



20 July 2009

Dear Councillor

I hereby summon you to attend the Special Meeting of the Council to be held on **Thursday 23 July 2009 at 4.00 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 meeting of the Council held on 16 July 2009 (Appendix 'A').

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. AMENDED COUNCIL TAX FOR THE 2009/10 FINANCIAL YEAR (DF)
(Ref: Minutes of Corporate Management Committee, 25 June 2009)

By reason of special circumstance, namely the need to set a new Council Tax following the receipt of a revised precept demand from the Surrey Police Authority, the Mayor is of the opinion that this item should be considered as a matter of urgency under Section 100B of the Local Government Act 1972.

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 **To set an amended Council Tax for the 2009/10 financial year following the issue of a capping order to the Surrey Police Authority.**

2. Background Information

2.1 The budget originally set by the Surrey Police Authority produced a Council Tax for 2009/10 of £197.10, which was an increase of 4.89% on the 2008/09 charge.

2.2 On 26 March 2009 the Minister for Local Government announced that the Government regarded Surrey Police Authority's budget as excessive and proposed to take action to limit their budget. The Surrey Police Authority made strong representations to the Government, urging that their budget should not be capped. However, in a written statement on 13 May, the Minister confirmed that the Government intended to proceed with capping action.

2.3 The Corporate Management Committee considered a report on the capping of the Surrey Police Authority at its meeting on 25 June. Following the meeting, the Leader of Runnymede Borough Council wrote to the Minister urging the Government not to take capping action in view of the fact that this would only reduce bills by 6 pence per week.

3. Report

3.1. On 9 July 2009 Parliament approved a capping order which limits the amount that the Surrey Police Authority can charge for their element of the Council Tax.

3.2 The Police Authority failed in their attempt to get a judicial review of the Minister's capping decision. As a result the Surrey Police met on 17 July to approve an amended budget that did not exceed the amount of £197,206,000 stated in the Order. Accordingly, the Surrey Police Authority has issued the Council with a revised precept demand of £6,401,063.34. This equates to a Band D Council Tax of £193.86, an increase of 3.16% on their tax of £187.92 charged in 2008/09. The effect on each of the valuation bands is as follows:-

Table 1: Impact of the new Surrey Police Authority Council Tax on each Band

Band	A	B	D	C	E	G	F	H
Proportion	6/9ths	7/9ths	8/9ths	9/9ths	11/9ths	13/9ths	15/9ths	18/9ths
Amount	£129.24	£150.78	£172.32	£193.86	£236.94	£280.02	£323.10	£387.72

3.3 The new Band D charge of £193.86 represents a reduction of £3.24 from the Band D charge of £197.10 originally set by the Surrey Police Authority. Table 2 compares their capped Council Tax for each band with the original Council Tax for 2009/10.

Table 2: Capped Council Tax compared with Surrey Police Authority's original Council Tax

Band	B	A	C	D	E	F	G	H
Proportion	6/9ths	7/9ths	8/9ths	9/9ths	11/9ths	13/9ths	15/9ths	18/9ths
Original Tax	£131.40	£153.30	£175.20	£197.10	£240.90	£284.70	£328.50	£394.20
Capped Tax	£129.24	£150.78	£172.32	£193.86	£236.94	£280.02	£323.10	£387.72
Difference	-£2.16	-£2.52	-£2.88	-£3.24	-£3.96	-£4.68	-£5.40	-£6.48

Setting the overall Council Tax

- 3.4 In accordance with section 30 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Council in its capacity as billing authority is required to set an amount of Council Tax for each of the valuation bands which are an aggregate of the amounts set by the Borough Council, the County Council and the Police Authority.
- 3.5 The Council Tax relating to Surrey County Council and Runnymede Borough Council is unaffected by the capping order. The total Council Tax is therefore as follows:-

Table 3: Total Council Tax for each Band

Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Proportion	6/9ths	7/9ths	8/9ths	9/9ths	11/9ths	13/9ths	15/9ths	18/9ths
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Runnymede BC	88.62	103.39	118.16	132.93	162.47	192.01	221.55	265.86
Surrey County	726.12	847.14	968.16	1,089.18	1,331.22	1,573.26	1,815.30	2,178.36
Surrey Police	129.24	150.78	172.32	193.86	236.94	280.02	323.10	387.72
	£943.98	£1,101.31	£1,258.64	£1,415.97	£1,730.63	£2,045.29	£2,359.95	£2,831.94

- 3.6 The recommendations dealing with the overall Council Tax for 2009/10 are set out below.

OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATION that -

- i) **it be noted that for the year 2009/10, Runnymede Borough Council set the following amounts at its meeting on 12 February 2009 as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands;**

Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Amount	£88.62	£103.39	£118.16	£132.93	£162.47	£192.01	£221.55	£265.86

- ii) **it be noted that for the year 2009/10, Surrey County Council has stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:**

Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Amount	£726.12	£847.14	£968.16	£1,089.18	£1,331.22	£1,573.26	£1,815.30	£2,178.36

- iii) **it be noted that for the year 2009/10, Surrey Police Authority has stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Sections 40 and 42 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:**

Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Amount	£129.24	£150.78	£172.32	£193.86	£236.94	£280.02	£323.10	£387.72

- iv) **having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (i), (ii) and (iii) above, the Council, in accordance with Sections 30(2) and 31 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amount of Council Tax for the year 2009/10 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:**

Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Amount	£943.98	£1,101.31	£1,258.64	£1,415.97	£1,730.63	£2,045.29	£2,359.95	£2,831.94

Background Papers

Billing notice received from the Surrey Police Authority.

7. 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 I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

8. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – EXEMPT

To consider any recommendations which relate to exempt business.