



COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2024

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA PACK

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I would like to welcome everyone to this evening's 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 Supplementary Agenda Pack 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 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 Sallie Barker MBE
The Mayor of Guildford*

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:	6 minutes
Secunder of a motion:	4 minutes
Other councillors speaking during the debate on a motion:	4 minutes
Proposer of a motion's right of reply at the end of the debate on the motion:	4 minutes
Proposer of an amendment:	4 minutes
Secunder of an amendment:	4 minutes
Other councillors speaking during the debate on an amendment:	4 minutes
Proposer of a motion's right of reply at the end of the debate on an amendment:	4 minutes
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Procedure for dealing with motions:

The Council's attention is drawn to the relevant provisions of Council Procedure Rules in respect of the Rules of Debate (Council Procedure Rule 15). In particular, before a motion is proposed, the Mayor will invite any questions from councillors in respect of the motion. Such questions must relate directly to the motion being proposed and are restricted to questions relating directly to clarity of what is proposed.

Once a motion has been proposed and seconded, no questions nor answers are permitted, other than in respect of an amendment to the motion prior to such an amendment being moved. Once proposed and seconded, only speeches of debate shall be permitted.

Councillors' attention is also drawn to the revised time limit on speeches during a debate: up to 6 minutes for the proposer of a motion, and up to four minutes for all other speeches (including right of reply on the motion).

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. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

To receive any communications from the Mayor.

4. LEADER'S COMMUNICATIONS

To receive any communications from the Leader of the Council.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE STATUTORY OFFICERS

To receive any announcements from the Head of Paid Service, Chief Finance Officer and/or Monitoring Officer.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No questions or statements have been received from the public.

7. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

No questions have been received from councillors.

8. IMPROVEMENT PLAN - 6 MONTH PROGRESS UPDATE (Pages 7 - 56 of the Council agenda)

Proposed procedure for dealing with this matter

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.1, the Mayor, having taken appropriate officer advice, has agreed for this agenda item only to waive the rules of debate referred to in Council Procedure Rule 15.2 for the purposes of enabling councillors to engage with a Question-and-Answer session with the chair of the Independent Assurance Panel in advance of the formal consideration and debate of this matter, and giving political group leaders the opportunity of commenting first during the debate on the motion in respect of this matter.

The Council will note that this is the first of the six-monthly progress updates in respect of the Council's Improvement Plan. It is also the first opportunity for the Independent Assurance Panel to provide an assessment of progress to the full Council (see Appendix 3 to the report – pages 45 to 55 of the Council agenda).

The chair of the Panel, Mr Andrew Flockhart, will be present to answer questions from councillors. Councillors were requested to submit their questions for Mr Flockhart in advance of this meeting to ensure that a comprehensive response to them can be given.

To assist councillors, the following procedure will be followed to deal with this matter:

- (1) The Mayor to confirm that she has waived usual procedure rules of debate in accordance with CPR 15.1 as described above.
- (2) The Mayor to invite the Joint Chief Executive to introduce his Officer report on the Improvement Plan.
- (3) The Mayor to ask Mr Flockhart to respond to questions submitted by councillors in advance of this meeting. The only question received is set out below:

From: Cllr Philip Brooker

"I have been assured that benchmarks and targets will be established as a means of measuring progress, and that the likely date for this will be the Spring of 2025. To what extent will the Independent Assurance Panel be involved in developing these, will they be unique to GBC and are there any templates or similar from other councils that could aid our thinking?"

- (4) The Mayor to ask whether there are any other questions councillors wish to ask Mr Flockhart.
- (5) The Mayor to ask whether councillors have any questions relating directly to matters of clarity in respect of the motion, which is set out in (6) below. The Leader of the Council, as proposer of the motion, will respond to any such questions.
- (6) The Mayor to ask the Leader of the Council to move the adoption of the following motion:

"That the Council resolves:

- (a) To note the progress made in the first six months of Guildford's Improvement Plan.
- (b) To refer this report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Resources, for the purpose of reviewing the report and the progress being made with the delivery of the Improvement Plan."

