Agenda

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Date:       Wednesday 19 April 2017
Time:       7:30 pm
Place:      The Guildhall, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 1EU

Annual presentation of the Howard Jones (Policing) award
The Mayor will present this annual award to Police Constable Matt Cefai of Kingston Police who has been nominated by the Borough Commander for this award.

Young Council of the Year Award
On behalf of the Council, the Mayor will congratulate two members of staff in Strategic Business, Grace Abel and Izzy Saunders, who have won the national Young Local Authority of the Year Award for the Royal Borough.

Opening of Meeting
The Mayor will invite his Chaplain to open the meeting.

Emergency Evacuation Arrangements
On hearing the alarm which is a loud siren please leave the building by the nearest available fire exit and assemble by the triangle at the front of the Guildhall. Anyone requiring assistance to evacuate the building should proceed to the refuge areas which are situated outside Committee Room 1 and the Mayor’s Parlour where you will be met by a member of the building management team and assisted from the building.

1. Apologies

2. Declarations of Interest
Members are invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests and any other non-pecuniary interests (personal interests) relevant to items on this agenda.
3. Minutes

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Budget Council held on 28 February 2017.

4. Mayor's Announcements

5. Presentation on the Future Council by Catherine Staite

Members will be aware from her presentation at the State of the Borough Debate in September that Professor Catherine Staite, from the Institute of Local Government Studies (INLOGOV) at Birmingham University, has been working with us over recent months to explore how the role of Members (and officers) will need to change in response to the changing context in which the Council is operating and its ambition to be an enabling Council.

At tonight’s meeting, Professor Staite will be making a presentation on the first phase of this project which has now been completed.

The work from INLOGOV was commissioned in the summer of 2016 and this first phase was intended to be a relatively light touch review that followed a three stage process:

- a review of internal documentation on the local context and current governance model, followed by a brief review of academic and policy literature, relevant to the RKB context.
- interviews with a small number of selected elected Members across the political spectrum in the Borough: ten in all, together with three officers.
- a summary of the themes from the first two stages of the work to reflect back to the council a reflection of how it is now and to help define a future work programme.

The next phase of the project, if the Council is happy to proceed, will seek to engage Members, and officers, in work to address the challenges of becoming an enabling Council including how the Council can develop its narrative, and how it will work with communities and collaborate with partners in the future; and how the skills and behaviours of both officers and Members need to develop and change to ensure effective and mutually supportive political and managerial leadership.

Having heard the presentation from Professor Staite, the Council is asked to agree that a second phase of work be commissioned from INLOGOV to address the various issues that have been highlighted in phase 1 of the project and authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council (and Leader of the Opposition), to do what is required to progress this work.

6. Petitions

To receive any petitions – members of the Council or a member of the public may present a petition to the Council on a matter in relation to which the Council has powers, duties or which affects the Royal Borough.
7. **Community Call-in: Cocks Crescent Supplementary Planning Document**

To respond to a Community Call-in of a decision from the meeting of the Growth Committee held on 23 November 2016 - with reference to a report at Appendix A of the agenda.

8. **Community Call-in: 20mph speed limits in Surbiton**

To respond to a Community Call-in of a decision from the meeting of the Residents Committee held on 8 December 2016 - with reference to a report at Appendix B of the agenda.

9. **Motion**

In accordance with Standing Order No 8(A)(5), the Council will debate a motion which has been submitted by Members of the Council.

[This will alternate, from meeting to meeting, between a motion submitted on behalf of the Administration and a motion submitted on behalf of Opposition Members of the Council. At least one of the Opposition Motions per municipal year will be a motion submitted by the minority Opposition Group, should it so wish.]

