

GUILDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL



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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 25 JULY 2023** commencing at 7.00 pm.

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THE COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK (2021- 2025)

Our Vision:

A green, thriving town and villages where people have the homes they need, access to quality employment, with strong and safe communities that come together to support those needing help.

Our Mission:

A trusted, efficient, innovative, and transparent Council that listens and responds quickly to the needs of our community.

Our Values:

- We will put the interests of our community first.
- We will listen to the views of residents and be open and accountable in our decision-making.
- We will deliver excellent customer service.
- We will spend money carefully and deliver good value for money services.
- We will put the environment at the heart of our actions and decisions to deliver on our commitment to the climate change emergency.
- We will support the most vulnerable members of our community as we believe that every person matters.
- We will support our local economy.
- We will work constructively with other councils, partners, businesses, and communities to achieve the best outcomes for all.
- We will ensure that our councillors and staff uphold the highest standards of conduct.

Our strategic priorities:

Homes and Jobs

- Revive Guildford town centre to unlock its full potential
- Provide and facilitate housing that people can afford
- Create employment opportunities through regeneration
- Support high quality development of strategic sites
- Support our business community and attract new inward investment
- Maximise opportunities for digital infrastructure improvements and smart places technology

Environment

- Provide leadership in our own operations by reducing carbon emissions, energy consumption and waste
- Engage with residents and businesses to encourage them to act in more environmentally sustainable ways through their waste, travel, and energy choices
- Work with partners to make travel more sustainable and reduce congestion
- Make every effort to protect and enhance our biodiversity and natural environment.

Community

- Tackling inequality in our communities
- Work with communities to support those in need
- Support the unemployed back into the workplace and facilitate opportunities for residents to enhance their skills
- Prevent homelessness and rough-sleeping in 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 9 - 26)

To confirm the minutes of the Selection meeting of the Council held on 17 May, and the special meeting held on 1 June 2023.

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 from councillors of which due notice has been given.

8. GENERAL FUND BUDGET UPDATE (Pages 27 - 70)

**9. APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS 2023-27
(Pages 71 - 116)**

**10. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH MEMBERS TO THE CORPORATE
GOVERNANCE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE (Pages 117 - 126)**

11. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE (Pages 127 - 146)

To receive and note the attached minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 16 March, 20 March, and 22 June 2023.

**12. NOTICE OF MOTION DATED 13 JULY 2023: 7 DAY PLANNING
NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, Councillor Bob Hughes to propose, and Councillor Richard Mills to second, the following motion:

“Council notes that on 22nd February 2023, the Council voted to remove the Member reference process known as the 7-day procedure. This decision removed a key part of democratic decision making from the planning process.

Council further notes that the decision was taken without any consultation of the public, or Parish Councils. It is likely that many including newly elected Councillors will believe that this Ward Councillor consultation process is still in place as it is still happening with older planning applications.

Therefore, this Council resolves to:

- (1) Reinstatement of the Member reference process (7-day procedure).
- (2) Apply the process to all current applications which are still to be determined following the decision taken by the Council on 22nd February 2023”.

13. NOTICE OF MOTION DATED 13 JULY 2023: NORTH STREET

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, Councillor Matt Furniss to propose, and Councillor Richard Mills to second, the following motion:

“North Street

Background

Create Streets is an organisation that exists to help solve the housing crisis and to help neighbourhood, communities, landowners, councils and developers create and manage beautiful, sustainable places of gentle density that will be popular, are likely to be correlated with good wellbeing and public health outcomes and which are likely to prove good long-term investments based on the historical data of value appreciation and maintenance costs.

Create Streets was appointed by Surrey County Council to design The Healthy Streets for Surrey Guide, using their expertise to co-create beautiful, sustainable, prosperous, economically and socially successful places with strong local support.

On 25 October 2022, Surrey County Council’s Cabinet endorsed The Healthy Streets for Surrey Guide and agreed adoption of the guide as County Council policy for the design of streets in all new development in the county. The digital version is now live <https://healthystreets.surreycc.gov.uk/> .

It is design guidance to create healthier and more sustainable streets for residents by prioritising air quality, physical activity and community wellbeing. The guidance discusses ways to achieve sustainable streets, such as developing safer walking and cycling routes, promoting public transport, and engaging with local communities.

Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities showcased The Healthy Streets for Surrey Guide on 22 June as one of the 25 Pathfinder Councils for showing leadership at the local level. By using design codes, we will enter a virtuous cycle of regenerative development. Design coding is a linchpin in Government's ambitions for changes to the planning system. It is proposed to be mandatory for all local authorities in the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Bill. Associated themes of placemaking and beautiful and sustainable design are already embedded in the National Planning Policy Framework.

Therefore, this Council resolves to:

- (1) Appoint Create Streets to act as a 'critical friend' to review and make recommendations on the new North Street application submitted by St Edwards to the Council.
- (2) Add their comments to the appealed scheme which can be used in the Council's evidence to defend the appeal.
- (3) Ask the Executive to endorse Surrey County Council's Healthy Streets for Surrey Guide.