

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL9 March 2004 at 7.30 p.m.The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Mrs F.M. Angell) in the Chair

Members of the
Council present:

Councillors A. Alderson, Mrs F.M. Angell, Mrs F.J. Barden, E.G. Barrett, J. Broadhead, Mrs P.I. Broadhead, Ms D.V. Clarke, A.J. Davis, J.B. Dean, D.P. Easton, J.M. Edwards, J.R. Furey, Mrs C.E. Gant, Mrs L.M. Gillham, P.A. Greenwood, J.E. Haas, R.K. Habgood, Miss M.N. Heath, Mrs S.E. Jacobs, Mrs C.Y. Jones, C. Knight, A.M. Moore, C.J. Norman, Mrs J. Norman, D.W. Parr, Mrs E.E. Price, R.J. Ray, B.J. Relph, Ms C.M. Simmons, Mrs V.A. Smallman, N.Thewlis, A.P. Tollett, P.B. Tuley, P.J. Waddell, J.R. Whiteley, and G.B. Woodger

Members of the
Council absent:

Councillors J.R. Ashmore, M.J. Brown, H.W.V. Meares, R. Pate, P.J. Poole, and K.J.T. Walmsley

750. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 11 December 2003 and 12 February 2004 were confirmed and signed as correct records.

751. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had organised Runnymede's first Civic Day which was held on 15 February. All the Mayors and Chairmen of the ten Surrey Boroughs, and Chairman of the County Council attended. The Group visited Chertsey Museum, and the Air Forces Memorial at Cooper's Hill. Guests then attended a piano recital in the Picture Gallery at Royal Holloway College, and were given a talk on Thomas Holloway and the Picture Gallery. The Mayor expressed thanks to Emma Warren (Curator of Chertsey Museum), Mike Johnson (Deputy Director General of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission), Professor Stephen Hill (Principal of Royal Holloway, University of London) and others for making the day a success.

All the Surrey Mayors and Chairmen had been invited to lunch on 19 March with Her Majesty the Queen at Denbies Vineyard at Dorking. All Mayors had been requested to select one adult and one young person who had served the community in their Borough to accompany them to meet the Queen. The Mayor had invited Dr Brian Perry of Procter and Gamble as he worked tirelessly with all the voluntary organisations in Runnymede and Miss Joanna Eastwood, a sixth form pupil from Sir William Perkins's School, who was a long standing volunteer worker at White Lodge and had set up the School's SNAP (Special Needs at Perkins) project, which helped young people with special needs to gain their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

The Mayor's Charity Ball would be held on Saturday 13 March at the Wentworth Club. The event was sold out and the Mayor expressed her gratitude to the many people who had helped in the preparation and organisation of the Ball.

A Charity Golf Day would be held on 20 April at Foxhills and the Mayor thanked Councillor Peter Poole for organising the day. Teams were still welcome.

The Mayor's last fund raising event of her Mayoral Year would be an Old Time Music Hall evening with supper to be held at Chertsey Hall on 30 April. This event was already sold out.

752. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors J.R. Ashmore, M.J. Brown, R. Pate, P.J. Poole and K.J.T. Walmsley

753. PROGRESS ON NET REVENUE REDUCTION TARGETS

RESOLVED that -

the recommendation of the Review Board as set out in paragraph 575, page 1138 (Minutes 10 December 2003) be approved.

(Councillors E.G. Barrett, P.A. Greenwood and R.J. Ray requested that their votes against the resolution be recorded in accordance with Standing Order 25.3).

754. PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION OF MAYORAL SELECTION

RESOLVED that -

the recommendation of the Corporate Management Committee as set out in paragraph 681, page 1222 (Minutes 5 February 2004) be approved.

755. ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

RESOLVED that -

the recommendation of the Corporate Management Committee as set out in paragraph 684(iii), page 1224 (Minutes 5 February 2004) be approved.

756. PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS FOR 2004/05

RESOLVED that -

the recommendation of the Corporate Management Committee as set out in paragraph 685, page 1226 (Minutes 5 February 2004) be approved.

757. NATIONAL NON-DOMESTIC RATE DISCRETIONARY RELIEF - AMENDMENTS TO GUIDELINES

The Council considered a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 4 March 2004.

RESOLVED that -

Section 5.2 of the Council's guidelines for the determination of discretionary relief for charities and other non-profit making organisations be amended as reported.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 7.52 p.m.)