

SURREY HEATH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Surrey Heath House
Knoll Road
Camberley
Surrey
GU15 3HD

Tuesday, 18 February 2020

To: The Members of the Surrey Heath Borough Council

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Surrey Heath Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Surrey Heath House on Wednesday, 26 February 2020 at 7.00 pm. The business which it is proposed to transact at the meeting is set out below.

Please note that this meeting will be recorded.

Yours sincerely

Karen Whelan

Chief Executive

1. Apologies for Absence

To report apologies for absence.

2. Minutes

To approve as a correct record, the open minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 18 December 2019 and 29 January 2020.

3. Mayor's Announcements

4. Leader's Announcements

5. Declarations of Interest

Members are invited to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and non-pecuniary interests they may have with respect to matters which are to be considered at this meeting.

6. Questions from Members of the Public

To answer questions, if any, received under Council Procedure Rule 10 (Paragraph 3 of the Public Speaking Procedure Rules).

7. Questions from Councillors

To deal with questions, if any, received under Council Procedure Rule 11.

8. General Fund Revenue Estimates 2020/21 (Pages 7 - 58)

9. Setting of Council Tax 2020/21 (Pages 59 - 64)

10. Business Rates Relief Schemes (Pages 65 - 80)

11. Motions

Councillor Morgan Rise to move that the Council

- (i) notes that
 - a) under the Equality Act 2010 Surrey Heath Borough Council (the Council hereafter) has a legal duty to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people who share a relevant protected characteristic and those that do not share it;
 - b) hate crimes towards LGBTQ+ people have increased across the country, with a 25% increase in sexual orientation hate crimes (to 14,491) and a 37% increase in transgender identity hate crimes (to 2,333)¹;
 - c) LGBTQ+ people are often some of the most vulnerable people in our society, and at higher risk of mental illness, homelessness, domestic violence, substance abuse and experiencing a lower quality of life ^{2 3};
 - d) the Council in collaboration with members, residents and local groups demonstrated a clear commitment to LGBTQ+ equality with the raising of the pride flag ceremony last year on the lawn of Surrey Heath House;

¹ Home Office, *Hate Crime, England and Wales, 2018/2019* - https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/839172/hate-crime-1819-hosb2419.pdf

² Mental Health Foundation - <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/statistics/mental-health-statistics-lgbt-people>

³ ONS, *Lesbian, gay, and bisexual people say they experience a lower quality of life*, 2017 <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/culturalidentity/sexuality/articles/lesbian-gay-and-bisexual-people-say-they-experience-a-lower-quality-of-life/2017-07-05>

- (ii) reconfirms its commitment to the Equality Act 2010 in promoting equality and eliminating discrimination for all minority groups within the borough of Surrey Heath;
- (iii) commits to an annual pride flag raising at Surrey Heath House and to fly the Pride flag for the entirety of pride month in Surrey (August) to show visible support from the Council for the LGBTQ+ community and share in the hope that things will become easier against the challenges the LGBTQ+ community faces;
- (iv) joins other local authorities, including Surrey County Council, in supporting Pride in Surrey's delivery of community events across the county, including a planned Pride Picnic in Surrey Heath;
- (v) supports local groups, organisations and charities delivering inclusive services for LGBTQ+ young people; and
- (vi) commissions the Equality Working Group to carry out an audit of the Council's work to promote LGBTQ+ equality and inclusivity.

12. Executive, Committees and Other Bodies

To receive the open minutes of the following bodies (minutes reproduced in the Minute Book), to answer questions (if any) in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.5 and to consider the recommendations as set out below:

- (a) Executive – 17 December 2019, 21 January and 18 February 2020 (to follow)

At its meeting on 18 February 2020 the Executive will be asked to consider the following recommendations:

86/E - Corporate Capital Programme 2020/21 – 2022/23

RECOMMENDED that

- (i) **new capital bids for £1.479m in Annex A for 2020/21 be approved, and that they be incorporated into the Capital Programme;**
- (ii) **the Prudential Indicators summarised below and explained in Annex C to this report, including the MRP statement, for 2020/21 to 2022/23 in accordance with the requirements of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's (CIPFA) Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities 2011 be approved.**

Prudential Indicator	2020/21 Estimate d £m	2021/22 Estimate d £m	2022/23 Estimate d £m
Capital Expenditure	1.479	1.0	1.0

Capital Financing Requirement	224	221	219
Ratio of net financing costs to net revenue stream	19.18%	18.75%	18.25%
Financing Costs	2.067	2.077	2.079
Operational Boundary	230	230	230
Authorised Limit	235	235	235

87/E - Treasury Management Strategy 2020/21

RECOMMENDED that the following be adopted

- (i) the Treasury Management Strategy for 2020/21 to the Executive agenda report;**
- (ii) the Treasury Management Indicators for 2020/21 at Annex C to the Executive agenda report;**
- (iii) the Minimum Revenue Provision policy statement and estimated minimum revenue provision payment table at Annex F to the Executive agenda report; and**
- (iv) the Treasury Management Policy Statement at Annex G to the Executive agenda report.**

88/E - Investment Strategy 2020/21

RECOMMENDED that the Investment Strategy, as set out at Annex A to the Executive agenda report, be agreed.

89/E - Capital Strategy 2020/21

RECOMMENDED that Capital Strategy, as set out at Annex A to the Executive agenda report, be agreed.

90/E - Mytchett Skate Park, Camberley

RECOMMENDED that £54,000 be added to the Capital Programme, to be funded by Developer Contributions, for the replacement of the ramps at Mytchett Skate Park.

Note: The recommendations of the Executive relating to the General Fund Revenue Estimates 2020/21 are dealt with in the report at Item 8 - Council Tax and Budget 2018/19.

- (b) Planning Applications Committee – 5 December 2019, 9 January and 6 February 2020 (to follow)**
- (c) Employment Committee – 7 January, 30 January and 12 February 2020**

11/EC - Pay Policy Statement 2020/21

RECOMMENDED that the Pay Policy Statement 2020/21, as set out at Annex A to the agenda report, as amended, be adopted.

12/EC - Pay Settlement 2020/21

RECOMMENDED that a Pay Award of 2% for all staff be agreed for 2020/21.

- (d) Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee – 27 November 2019 and 29 January 2020
- (e) External Partnerships Select Committee – 11 February 2020 (to follow)
- (f) Joint Staff Consultative Group – 16 January 2020

- 13. **Community Governance Review** (Pages 81 - 130)
- 14. **Independent Remuneration Panel** (Pages 131 - 170)
- 15. **Governance Working Group** (Pages 171 - 194)
- 16. **Review of Political Proportionality** (Pages 195 - 198)
- 17. **Statutory Officers** (Pages 199 - 200)
- 18. **Leader's Question Time**

The Leader to answer questions from Members in relation to the Executive functions.

19. Exclusion of Press and Public

The Mayor to move “That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of the business set out in items and below on the ground that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.”

20. Exempt minutes

To approve as a correct record, the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 18 December 2019.

21. Executive and Committees - Exempt (Pages 201 - 202)

To receive the exempt minutes (reproduced in the Council Minute Book), to answer questions (if any) in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.5 and

to consider any recommendations.

22. Review of Exempt Items (Pages 203 - 204)

To review those items or parts thereof which can be released as information available to the public.