



## EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**MONDAY 16 JANUARY 2023**

### ORDER PAPER

#### **WEBCASTING NOTICE**

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I would like to welcome everyone to this evening's extraordinary meeting of the Council.

I should be grateful if you would ensure that your mobile phones and other hand-held devices are switched to silent during the meeting. If the fire alarm sounds during the course of the meeting - we are not expecting it to go off - please leave the Council Chamber immediately and proceed calmly to the assembly point in Millmead on the paved area adjacent to the river as you exit the site.

This Order Paper sets out details of those members of the public who have given advance notice of their wish to ask a question or address the Council in respect of any business on tonight's agenda. It also sets out details of any questions submitted by councillors together with any motions and amendments to be proposed by councillors in respect of the business on the agenda.

Unless a member of the public has given notice of their wish to ask a question or address the Council under Item 6 (Public Participation), they will not be permitted to speak. Those who have given notice may address the Council for a maximum of three minutes. Speakers may not engage in any further debate once they have finished their speech.

*Councillor Dennis Booth*  
*The Mayor of Guildford*

<b>Time limits on speeches at full Council meetings:</b>	
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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## **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive any 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 5 - 30 of the Council agenda)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 6 December 2022, and the extraordinary meeting held on 3 January 2023.

## **4. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

To receive any communications or announcements from the Mayor.

## **5. LEADER'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Leader to comment on the following matters:

- County-wide award recognition for Officers in Regulatory Services
- Safer Guildford Partnership training
- Matisse Exhibition at Guildford House Gallery
- Availability of Banner board advertising to promote community activities
- Document accessibility guidance
- Becoming a councillor briefing for prospective candidates: 9 February 2023

Councillors shall have the opportunity of asking questions of the Leader in respect of her communications.

## **6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No questions or requests to speak have been received from the public in respect of the business to be transacted at this extraordinary meeting

## **7. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

No questions have been received from councillors in respect of the business to be transacted at this extraordinary meeting

## **8. WEYSIDE URBAN VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT (Pages 31 - 62 of the Council agenda)**

The Lead Councillor for Regeneration, Councillor John Rigg to propose, and the Leader of the Council, Councillor Julia McShane to second, the adoption of the following motion:

“That full Council:

- (1) notes the current forecasted eventual deficit, as set out in exempt Appendix 1 to this report, in 2033 (year 10 of the project delivery programme) and resulting General Fund revenue implications, noting that this is based on a number of variables outlined within Section 4 of this report (Financial Implications); and
- (2) approves the continuation of the Weyside Urban Village project until officers have completed the required due diligence described in (a) and (b) below and report back to Full Council in July 2023:
  - (a) To request officers to provide alternative risk assessed option appraisals other than to proceed with the original Full Council approved scheme, including all possible mitigations and alterations to the current funding and specifications, indicating by use of a range of values where specific data is not available, and a full explanation of assumptions with reasons, sufficient to enable Members to make a fully informed decision on how it wishes to proceed at Full Council in July 2023.
  - (b) To request officers to update the project with the latest assumptions, indices and valuations and report back to the July 2023 Full Council.”

### Reasons:

The projected deficit, and significantly wide variation and uncertainty of the outcome of this project, renders the project as no longer compliant with the Full Council approval to break even at zero cost to the Council, i.e. the project has greater or equal value to the receipts received. At this point Officers do not have Full Council authority to incur any further expenditure until councillors have considered their full options and implications. However, temporarily stopping expenditure is not realistic due to contractual commitments.

The recommendations will:

- Ensure that there is sufficient understanding of the projected financial forecast of the programme.
- Ensure that there is sufficient funding in the approved programme to cover the phase 1 & 2 infrastructure costs, SCC Waste Transfer Centre design cost, construction of the new Council Depot and the payments which the Council is obliged to make to TWUL under the Thames Water Agreement for 2022/23 and 2023/24.
- Ensure that statutory service agreements and construction agreements can be entered into for the delivery of services and infrastructure for the development and to ensure that Homes England Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) milestones are achieved.

- Support the delivery of the Council's Corporate Plan (2021-2025) priorities, by supporting high quality development of a strategic site, creating employment opportunities through regeneration and facilitating housing that people can afford.

***Comments:***

None

**9. COMMON SEAL**

To order the Common Seal.

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