

GUILDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL



BOOTH MAYOR

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To the Councillors of Guildford Borough Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council for the Borough of Guildford to be held in the **Council Chamber, Millmead House, Millmead, Guildford, Surrey GU2 4BB** on **TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2022** commencing at 7.00 pm.

Tom Horwood
Joint Chief Executive of Guildford and Waverley Borough Councils

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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

| Time limits on speeches at full Council meetings: | |
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| Public speaker: | 3 minutes |
| Response to public speaker: | 3 minutes |
| Questions from councillors: | 3 minutes |
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| Proposer of a motion: | 10 minutes |
| Secunder 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 |
| Secunder of an amendment: | 5 minutes |
| Other councillors speaking during the debate on an amendment: | 5 minutes |
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A G E N D A

1. 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

To confirm the minutes of the special meeting of the Council held on 1 December 2022 (to follow).

4. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

To receive any communications or announcements from the Mayor.

5. LEADER'S COMMUNICATIONS

To receive any communications or announcements from the Leader of the Council.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To receive questions or statements from the public.

7. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

To hear questions (if any) from councillors of which due notice has been given.

8. **CAPITAL AND INVESTMENT OUTFURN REPORT 2021-22** (Pages 7 - 84)
9. **SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE FOR FUNDS IN RESPECT OF PLANNING APPEALS RELATING TO MEMBER OVERTURN ITEMS** (Pages 85 - 90)
10. **REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES 2022** (Pages 91 - 156)
11. **GUILDFORD JOINT COMMITTEE** (Pages 157 - 164)
12. **REVIEW OF NUMERICAL ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES TO POLITICAL GROUPS: 2022-23** (Pages 165 - 182)
13. **COUNCILLOR DAVID GOODWIN** (Pages 183 - 186)
14. **SELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR 2023-24** (Pages 187 - 190)
15. **APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SURREY POLICE AND CRIME PANEL: 2022-23** (Pages 191 - 196)
16. **APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR TO GUILDFORD SPORTSGROUND MANAGEMENT COMPANY LIMITED** (Pages 197 - 198)
17. **NOTICE OF MOTION DATED 24 NOVEMBER 2022: SURREY PENSION FUND'S INVESTMENTS IN FOSSIL FUELS**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, Councillor George Potter to propose, and Councillor Steven Lee to second the following motion:

'Council recognises that burning fossil fuels contributes significantly to global warming. Research demonstrates that 80% or more of the world's fossil fuel reserves will have to remain unburnt if we are to meet targets for climate change mitigation. As four-fifths of known fossil fuels must remain in the ground investing in them now presents a substantial financial and environmental risk. Council notes the International Energy Agency has released modelling in 2021 predicting that global oil demand could peak as early as 2025, and that its Executive Director has referred to putting money into oil and gas projects as being potential 'junk investments'.

Guildford Borough Council is a member of the Surrey Pension Fund, which currently has over £100 million invested in fossil fuel through its Local Government Pension Fund Scheme.

Council believes that this investment is both environmentally and financially irresponsible. Every indication points to renewable energies and green technologies being much safer investments for pension funds going forwards. With COP 26 having taken place in Glasgow the world's eyes are on the UK to show leadership on climate change. Divesting from

fossil fuels in our pension fund is a clear and meaningful action we can take here in Surrey.

Council recognises that fossil fuel investments should be considered part of the council's 'carbon footprint' and that divesting our pension fund is one of the most impactful steps we can take to reduce our impact on our community and the world.

Council therefore commits to calling on the Surrey Pension Fund to divest from fossil fuels by requesting the Pension Fund Committee to adopt and implement responsible investment policies which:

- (a) Immediately freeze any new investment in the top 200 publicly-traded fossil fuel companies.
- (b) Divest from direct ownership and any commingled funds that include fossil fuel public equities and corporate bonds by 2030.
- (c) Set out an approach to quantify and address climate change risks affecting all other investments.
- (d) Actively seek to invest in companies that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and minimise climate risk.
- (e) Ensure that the overall investment portfolio is aligned with the Paris Agreement's goal of limiting global warming to 1.5°C.

Council further instructs the Joint Chief Executive to write to the Leaders and Chief Executives of all other councils which are members of the Surrey Pension Fund to outline this Council's position and ask for their support to adopt the same policies'.

18. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE (Pages 199 - 216)

To receive and note the attached minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 22 September and 27 October 2022.

19. APPOINTMENT OF JOINT MONITORING OFFICER (Pages 217 - 220)

20. COMMON SEAL

To order the Common Seal to be affixed to any document to give effect to any decision taken by the Council at this meeting.