Reasons:

- Monitoring delivery is central to provide assurance on the progress being made by the Council against its Improvement Plan, and that we are fulfilling our statutory duty to deliver Best Value.
 - Scrutiny of the Improvement Plan demonstrates transparency and good governance.
- (7) The Mayor to ask the Deputy Leader of the Council to second the adoption of the motion. He may reserve his right.
 - (8) The Mayor to open the debate by inviting the following group leaders to comment on the motion in advance of other councillors if they so wish:
 - Councillor Philip Brooker
 - Councillor Joss Bigmore
 - Councillor Patrick Oven
 - Councillor James Walsh
 - (9) The Mayor to invite other councillors who have indicated a wish to speak to comment on the motion.
 - (10) After councillors have commented on the motion, the Mayor will ask the Deputy Leader (if he reserved his right) if he wishes to comment, and then ask the Leader if she wishes to exercise her right of reply to the debate on the motion.
 - (11) The Council will then take a vote on the motion by way of show of hands or, if five or more councillors so request before the vote is taken, a recorded vote.
 - (12) The Mayor to announce the outcome of the vote on the motion.

9. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN UPDATE (Pages 57 - 66 of the Council agenda)

The Council is invited to provide comment / feedback on the report and highlight any areas of the budget for further consideration.

The motion:

The Lead Councillor for Finance and Property, Councillor Richard Lucas to propose, and the Leader of the Council Councillor Julia McShane to second, the adoption of the following motion:

“That the Council notes the progress on updating the MTFP position.”

Reasons:

- The General Fund Budget is a major decision for the Council and setting a balanced budget is a statutory requirement.
- Scrutiny of the MTFP and Budget proposals demonstrate transparency and good governance

Comments:

None

10. REVIEW OF COUNCILLORS’ ALLOWANCES (INCLUDING 12-MONTH UPDATE)

(Pages 67 - 142 of the Council agenda)

Update:

At its meeting on 28 November 2024, the Executive also considered this report and noted the following additional legal and governance implications:

Following publication of the (Executive) agenda, it was drawn to officers’ attention that the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel’s recommendation in respect of “Level 1” Dependants’ Carers’ Allowance may be unlawful if implemented by the Council.

The relevant Regulations only make provision for the payment to members of an authority of an allowance (“dependants' carers' allowance”) in respect of such expenses of arranging for the care of their children or dependants as are necessarily incurred in undertaking various approved duties. The Regulations do not allow an authority to specify a fixed annual amount of dependants’ carers’ allowance that may be paid to members with dependants for whom they are caring, or are carers, irrespective of whether they necessarily incur caring costs.

The Executive therefore considered an alternative proposal for Level 1 as follows:

Level 1 – This will be paid to those councillors who necessarily incur expense in arranging for general care of (i) their children, aged 13 or under, or (ii) one or more persons that normally reside in their household and for

whom they are a registered carer, to enable them to undertake any approved duty, up to a maximum of £500 per annum per councillor. The allowance shall be paid as a re-imbusement of incurred expenditure against receipts.

The Executive also discussed how it might be possible to allocate SRAs to the chairs of the new Audit & Risk Committee and Standards Committee from the beginning of the 2025-26 municipal year, should the Council adopt the proposals referred to in Agenda Item 11 on the Council agenda. There were two options:

- (a) await further recommendations from the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel in 12 months' time as to the level of Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) to be allocated to the chairs of those committees, and once the Council has approved those SRAs, to then backdate them to the beginning of the 2025-26 municipal year; or
- (b) to pay each of the chairs of those committees the Corporate Governance & Standards Committee chair's SRA with effect from the beginning of the 2025-26 municipal year, and ask the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel to submit further recommendations in 12 months' time as to the appropriate levels of SRA.

