.

5. ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Following the resignation of Councillor Caroline Reeves as Leader of the Council on 22 September 2020, there is a vacancy in the position of Leader. In accordance with Article 6 of the Constitution, the new Leader will be elected at the first meeting of the Council following such vacancy for a term of office expiring on the day of the post- election annual meeting which follows his or her election.

The Council will receive the report of the Democratic Services and Elections Manager on nominations received in respect of the election of the Leader of the Council.

Council Procedure Rule 21 (b) requires that a councillor proposing to nominate another councillor as Leader must notify the Democratic Services and Elections Manager of their nomination before the meeting at which the election is to be held.

6. LEADER'S COMMUNICATIONS

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

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To receive questions or statements from the public.

8. CONSIDERATION OF PETITION: "CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS" (Pages 23 - 30)

9. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

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

10. CAPITAL AND INVESTMENT OUTTURN REPORT 2019-20 (Pages 31 - 96)

11. REVIEW OF THE COUNCILLORS' CODE OF CONDUCT AND CONSIDERATION OF BEST PRACTICE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE (Pages 97 - 144)

12. REVIEW OF THE PROTOCOL ON COUNCILLOR-OFFICER RELATIONS (Pages 145 - 164)

13. EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARDS (EABS) - REVIEW OF STRUCTURE AND REMIT (Pages 165 - 192)

14. NOTICE OF MOTION DATED 18 SEPTEMBER 2020: OPPOSITION TO SINGLE UNITARY AUTHORITY FOR SURREY

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, Councillor Tony Rooth to propose, and Councillor Christopher Barrass to second, the following motion:

"Guildford Borough Council opposes a single Unitary Authority for Surrey; and supports opposition throughout Guildford and Surrey to a single Unitary Authority for Surrey. The Council

RESOLVES:

To instruct the Managing Director to urgently relay our opposition to a single Unitary Authority for Surrey to residents throughout Guildford and Surrey, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Surrey County Council, other Surrey borough and district councils and other appropriate bodies and organisations."

15. NOTICE OF MOTION DATED 22 SEPTEMBER 2020: PROPOSAL TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL ELECTRICITY BILL

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, Councillor Deborah Seabrook to propose the following motion:

“That Guildford Borough Council

(1) acknowledges the efforts that this Council has made to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy;

(2) further recognises:

- that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,
- that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier’s operation would enable and empower new local businesses, or councils, to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local customers, and
- that revenues received by new local renewable electricity providers could be used to help improve the local economy, local services and facilities and to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions;

(3) accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, supported by 187 MPs which, if made law, would establish a Right to Local Supply which would promote local renewable electricity supply companies and co-operatives by making the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate to the size of the supply operation; and

(4) further resolves to:

- inform the local media of this decision,
- write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill, and
- write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or info@powerforpeople.org.uk) expressing its support.”

16. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE (Pages 193 - 200)

To receive and note the attached minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 21 July and 25 August 2020.

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.