The following Motion has been received from the Labour Group:

Proposed by Councillor Linsey Cottington
Seconded by Councillor Sheila Griffin

‘Speaking with One United Voice on the Need for More Funding for All Kingston's Mainstream Schools

This Council notes:

- The Government is planning to introduce a National Funding Formula (NFF) to calculate and distribute the amount of core revenue funding that every mainstream primary and secondary school will receive. This includes academies and free schools but not sixth forms.
- The government will unilaterally decide on the national factors it will use to determine each school’s funding allocation which hands the Government almost complete control of the purse strings on our local education provision.
- These actions remove local democratic control and accountability from Kingston Council, with its long history of understanding and responding to the needs of each and every school.
- We are not expected to know what the NFF will be until this summer but we do know that the Government is planning a soft implementation for 2018/19 and a hard implementation for 2019/20.
- While the overall schools budget is protected in real terms until 2019/20 it does not provide for funding per pupil to increase in line with inflation. The Audit Commission reported in December 2016 that mainstream schools would need to find £3 billion in cost savings to cover increased cost pressures such as pay rises, increased pension and national insurance contributions and inflation.
• The DfE published illustrative figures for 2018/19 based on 2016/17 pupil data to give an idea of how the NFF might work and based on this information a number of our local schools would benefit and but the majority of our primary schools will lose core funding. This is divisive and unfair. The Council has a responsibility to provide an excellent quality of education for every child and young person in our borough.

• Its recent decision to reduce the schools’ ‘per pupil’ funding by nearly £28 to support the High Needs Block is not lost money and will be redistributed for the children who need that support. The Council has also identified savings of £400k with planned growth of £720k for 2017/18.

• More Government money is needed to support our local mainstream schools. The Government has plans to spend £2 billion on buying sites for free schools and £320 million on new grammar schools while our existing schools continue to struggle with unwanted staff redundancies, backlogs of poor repairs, reducing educational options for our children and young people and poor recruitment prospects.

This Council therefore resolves to:

• continue working with our two MPs, Chairs of Governors, head teachers and parent representatives in speaking with a united voice to ensure that all parents of school age children and young people, and the general public, are well informed about the unprecedented situation in education funding and the diminishing of local accountability, and

• continue lobbying the Government with our above partners in any way possible, despite the formal consultation period having closed, to ensure that more money is put into our local schools - but not at the expense of other schools and school services, either locally or nationally.

We are united in our determination that all our schools have a secure future in which they are able to continue to develop well-rounded citizens leading to productive and satisfying lives.

10. Questions

(a) In accordance with Standing Order No. 6 (8), a Member from each political party group represented on the Council may ask the Leader one question for which no notice is required.

(b) In accordance with Standing Order 6 (1&2) replies will be given to questions of which notice has been given which may be addressed to the Mayor, the Leader of the Council, Portfolio Holders, the Leader of the Opposition, Chairs of the Standing and Neighbourhood Committees and Members representing the Council on Outside Bodies.

11. AfC Joint Committee - Admission of a new Member and changes to Governance Arrangements

To consider the report at Appendix C to the agenda.


To receive the report at Appendix D of the agenda.

To receive the report at Appendix E of the agenda.


To receive the report at Appendix F of the agenda.


To receive the report at Appendix G of the agenda.


To receive the report at Appendix H of the agenda.


To receive the report at Appendix I of the agenda.


To receive the report at Appendix J of the agenda.


To receive the report at Appendix K of the agenda.

20. Neighbourhood Committees - Traffic Management Functions Appendix L

To consider a report at Appendix L of the agenda.

21. Election of the Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017-18

At the Council meeting on 20 March 2001 it was agreed that, other than in an Election Year, the Mayor should be elected at the Ordinary Council meeting immediately preceding the Annual Meeting. (In an Election Year the Mayoral election would take place at the Annual Meeting, as it did in 2014.)

Accordingly, the Council is asked to elect the Mayor for the Royal Borough for the Municipal Year 2017/18. The Conservative Group on the Council has nominated Councillor Julie Pickering. Any other nominations received will be circulated for the Council meeting.

The formal installation of the Mayor will take place at the Annual Meeting on 16 May 2017.
22. Appointments of Members to Committees, Panels and other bodies

The Council is recommended to make the following appointment:

Dr Mark Potter to replace Dr Emma Whicher as the representative of the South West London & St George’s Mental Health Trust on the Health and Wellbeing Board.

23. Urgent Items authorised by the Mayor

To consider any items which, in the view of the Mayor, should be dealt with as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances in accordance with S100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

24. Exclusion of the Press and Public

The following resolution is included as a standard item which will only be relevant if any exempt matter is to be considered at the meeting for which the Committee wish to resolve to exclude the press and public: To exclude the public from the meeting under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that it is likely that exempt information, as defined in paragraph *….of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act, would be disclosed and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

(*relevant regulatory paragraph to be indicated)

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- Relevant Committee Agendas.