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**GUILDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL**



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To the Councillors of Guildford Borough Council

You are hereby summoned to attend Part One of the Annual Meeting of the Council ('Mayor Making') to be held in the Courtroom at the **Guildhall, High Street, Guildford** on **Wednesday 8 May 2024** commencing at **12 noon** to transact the business set out hereunder.

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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

## **A G E N D A**

The Mayor to receive from the Honorary Remembrancer (Mr Matthew Alexander) his report for the municipal year just ending.

### **1. ELECTION OF MAYOR**

The Council to consider the election of the Mayor for the municipal year 2024-25.

At its extraordinary meeting on 23 January 2024, the Council approved the nomination of Councillor Sallie Barker MBE as Mayor of the Borough for the municipal year 2024-25.

Following their election, the Mayor will take the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

The Council to record its appreciation for the services rendered by the retiring Mayor, Councillor Masuk Miah.

### **2. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

The Council to consider the appointment of the Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2024-25.

At its extraordinary meeting on 23 January 2024, the Council approved the nomination of Councillor Howard Smith as Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the municipal year 2024-25.

Following their appointment, the Deputy Mayor will take the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

### **3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence from Councillors, Honorary Freeman and Honorary Aldermen.

### **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive from Members, declarations of interest in relation to any items included on the agenda for this meeting in accordance with the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

**5. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

To receive any communications which the Mayor may desire to lay before the Council.

**6. MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN**

To announce the appointment of the Mayor's Chaplain for the municipal year 2024-25.

**7. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY REMEMBRANCER**

To appoint the Honorary Remembrancer for the Borough for the municipal year 2024-25.

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