

SURREY HEATH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Surrey Heath House
Knoll Road
Camberley
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Tuesday, 18 October 2022

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 October 2022 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

Damian Roberts

Chief Executive

1. Apologies for Absence

To report apologies for absence.

2. Minutes

To approve as a correct record, the open minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 27 July 2022.

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. 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 – 16 August, 20 September and 18 October 2022.

36/E Adoption of the Working Definition of Anti-Semitism

RECOMMENDED to Full Council that the Working Definition of Anti-Semitism (IHRA) and other minority groups, as proposed by the Equality Working Group, be adopted.

51/E Local Community Improvement Fund Bids

At its meeting on 18 October 2022 the Executive will be advised to RECOMMEND to Full Council that £15,000 (net) for Southcote Park Play Area Refurbishment be added to the Council's Capital Programme.

- (b) Planning Applications Committee – 4 August, 1 September and 6 October 2022
- (c) Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee – 13 July and 28 September 2022
- (d) Audit and Standards Committee – 25 July 2022
- (e) Licensing Committee – 30 August and 19 October 2022
- (f) External Partnerships Select Committee – 6 September 2022
- (g) Employment Committee – 13 October 2022

Note: The recommendation at minute 8/EC will be considered at item 8 of this agenda.

- (h) Joint Staff Consultative Group – 22 September 2022

7. Motions

Councillor Sharon Galliford to move that

“this Council

- (i) notes that:
 - a) First Past the Post (FPTP) originated when land-owning aristocrats dominated parliament and voting was restricted to property-owning

men;

- b) In Europe, only the UK and authoritarian Belarus still use archaic single-round FPTP for general elections; meanwhile, internationally, Proportional Representation (PR) is used to elect parliaments in more than 80 countries; those countries tend to be more equal, freer and greener.
 - c) PR ensures all votes count, have equal value, and those seats won match votes cast; under PR, MPs and Parliaments better reflect the age, gender and protected characteristics of local communities and the nation; MPs better reflecting their communities leads to improved decision-making, wider participation and increased levels of ownership of decisions taken;
 - d) PR would also end minority rule: in 2019, 43.6% of the vote produced a government with 56.2% of the seats and 100% of the power;
 - e) PR is already used to elect the parliaments and assemblies of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. So why not Westminster?;
 - f) PR is used in Metro Mayoral elections, the London Assembly and Police Crime Commissioner elections and would also be desirable for local government elections;
- (ii) writes to H.M. Government calling for a change in the country's outdated electoral laws to enable Proportional Representation to be used for general elections and to be considered for local elections; and
 - (iii) writes to the MP for Surrey Heath Michael Gove to lobby government in favour of the adoption of PR."

8. Pay Settlement (Pages 5 - 8)

To consider the report of the Head of HR, Performance & Communications (attached).

9. Governance Working Group (Pages 9 - 32)

To consider the report of the Head of Legal & Democratic Services (attached).

10. 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).

11. Questions from Councillors

- (a) To deal with questions, if any, received under Council Procedure Rule 11.
- (b) The Leader to answer questions from Members in relation to the Executive functions under Council Procedure Rule 11A.