

GUILDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL



BOOTH MAYOR

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To the Councillors of Guildford Borough Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a special meeting of the Council for the Borough of Guildford to be held at **the Guildhall, High Street, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 3AA** on **THURSDAY 1 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

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 (Pages 5 - 14)

To confirm the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 11 October 2022.

4. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

To receive any communications or announcements from the Mayor.

5. TILLINGBOURNE WARD BY-ELECTION: RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT (Pages 15 - 16)

To receive the report of the Returning Officer upon the election of a Borough Councillor for the Tillingbourne ward held on Thursday 20 October 2022.

6. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY FREEMAN

Following its decision taken on 11 October 2022, the Council is invited to consider and, if deemed appropriate, to pass the following resolution under the provisions of Section 249 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972:

"That the title of Honorary Freeman be conferred upon Mr Keith Geoffrey Churchouse in recognition of the distinguished and eminent service he has rendered to the Borough of Guildford."

(NB. In order to take effect, Section 249 (5) of the 1972 Act requires the above draft resolution to be passed by no less than two-thirds of the councillors voting thereon at a meeting of the Council specially convened for the purpose.)

Keith Churchouse moved to Guildford as a child and has run his own Financial Planning business in Guildford for around 20 years. He attended George Abbot School from 1979-1985.

Mr Churchouse has been involved in many aspects of the town including, but not limited to, the following:

- Chair of Guildford Business Forum (2011-2014)
- President Guildford Branch Surrey Chamber of Commerce
- Founding Director of Experience Guildford (the Guildford Business Improvement District)
- Trustee (2011-2014), and Chair (2013-2014) of Guildford Shakespeare Company
- Trustee, Chair and Treasurer of Headway Surrey (2013-2020)
- Sponsor of Lions Club Charity Firework event since 2017
- Supporter of Guildford in Bloom with his company Chapters providing sponsorship, advice and a prize
- Supporter and adviser to Guildford Shakespeare Company, the Guildford Sea Cadets and Headway Surrey
- Sponsor and promoter of the Guildford Town Centre Cycle Races

Mr Churchouse continues to be actively, and selflessly, involved in charity work, including:

- Child Poverty and Hunger as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Continuing involvement with Headway Surrey
- Fundraising for Seafarers UK in Guildford
- Involvement in Theatre and the Arts including Guildford Fringe and Guildford Shakespeare Company
- Mr Churchouse suffers from Spina Bifida but still entered the Great South Run (10 miles) to raise money for SHINE (the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus charity)