(This has been addressed in paragraph (8) (b) of the motion below.)

Following consideration of the report, the Executive submitted the following recommendation to the Council:

“That the Council adopts the recommendations of the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel, subject to the amendment of recommendations (2), (4) and (16) as follows:

- (2) That no councillor shall be entitled to receive at any time more than ~~one~~ **two** Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs), and that where a councillor would otherwise be entitled to ~~two~~ **three** or more SRAs, then only the **two** higher-valued allowances should be received, and that this 'Two SRA Only Rule' be adopted into the Scheme of Allowances.
- (4) That the Leader of the Council should receive a Tier One Special Responsibility Allowance of ~~250%~~ **200%** of the Basic Allowance, ~~£21,448~~ **£17,158** per annum.

- (16) That, ~~subject to a further review by the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel in 12 months' time,~~ a new Dependants' Carers' Allowance be included in the scheme of allowances as follows:

~~Level 1 (a) – A £500 annual allowance for Councillors where there is one or more children aged 12 or younger that normally reside in their household and for whom they are caring. This allowance would only be payable until the child's 13th birthday. This allowance would be taxable.~~

~~Level 1 (b) – A £500 annual allowance for Councillors where there is one or more persons that normally reside in their household and for whom they are a registered carer. This allowance would be taxable.~~

Level 1 – This will be paid to those councillors who necessarily incur expense in arranging for general care of (i) their children, aged 13 or under, or (ii) one or more persons that normally reside in their household and for whom they are a registered carer, to enable them to undertake any approved duty, up to a maximum of £500 per annum per councillor. The allowance shall be paid as a re-imbusement of incurred expenditure against receipts.

Level 2 – This shall be for specialist care based at cost upon production of receipts and requiring medical evidence that this type of care is required. This allowance would not be taxable and shall apply for councillors with caring responsibility for persons of any age. There shall be no limit to these claims, provided that they are made in respect of approved duties.

After the Executive meeting, the chair of the Independent Remuneration Panel (Dennis Frost) whilst understanding officers' concerns regarding the lawfulness of an "up front" Dependants' Carers' Allowance expressed concern that the revised proposals would require production of receipts from claimants and might deter councillors from claiming the allowance. Mr Frost has suggested that if the Council is minded to approve the revised proposals, as recommended by the Executive, members may wish to add a further paragraph to the motion along the following lines:

"To delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Legal & Democratic Services to make minor non-financial changes to the wording or interpretation of the Member Allowances Scheme between formal reviews, after consultation with the Chair of the IRP and the Lead Councillor"

Mr Frost suggests that this would provide a process whereby any queries from councillors in respect of Dependants' Carers' Allowance could be resolved on an interim basis pending further review by the Panel next year.

The proposer and seconder of the motion and the Strategic Director of Legal & Democratic Services support this additional paragraph, and it is included as paragraph (24) of the motion below.

The motion:

The Lead Councillor for Regulatory and Democratic Services, Councillor Merel Rehorst-Smith to propose and the Leader of the Council, Councillor Julia McShane to second, the adoption of the following motion:

- (1) That the Basic Allowance payable to all members of Guildford Borough Council be £8,579 per annum.
- (2) That no councillor shall be entitled to receive at any time more than two Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs), and that where a councillor would otherwise be entitled to three or more SRAs, then only the two higher-valued allowances should be received, and that this 'Two SRA Only Rule' be adopted into the Scheme of Allowances.
- (3) That the maximum number of recipients of SRAs at any one time does not exceed 50% of Council Members (24 Members).
- (4) That the Leader of the Council should receive a Tier One Special Responsibility Allowance of 200% of the Basic Allowance, £17,158 per annum.
- (5) That the Deputy Leader should receive a Tier Two Special Responsibility Allowance of 100% of the Basic Allowance, £8,579 per annum.
- (6) That the Members of the Executive (excluding the Leader and Deputy Leader), the Chair of the Planning Committee, should each receive a Tier Three Special Responsibility Allowance of 75% of the Basic Allowance, £6,434 per annum.
- (7) That the level of the Mayor's Special Responsibility Allowance should also be at Tier Three (75% of the Basic Allowance, £6,434 per annum) for 2025-26 and that this allowance be reviewed again by the Independent Remuneration Panel in 12 months' time.

