

GUILDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL



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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 in the Courtroom at **the Guildhall, High Street, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 3AA** on **THURSDAY 1 JUNE 2023** commencing at 7.00 pm.

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Guildford Borough Council

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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

AGENDA

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. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

To receive any communications or announcements from the Mayor.

4. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY FREEMAN

Following its decision taken on 17 May 2023, 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 David John Goodwin in recognition of the distinguished and eminent service he has rendered to the Borough of Guildford as a councillor from 1999 to 2023".

(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.)

David Goodwin was first elected to the Council in 1999 representing the former Friary & St Nicolas ward for the first 16 years and then represented the Onslow ward for the following 8 years.

Throughout his 24 years' service on the Council, Mr Goodwin served on the Licensing Committee, and was its chairman between 2019 and 2023. He was also a designated Licensing Sub-Committee chairman from 2007 to 2023.

Mr Goodwin also served a year on the Council's Executive in 2019-20 as the Lead Councillor for Waste, Licensing, and Parking.

He was also Vice-Chairman of the Guildford Joint Committee in 2022, Vice-Chairman of the former Building & Works Committee in 2000/01 and Deputy Vice-Chairman in 1999/00.

Mr Goodwin was also a member of the following committees:

Committee	Years
Arts and Recreation	1999-2001
Building & Works Committee	1999-2001
Corporate Governance & Standards Committee	2021-2022
Executive	2019-2020
Guildford Joint Committee	2021-2022
Licensing Committee (and predecessor committee)	1999-2023
Licensing Sub-Committee	2004-2023
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	2001-2003 2016-2019
Planning	2001-2015
Policy Panel (Leisure):	2001-2004

In addition, Mr Goodwin has served on a number of external bodies and organisations as the Council's representative, including:

External Body/Organisation	Years
Governor of St Nicolas CE Infants School:	2000-2004
Guildford Sports Council:	2002-2003
Guildford/Freiburg Association Executive Committee:	1999-2003 & 2011-2019
Guildford Taxi Advisory Group:	2000-2013
Hilliers Charity*:	2004-2019
Town Centre Licensing Forum:	2000-2007

(*after 2019, Mr Goodwin continued to serve as a trustee on the Hilliers Charity in a personal capacity)

In addition to his service as a borough councillor, Mr Goodwin was also a member of Surrey County Council for 16 years from 2005-2021. His division covered the area comprising the former Friary & St Nicolas and Onslow Wards. As their county councillor, Mr Goodwin worked with the Wodeland Action Group for 10 years before Surrey County Council and the police agreed to introduce one of the first 20mph zones in Guildford Town, adding to the safety of local residents.