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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 Masuk Miah
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:	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
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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 7 – 36 of the Council agenda)

To confirm, as a correct record, the draft minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2023.

4. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

To receive any communications from the Mayor.

5. LEADER'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Leader to comment on the following matters:

- Heritage Open Days 2023
- Car Free Day 2023
- Ash Road Bridge drop-in sessions

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

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public have registered to speak or ask a question.

7. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

There are no questions from councillors.

8. FINANCIAL RECOVERY PLAN – UPDATE REPORT (Pages 37 – 58 of the Council agenda)

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

“That the Council

(a) endorses the first issue of the Financial Recovery Plan attached as Appendix 1 to the report submitted to the Council; and

(b) notes that a fully developed plan will be presented to the Council in October 2023”.

Reason:

To enable the Council to protect the current level of reserves and to set a balanced budget and a robust Medium-Term Financial Plan.

Comments:

None

9. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM JOINT SECTION 151 OFFICER (Pages 59 – 76 of the Council agenda)

Update:

At its extraordinary meeting yesterday evening, Waverley Borough Council unanimously approved the proposed appointment of Richard Bates as Interim Joint Section 151 Officer.

The Motion:

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Julia McShane to propose, and the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Tom Hunt to second the following motion:

“That Richard Bates be appointed as the Interim Section 151 Officer for Waverley Borough Council and Guildford Borough Council”.

Reasons:

- Section 151 of the Local Government Act, 1972 requires that local authorities have in place arrangements for the proper administration of their financial affairs.
- Richard Bates is a qualified Accountant and experienced local authority Chief Financial Officer. He has held the S151 Officer role at Dorset County Council and interim S151 Officer at Mendip District Council

Comments:

None

10. WEYSIDE URBAN VILLAGE DELEGATIONS (Item of Urgent Business: Pages 1 - 36 of the Supplementary Council agenda)

The Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Tom Hunt to propose, and the Leader of the Council, Councillor Julia McShane to second the following motion:

“That the Council resolves:

(1) To approve the continuation of the project until Officers have completed the required due diligence outlined in the 16 January 2023 report, as follows, and reported back to Full Council later this year:

- 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.

- To update the project with the latest assumptions, indices and valuations and report back to Council.

(2) To delegate to the Strategic Director of Place, in consultation with the Lead Councillor for Regeneration, and Lead Councillor for Finance and Property, authority to enter into such other contracts and legal agreements connected with Weyside Urban Village as may be appropriate in compliance with Procurement Procedure Rules and within the approved budget”.

Reasons:

- To ensure that statutory service agreements and construction contracts can be entered in to for the delivery of services and infrastructure for the development and to ensure that Homes England Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) milestones are achieved.
- To ensure that the Council can perform its obligations under the Thames Water Utilities Limited (TWUL) agreement.

Comments:

None

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