- (8) (a) That the Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the Corporate Governance and Standards Committee, and Political Group Leaders (of groups comprising more than 10% of members overall) should each receive a Tier Four Special Responsibility Allowance of 50% of the Basic Allowance, £4,290 per annum.
- (b) That, subject to the Council's approval of the proposed new committees in agenda item 11 below, a Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) be paid to each of the chairs of those committees equivalent to the level of SRA to be paid to the chair of the Corporate Governance & Standards Committee (Tier Four) with effect from the beginning of the 2025-26 municipal year, and that the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel be requested to submit further recommendations to the Council in 12 months' time as to the appropriate levels of SRA payable in respect of the chairs of those committees.
- (9) That the Chair of the Licensing Committee, the Deputy Mayor, the Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee, and Political Group Leaders (of groups comprising less than 10% of members overall) should each receive a Tier Five Special Responsibility Allowance of 25% of the Basic Allowance, £2,145 per annum.
- (10) That the current Special Responsibility Allowance for Designated Licensing Sub-Committee Chairmen in respect of chairing Licensing Sub-Committee and Licensing Regulatory Sub-Committee meetings be set at £71 per meeting.
- (11) That, in relation to the Mayor's and the Deputy Mayor's allowances payable under Sections 3 and 5 respectively of the Local Government Act 1972 to meet the expenses of their offices:
- (a) the level of those allowances should remain unchanged at £8,000 and £2,000 per annum respectively and to note that no further review is required; and
- (b) with immediate effect, the cost of the Mayor's travel arrangements for attending certain functions where it is inadvisable for them to drive themselves should be met from the Mayor's Allowance.
- (12) That co-optees receive an allowance of 5% of the Basic Allowance, £429 per annum.

- (13) That the amounts currently payable to councillors and co-opted members whilst on approved duties in respect of motor mileage and cycle allowances should continue.
- (14) That councillors and co-opted members, whilst on approved duties, should continue to be reimbursed the cost of:
- second class or any available cheap rate travel using public transport on production of proof of purchase of a valid ticket;
 - travel by taxi or private hire vehicle where no public transport is reasonably available or for reasons of health/ disability/safety; and
 - any reasonable parking charges incurred.
- (15) That the Day Subsistence and Overnight Subsistence Allowances be withdrawn and that the following be included in the new scheme of allowances:

“Subsistence Allowance:

Reasonable subsistence allowances will be paid for the “Approved Duties” within the Scheme (see Appendix 2 to the IRP’s report), provided that:

- (a) subsistence allowances are only payable for attending approved duties outside of the Borough;*
- (b) refreshments are not provided as part of the meeting/ function attended.*
- (c) meal allowances will be paid only where a member is undertaking an approved duty which involves their absence from home for a period exceeding four hours; and*
- (d) all claims are accompanied by valid receipts.*

Overnight Accommodation:

There is no set allowance for overnight accommodation. However, councillors should endeavour to stay in accommodation which provides good value for money but, if the reason for requiring overnight accommodation is to attend a training event, conference, or similar event, councillors may stay overnight at the venue being used for that event. Receipts must be provided with all claims for reimbursement of accommodation costs.

Reimbursement of reasonable overnight accommodation costs will also only be payable for attending approved duties outside of the Borough.

By way of guidance, it is considered that overnight accommodation costs ranging from £100 to £150 are deemed to be “reasonable”, dependent on

the location. All overnight accommodation should be pre-booked by officers wherever possible. No claims for alcoholic drinks will be reimbursed."

