

8 July 2009

Dear Councillor

I hereby summon you to attend the meeting of the Council to be held on **Thursday 16 July 2009 at 7.30 pm** in the Council Chamber at the Civic Centre, Addlestone.

I am, Sir/Madam,
Your obedient servant

P Sims
Interim Chief Executive Officer

A G E N D A

1. FIRE PRECAUTIONS

The Mayor will read the Fire Precautions which set out the procedures to be followed in the event of fire or other emergency.

2. MINUTES

To approve and sign, as a correct record, the Minutes of the special meeting of the Council held on 22 June 2009 (page 105).

3. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

If Members have an interest in an item please record the interest on the form circulated with this Agenda and hand it to the Clerk at the start of the meeting. A supply of the form will also be available from the Clerk at the meeting.

6. SPEAKING OR QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC UNDER STANDING ORDER 12

7. PETITIONS

To receive Petitions under Standing Order No 10.

8. QUESTIONS

To answer questions asked under Standing Order No 13.

9. POLITICAL BALANCE OF COMMITTEES

9.1 At the Annual Meeting on 20 May, the Council noted the statutory political balance requirements and established the relevant Committees as follows:

	<u>Political Groups</u>		
	<u>Con</u>	<u>R.Ind</u>	<u>Total</u>
Corporate Management	8	2	10
Economic Development	9	1	10
Planning	13	2	15
Housing & Community Services	9	1	10
Leisure and Environment	8	2	10
Regulatory Committee	4	1	5
Review Board	7	2	9
Totals	58	11	69

9.2 On 4 June four by-elections took place and the number of Councillors in the Conservative Group has changed. Accordingly the Council must review the balance between the political groups on each Committee and overall. The statutory principles are repeated below for Members' assistance.

9.3. The Statutory Principles

Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 ("the 1989 Act") sets out how ordinary Committees must be constituted when the Authority is divided into one or more political groups. The Authority is to give effect, as far as reasonably practicable, to the following four principles in constituting its Committees or Sub-Committees:

- a) that not all the seats on the Committee or Sub-Committee are allocated to the same political group;
- b) that the majority of the seats on the Committee or Sub-Committee are allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group is a majority of the Authority's membership;
- c) subject to paragraphs (a) and (b) above, that the number of seats on the ordinary Committees of a relevant Authority which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the total of all the seats on the ordinary Committees of that Authority as is borne by the number of Members of that group to the membership of the Authority; and
- d) subject to paragraphs (a) to (c) above, that the number of the seats on the Committee or Sub-Committee which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the number of all the seats on that body as is borne by the number of Members of that group to the membership of the Authority.

9.4 Political Composition of the Council

The political composition of the Council at the date of the meeting will be as follows (May figures in brackets):-

	<u>Seats</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Conservative	36 (32)	86 (84.2)
Runnymede Independent Residents'	6 (6)	14 (15.8)

(NB – The Conservatives and the Runnymede Independent Residents' Members have constituted themselves as political groups in accordance with the Act).

9.5 Apportionment of Total Committee Seats

Under the structure previously agreed, and confirmed by the current Constitution the following Committees are required to be appointed (Standing Order 22.1) and are to have the following numbers of seats subject to any minor adjustment to comply with the above requirements:

Corporate Management Committee	10
Economic Development Committee	10
Planning Committee	15
Housing and Community Services Committee	10
Leisure and Environment Committee	10
Regulatory Committee	5
Review Board	9

This gives 69 seats to divide amongst the parties. On the basis of the principles set out in paragraph 9.3c above, there is a total Committee seat entitlement for each political grouping as follows (May figures in brackets):-

<u>Group</u>	<u>Total Committee Entitlement</u>
Conservative	59 (58)
Runnymede Independent Residents'	10 (11)

9.6 Apportionment of Seats on Individual Committees

Seats on the main Committees should then be allocated in order to give effect to principles (a), (b), and (d) in paragraph 9.3 and the last sentence of the paragraph immediately above. Members should note that in 2008 the Council agreed, with no dissenting vote, to split the Review Board seats 7 : 2 instead of 8 : 1. This split gave a correct overall allocation for the May 2009 numbers of Members and had the advantage of not disturbing the 2008/9 Committee seat numbers pending the election results. It resulted in the split set out at the head of this item.

If no Member votes against, the Council can continue this split, and there will be no need to disturb the current pattern, but as the Conservatives are now entitled to an extra seat this requires a specific decision.

9.7 Action Required

If the Council so wishes and provided that no Member votes against, to resolve that the allocation of seats on the relevant Committees be continued in accordance with the balance determined at the Annual Meeting; alternatively to recast the numbers to match the new group entitlements.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

- (i) To consider the following recommendations from the Committee specified. The recommendations are set out in full in the appropriate set of Minutes attached to this Summons, commencing on the page/paragraph numbers shown:-
 - a) Financial Results 2008/09
(Corporate Management Committee – 28 May 2009)
(Page 6, para 24 – yellow pages. The recommendation appears on page 10)
 - b) Treasury Management Annual Report 2008/09 and Investment Strategy Update for 2009/10
(Corporate Management Committee – 28 May 2009)
(Page 10, para 25 - yellow pages. The recommendation appears on page 15)
- (ii) To consider the following recommendations from the Corporate Management Committee held on 25 June 2009 and Review Board on 9 July 2009. The Minutes of these meetings have not yet been finalised and therefore only the specific recommendations will be included on the Supplementary Summons which will be circulated separately in due course for Members' consideration.
Corporate Management Committee – 25 June 2009

- a) Upgrade to Planning Information On The Council's Website
- b) Powers of Councillors – Councillors Call For Action and Delegation To Ward Members
- c) Crime and Disorder Committees

Review Board – 9 July 2009

- d) Annual Report of Review Board 2009/2010.

Details Officers' reports were provided on the relevant Agenda and Members may wish to bring these for reference.

11. PRESS AND PUBLIC TO BE EXCLUDED BY RESOLUTION

To move, if appropriate, the exclusion of the press and public for the following item, in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the meaning of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

12. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS - EXEMPT

To consider any recommendations which relate to exempt business.