

To all Members of the Council

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Your attendance is requested at the meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Pippbrook, Dorking on **TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER 2016 at 7.00pm** for the transaction of the business set out in the following Agenda.

Yvonne Rees
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Monday 28th November 2016

The Chairman would like to remind Members that they have the opportunity to ask Officers questions, in respect of issues concerning matters of detail or for further clarification, prior to the meeting.

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 11th and 25th October 2016.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

To receive any disclosures of interests from Members (either disclosable pecuniary interests or non-pecuniary interests) in relation to any items included on the agenda for this meeting in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES / EXECUTIVE

- (i) Audit Committee – 22nd September 2016 - Treasury Management - Annual Report and Prudential Indicators 2015/2016

The Audit Committee, at its meeting on 22nd September 2016, considered the report attached at pages 7 to 22 of this agenda and made recommendations to Council as set out below.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

- (1) That the Treasury Management Annual Outturn report for 2015/2016 be noted.
- (2) That the actual Prudential Indicators reported for 2015/2016, as detailed in Appendix A to the report be approved.

The Council is asked to accept the recommendations of the Audit Committee.

- (ii) Audit Committee – 24th November 2016 - Treasury Management – Mid-Year Monitoring Report – 2016/17

The Audit Committee, at its meeting on 24th November 2016, considered the report attached at pages 23 to 42 of this agenda and made a recommendation to Council as set out below.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

That the report be commended to Council.

The Council is asked to receive the Treasury Management - Mid-Year Monitoring Report 2016/17.

- (iii) Audit Committee – 24th November 2016 – Appointment of External Auditor

The Audit Committee, at its meeting on 24th November 2016, considered the report attached at pages 43 to 44 of this agenda and made a recommendation to Council as set out below.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

That MVDC should opt in to the authorised national scheme for local auditor appointments, provided by Public Sector Audit Appointments, from 2018/19 onwards.

The Council is asked to accept the recommendation of the Audit Committee.

6. ASHTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

To consider the report as set out at pages 45 to 112 (Please note: Annex 4 is attached separately).

RECOMMENDATION

In accordance with the provisions of Regulation 18 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012:

1. That MVDC accepts each of the recommendations set out in the Examiner's report on the Ashtead Neighbourhood Development Plan dated 2 November 2016.
2. That modifications are made to the draft Ashtead Neighbourhood Development

Plan, in accordance with the examiner's report, with further minor amendments to policy AS-H1 and its supporting text and to the supporting text to policy AC-Ec3.

- 3. That a decision statement is published confirming that MVDC is satisfied that the plan proposal, with the above modifications, meets the basic conditions, is compatible with the Convention on Human Rights and other EU obligations, and complies with the definition of a Neighbourhood Development Plan and the provisions that can be made by a Neighbourhood Development Plan.**
- 4. That arrangements are made for a referendum on the Ashtead Neighbourhood Development Plan, with the referendum to take place on 4 May 2017, concurrent with the 2017 Local Government elections, with the referendum question being "Do you want Mole Valley District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Ashtead to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"**
- 5. That if more than 50% of those voting in the referendum vote in favour, MVDC will then proceed to make the Ashtead Neighbourhood Development Plan, unless it considers that this would breach, or be incompatible with any EU obligation or any of the Convention Rights.**

7. BOOKHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

To consider the report as set out at pages 113 to 200 (Please note: Annex 4 is attached separately).

RECOMMENDATIONS

In accordance with the provisions of Regulation 18 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012:

- 1. That MVDC accepts each of the recommendations set out in the Examiner's report on the Bookham Neighbourhood Development Plan dated 5 October 2016.**
- 2. That modifications are made to the draft Bookham Neighbourhood Development Plan, in accordance with the examiner's report, with further minor amendments to the wording of policies BKEC2 and BKH4 and the supporting text to policies BKH4 and BKIN3, all as detailed in Annex 3 to this report.**
- 3. That a decision statement is published confirming that MVDC is satisfied that the plan proposal, with the above modifications, meets the basic conditions, is compatible with the Convention on Human Rights and other EU obligations, and complies with the definition of a Neighbourhood Development Plan and the provisions that can be made by a Neighbourhood Development Plan.**
- 4. That arrangements are made for a referendum on the Bookham Neighbourhood Development Plan, with the referendum to take place on 4 May 2017, concurrent with the 2017 Local Government elections, with the referendum question being "Do you want Mole Valley District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Bookham to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"**
- 5. That if more than 50% of those voting in the referendum vote in favour, MVDC will then proceed to make the Bookham Neighbourhood Development Plan, unless it considers that this would breach, or be incompatible with any EU obligation or any of the Convention Rights.**

8. DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (SCI) 2016

To consider the report as set out at pages 201 to 260.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Statement of Community Involvement 2016 be adopted.