- (16) That, subject to a further review by the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel in 12 months' time, a new Dependants' Carers' Allowance be included in the scheme of allowances as follows:

Level 1 – This will be paid to those councillors who necessarily incur expense in arranging for general care of (i) their children, aged 13 or under, or (ii) one or more persons that normally reside in their household and for whom they are a registered carer, to enable them to undertake any approved duty, up to a maximum of £500 per annum per councillor. The allowance shall be paid as a re-imbusement of incurred expenditure against receipts.

Level 2 – This shall be for specialist care based at cost upon production of receipts and requiring medical evidence that this type of care is required. This allowance would not be taxable and shall apply for councillors with caring responsibility for persons of any age. There shall be no limit to these claims, provided that they are made in respect of approved duties.

- (17) That no changes be made to the Approved Duties for which Dependants' Carers' Allowance and Travelling and Subsistence Allowance should be payable.
- (18) That the Councillors' Allowances Scheme be amended to include provisions that clarify that:
- (a) All Councillors shall continue to receive their Basic Allowance in full for a period up to six months in the case of absence from their councillor duties due to leave related to maternity, paternity, adoption shared parental leave or sickness absence.
 - (b) Councillors entitled to a Special Responsibility Allowance shall continue to receive their allowance in full for a period of six months, in the case of absence from their Councillor duties due to leave related to maternity, paternity, adoption, shared parental leave or sickness absence.
 - (c) Where for reasons connected with sickness, maternity leave, adoption leave, paternity leave or shared parental leave a councillor

is unable to attend a meeting of the Council for a period of six months, a dispensation by Council can be sought before the expiry of that six-month period in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

- (d) If a replacement to cover the period of absence under these provisions is appointed by Council or the Leader (or in the case of a party group position the party group) the replacement shall be entitled to claim a Special Responsibility Allowance pro rata for the period over which the cover is provided.
- (19) That the basic allowance, each of the SRAs, the Co-Optees' Allowance and the Dependants' Carers' Allowance (Level 1) be increased annually in line with the percentage increase in staff salaries until 2027, at which time the Scheme shall be reviewed again by an independent remuneration panel. Where staff salaries are increased by way of a lump sum payment, the Allowances referred to above shall be adjusted by applying an average percentage increase.
- (20) That the removal by the Independent Remuneration Panel of its recommendation within its November 2023 report for a special responsibility allowance to the Chairmen of the two Executive Advisory Boards, and the resulting saving of £8,352 be noted.
- (21) That the new scheme of allowances, as set out in Appendix 3 to the report submitted to the Council and as amended to reflect the provisions reflected in this motion, be implemented with effect from the beginning of the 2025-26 financial year, at which time the current scheme of allowances shall be revoked.
- (22) That the Independent Remuneration Panel be requested to undertake during the coming year a further mini review of the special responsibility allowance in respect of the role of the Overview and Scrutiny Chairs and submit a further short report for the 2026/27 financial year.
- (23) That the Independent Remuneration Panel's offer to review any new or significantly changed roles which might attract a special responsibility allowance as they arise and to make further recommendations to the Council, be welcomed.
- (24) That authority be delegated to the Strategic Director of Legal & Democratic Services to make minor non-financial changes to the wording

or interpretation of the Member Allowances Scheme between formal reviews, after consultation with the Chair of the IRP and the relevant Lead Councillor.

Reason:

In order to comply with the requirements of The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 (as amended).

