

SURREY HEATH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Surrey Heath House
Knoll Road
Camberley
Surrey
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Tuesday, 18 August 2020

To: The Members of the Surrey Heath Borough Council

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend an Extraordinary meeting of Surrey Heath Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Surrey Heath House on Wednesday, 26 August 2020 at 7.10 pm or on the rising of the previous meeting. The business which it is proposed to transact at the meeting is set out below.

Please note that this meeting will be recorded and live streamed on
<https://www.youtube.com/user/SurreyHeathBC>

Yours sincerely

Tim Pashen

(Acting) Chief Executive

1. **Apologies for Absence**

To report apologies for absence.

2. **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.

3. **Motions**

Councillor Rodney Bates to move that

“this Council RESOLVES to

- (i) formally support the general principle of unitary authorities within local government and agree that any such unitary authority affecting Surrey Heath should be ideally around the region of 300,000 to

500,000 residents;

- (ii) oppose the principle of a single unitary authority to cover Surrey on the grounds that such a unitary authority would be too big, too remote and not in the best interests of Surrey Heath residents;
- (iii) instruct the Acting Chief Executive to formally open negotiations with neighbouring authorities (not just within Surrey) with a view to Surrey Heath forming part of a unitary authority;
- (iv) confirm that it has no formal position or preferred option at this stage regarding the specific unitary grouping that it wishes to be part, but believes that all options must be thoroughly and positively reviewed and properly considered; this includes the establishment of a network of locally Parish/Town type Councils which could deal with localised issues, including certain planning functions;
- (v) instruct the Acting Chief Executive to convene regular Group Leader meetings to update on the various options as they progress and to bring forward a report to Full Council once all options have been clearly worked through;
- (vi) ask the Acting Chief Executive to send a copy of this motion to the Chief Executives and Leaders of all of Surrey Heath's neighbouring authorities, other Surrey Boroughs, and Surrey County Council to inform them of the Council's position."