9. CIRCLE HOUSING GOVERNANCE REVIEW

To consider the report as set out at pages 261 to 278

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are recommended to approve that:

- 1. The Large Scale Voluntary Transfer contract agreed in October 2007 be varied by way of a Deed of Agreement and Variation.**
- 2. The Deed of Agreement and Variation to include the deletion of Schedule 4, Appendix 1, paragraphs 10 and 13 of the Large Scale Voluntary Transfer contract relating the Association's obligation to seek the Council's prior consent to changes to the rules of Mole Valley Housing Association (MVHA) and the Council's right to nominate board members to the MVHA Board.**
- 3. The Deed of Agreement and Variation to include the deletion of the word 'headquarter' in Schedule 4, Appendix 1, paragraph 21.**
- 4. The Deed of Agreement and Variation to include the Council's agreed variations set out in sections 3.8 to 3.11 of this report.**
- 5. The Executive member for Communities, Services and Housing be approved to exercise the Council's shareholder voting rights at the MVHA Special General Meeting in favour of the Transfer of Engagements to allow the transfer of MVHA's business and assets to Circle 33 Housing Trust.**

10. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER

To consider the report as set out at pages 279 to 280.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the recommendation of the Electoral Registration Officer to appoint the Democratic Services Manager to act as the Deputy Electoral Registration Officer.

11. LEADER'S STATEMENT

The Leader will speak to the Council for up to 5 minutes.

12. REPORTS OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

To receive reports from Executive Members.

13. QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

A total of up to two questions can be put to each Executive Member (for a period of up to 15 minutes whichever is the shorter). Questions are to be received by the Corporate Head with

responsibility for Democratic Services by no later than 10am on the working day immediately prior to the meeting.

14. MOTIONS

Motion 2/2016

Motion 2/2106 as set out below was submitted by Councillor Margaret Cooksey to the meeting of the Council held on 11th October 2016. The Motion was referred to the Executive for consideration :

“This Council notes that:

- A. With a reported 65 million displaced people worldwide, the refugee crisis is the worst since the end of World War 2;
- B. Many of these refugees are risking their lives to reach safety in Europe and to cross into the UK; meantime many vulnerable women and children are living in destitution at "The Jungle" outside Calais;
- C. Britain has a proud history of welcoming refugees most of whom have gone on to integrate with British society and contribute to our economy; these include Russian and Eastern European Jews in the 1900s, the kindertransport in the 1930s and the Ugandan Asians in the 1970s;
- D. The Government's resettlement programme for Syrian refugees caters for far fewer refugees than many other Northern European countries;
- E. the UK already has its own border controls with stringent checks on those refugees who are allowed to participate in the Government's resettlement programme;
- F. There are many voluntary groups (including several in Mole Valley and surrounding districts) offering support to refugees who have arrived here.

The Council is proud to have agreed to take part in the Government's resettlement plan, but, in the light of the notes above, considers that this is not enough. It also recognises that there are opportunities for synergy between its own arrangements to support refugees under the Government's scheme and the efforts of local voluntary groups. On the one hand refugees supported by voluntary groups would benefit from access to assistance with language training, finding work and accommodation; on the other hand refugees from the Government scheme would benefit from the social integration and opportunities for mutual assistance offered through voluntary groups.

The Council agrees to:

- i. Ask our local Members of Parliament to lobby the Government to accelerate its current resettlement plan, to accept more refugees in this time of crisis including some of the most vulnerable people from The Jungle and to provide additional funding for local authorities who agree to accommodate them;
- ii. Accommodate additional refugees in Mole Valley;
- iii. Increase cooperation with local voluntary groups to ensure that services can be shared between those refugees arriving under the Government's scheme and those that have made their own way to the UK”

The motion was considered at the Executive meeting held on 25th October where it was agreed that the motion would be withdrawn and replaced by a joint statement issued by the Leader with the support of all Groups on the Council. Arising from the joint statement, it was agreed that the Leader of the Council would:-

- i. Ask our local Members of Parliament to lobby the Government to ensure that the Home Office is doing everything possible to speed the resettlement of refugees under the SVPRS including giving further consideration to providing regionally adjusted funding for local authorities participating in the programme;

- ii. Do more to promote the need for suitable accommodation to enable Mole Valley to fulfil its commitment under the SVPRS as speedily as possible;
- iii. Continue to co-operate with local voluntary groups to make maximum use of the services those groups can provide;
- iv. Commend Surrey County Council (SCC) for the work it is doing to fulfil its responsibilities to Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC)
- v. Ask our local Members of Parliament to lobby the Government to provide adequate funding to support County Councils and Unitary Authorities dealing with an increased UASC caseload.

Motion 3/2016

The following motion has been submitted by Councillor David Draper:

“This Council notes:

That on 20th October 2016 the Government announced a two year funding package on community pharmacy, with a £113 million reduction in funding for 2016/2017.

This is a reduction of 4% compared to last year, and will be followed by a reduction in 2017/2018 of around 7.5% compared to current levels.

This Council believes that:

These plans threaten both provision of and patient access to pharmacies and pharmacy services in Mole Valley.

This Council resolves to request that the Chief Executive write to Felicity Cox, Director of Commissioning Operations NHS England South (South East) in order to understand the current and future plans for our locality, the impact they will have and what is in place to ensure a community based pharmaceutical service is maintained.”

15. URGENT ITEMS

To consider any items which the Chairman considers to be urgent.

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