Comments:

None

11. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & STANDARDS COMMITTEE (Pages 143 - 172 of the Council agenda)

The Chair of the Corporate Governance & Standards Committee, Councillor Phil Bellamy to propose, and the Vice-Chair of that Committee, Councillor Bob Hughes to second, the adoption of the following motion:

- “(1) That the terms of reference of the Corporate Governance & Standards Committee be amended and the Committee renamed the Standards Committee, with effect from the start of the 2025-26 municipal year.
- (2) That a new Audit & Risk Committee be established, with effect from the start of the 2025-26 municipal year.
- (3) That the proposed Terms of Reference of the new Audit & Risk Committee and Standards Committee, as set out respectively in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report submitted to the Council, be adopted into the Constitution, with effect from the start of the 2025-26 municipal year, subject to the amendment in Appendix 2 to indicate that the Standards Committee will co-opt one parish member and one independent member, rather than two parish members.
- (4) That the residual remit of the current Corporate Governance & Standards Committee be distributed as set out in Appendix 3 to the report, with effect from the start of the 2025-26 municipal year.
- (5) That it be noted that a further report will be submitted to the Corporate Governance & Standards Committee, by the end of the 2024-25 municipal year, on the review of the terms of reference of the overview and scrutiny committees”.

Reasons:

- The Corporate Governance and Standards Committee is responsible for a wide breadth of areas including corporate governance, accounts and audit, and ethical standards. Splitting the remit and functions of the Committee into two separate and distinct committees will help to ensure that an appropriate focus is given to both areas, and that, in turn, this will improve the effectiveness of the committees and allow for better support and training for members.
- The recent SOLACE review of governance for Guildford Borough Council found that the remit of the Committee is ‘so broad as to marginalise the audit role to the detriment of the Council’s governance’. It recommended that the Council give consideration to a separate audit committee, and the Council agreed to accept the SOLACE recommendations in full.

Comments:

None

12. PROPOSED CHANGES TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 6.2 (Pages 173 - 178 of the Council agenda)

The Chair of the Corporate Governance & Standards Committee, Councillor Phil Bellamy to propose, and the Vice-Chair of that Committee, Councillor Bob Hughes to second, the adoption of the following motion:

“That the first paragraph of Council Procedure Rule 6.2 be amended as set out below:

“6.2 Should a committee or sub-committee ~~agree~~ need to hold ~~a~~ meetings at a time different to that determined by the Monitoring Officer, ~~then~~ the Chair shall notify the Monitoring Officer via email at committeeservices@guildford.gov.uk. The Monitoring Officer will consider whether there are exceptional circumstances which warrant the changing of the timing of the meeting and, if necessary, they ~~who~~ will make the necessary amendment to the calendar of meetings. ~~The committee or sub-committee~~ The Monitoring Officer may only make such amendment to the time of the meeting at least ~~2~~ 5 clear working days prior to the summons for the meeting being published.”

Reason:

The Joint Constitutions Review Group at its meeting on 21 October 2024 were concerned that changing the start time of meetings might have equalities issues, in that working members and the public might not be able to attend.

Comments:

None

13. SELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR 2025-26 (Pages 179 - 182 of the Council agenda)**Note:**

The Mayor to ask the nominees for Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2025-26 to leave the Chamber for consideration of this item of business. They will be called back into the meeting after the Council has considered and determined the matter.

The motion:

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Julia McShane to propose, and Councillor James Walsh to second, the adoption of the following motion:

- “(1) That the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Howard Smith be nominated for the Mayoralty of the Borough for the 2025-26 municipal year.
- (2) That Councillor Jane Tyson be nominated for the Deputy Mayoralty for the 2025-26 municipal year”.

Reason:

To make early preparations for the selection of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2025-26.

Comments:

None

14. CAPITAL, TREASURY AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY - OCTOBER REFRESH (See Supplementary Agenda Pack)

The Lead Councillor for Finance and Property, Councillor Richard Lucas to propose, and the Leader of the Council Councillor Julia McShane to second, the adoption of the following motion:

“That the capital and investment strategy specifically the investment strategy and Prudential Indicators contained in the report submitted to the Council be approved”.

Reason:

To enable Council to approve the updated capital and investment strategy for the period up to 2028-29.

Comments:

None