

THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF TANDRIDGE

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Station Road East, Oxted on the 19th December 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Pursehouse (Chairman), Morrow (Vice Chairman), Allen, Black, Blackwell, Bloore, Botten, Caulcott, Connolly, D. Cooper, M. Cooper, Davies, Dennis, Duck, Elias, Farr, Gray, Harwood, Jecks, Jones, Langton, Lee, Lockwood, Mansfield, Milton, Parker, Ridge, Sayer, Stamp, Steeds, Swann, Vickers, C. White and N. White.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Bourne, Cooley, Mills, Fitzgerald and Wren.

165. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 24th October 2019 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

166. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Civic functions

The Chair advised that he would be holding a quiz night in February and a dinner dance at the Farleigh Golf Club in March.

167. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M. Cooper and Connolly declared an interest, the nature of the interest being that he was a member of the board of the Soper Hall

Councillor Botten declared an interest due to his position of Chairman of trustees at the Westway Centre

The councillors remained in the meeting for the duration of the committee.

168. QUESTIONS SUBMITTED UNDER STANDING ORDER 29(2)

Teresa Fitzpatrick, a Warlingham resident and a Director of East Surrey Dial-a-Ride read out a question submitted under Standing Order 29(2). A response was read out by Councillor Pursehouse. The question and response are shown at Appendix A.

169. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED- that, the reports of the following meetings be received, and the recommendations therein adopted:

Overview & Scrutiny Committee (5th November 2019)

Planning Committee (7th November 2019)

Community Services Committee (14th November 2019)

Housing Committee (21st November 2019)

Strategy & Resources Committee (28th November 2019)

Planning Committee (5th December 2019)

Rising: 8.13 p.m.

APPENDIX 'A'

Questions submitted under Standing Order 29

Question from Teresa Fitzpatrick:

'In view of the fact that the current contract expires in March 2020, what plans do the Council have for assisted transport for the elderly and disabled'

Response from Councillor Pursehouse:

'Community Transport services are provided across the district for those residents that are not able to access public transport or drive a car.

The current provider is East Surrey Rural Transport and they provide a range of transport options including voluntary car schemes, taxi schemes, buses4you and a dial a ride service.

During the transition of services from the Douglas Brunton Centre to The Westway the Council did provide some resource to see if there was an opportunity for East Surrey Dial a Ride and East Surrey Rural Transport to work more closely together and the Council would be willing to revisit this matter if there was a shared appetite from both organisations.'