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**Dear Councillor** 

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE** to be held in the Council Chamber, Millmead House, Millmead, Guildford, Surrey, on **THURSDAY**, **29 MARCH 2018** at **7.00 pm**.

Yours faithfully

James Whiteman Managing Director

# **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Chairman: Councillor Gordon Jackson Vice-Chairman: Councillor Jo Randall

\*Independent member ^ Parish member

#### **Authorised Substitute Members:**

Councillor Richard Billington
Councillor Andrew Gomm
Councillor David Goodwin
Councillor Liz Hogger

Councillor Councillor Caroline Reeves

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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.

# Five fundamental themes that support the achievement of our vision:

- Our Borough ensuring that proportional and managed growth for future generations meets our community and economic needs
- **Our Economy** improving prosperity for all by enabling a dynamic, productive and sustainable economy that provides jobs and homes for local people
- Our Infrastructure working with partners to deliver the massive improvements needed in the next 20 years, including tackling congestion issues
- **Our Environment** improving sustainability and protecting our countryside, balancing this with the needs of the rural and wider economy
- Our Society believing that every person matters and concentrating on the needs
  of the less advantaged

**Your Council** – working to ensure a sustainable financial future to deliver improved and innovative 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.

# Mission – for the Council

A forward looking, efficiently run Council, working in partnership with others and providing first class services that give our society value for money, now and for the future.

# AGENDA

# **ITEM**

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS
- 2 LOCAL CODE OF CONDUCT DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

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, you must notify the Monitoring Officer of the details of the DPI within 28 days of the date of the meeting.

**3 MINUTES** (Pages 1 - 6)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Governance and Standards Committee held on 18 January 2018 (attached).

- 4 DISCUSSIONS WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE (Pages 7 16)
- 5 AUDIT REPORT ON THE CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL CLAIMS AND RETURNS 2016-17: HOUSING BENEFIT SUBSIDY AND POOLING HOUSING CAPITAL RECEIPTS (Pages 17 26)
- **6 EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN AND AUDIT UPDATE 2017-18** (Pages 27 46)
- 7 FINANCIAL MONITORING 2017-18 PERIOD 10 (APRIL 2017 TO JANUARY 2018) (Pages 47 110)
- 8 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER REGARDING MISCONDUCT ALLEGATIONS (Pages 111 116)
- 9 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETHICAL STANDARDS: STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION (Pages 117 126)
- 10 REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S COVERT SURVEILLANCE POLICY (Pages 127 166)
- 11 GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR) UPDATE (Pages 167 168)
- **12 WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 169 176)