

Council Meeting

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Supplementary Summons

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8. Recommendations from Committees

d) Calendar of committee meetings - recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee

The report associated with this item was circulated to all members with the [agenda for the 12 October 2023 meeting of the Corporate Management Committee](#).

The revised layout of the calendar was welcomed.

The Corporate Management Committee recommended that the calendar of meetings for the 2024/25 municipal year be agreed by the Council.

e) Amendments to the Constitution - recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee

The report associated with this item was circulated to all members with the [agenda for the 12 October 2023 meeting of the Corporate Management Committee](#).

Urgency procedures

The Committee welcomed the modernisation of the Council's urgency procedures (Standing Order 42 (SO42)). There was discussion about whether SO42 was being used as a tool to circumvent committee discussions. It was reported that the frequency and value of SO42 decisions was dependent on the issues that arose, and could therefore be highly variable. The value of recent SO42 decisions was questioned; it was stated that these decisions related to supplementary estimates, which could be reported separately to the supplementary estimates agreed by committees, should the Corporate Management Committee require it.

Contract Standing Orders

There was discussion about the advertising of contract values when seeking bids as part of the tendering process, and whether this was having value for money implications for the Council. It was noted that the Public Contract Regulations 2015 required specific information to be provided when advertising a contract above the Find a Tender Service (FTS) threshold contract value.

The Committee recommended to the Council that:

1. The proposed minor amendments to the Council's urgency provisions (Standing Order 42) and the Contract Standing Orders be agreed, subject to the minor typographical error at 2.5a of the Contract Standing Orders being corrected.
2. The Corporate Head of Legal and Governance be delegated authority to make further necessary amendments to the Constitution, to give effect to the amendments proposed in the report.

f) Play Area Programme 2023/24 - recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee

The report associated with this item was circulated to all members with the [agenda for the 21 September 2023 meeting of the Community Services Committee](#) which made a recommendation to the Corporate Management Committee.

The Committee was pleased to note that there had been cross party and ward member involvement in developing the proposals.

It was **resolved** that:

1. The proposed health and safety works and play area replacement plan be agreed.
2. A capital estimate of £229,000, for the replacement plan involving Surrey Towers, Pooley Green and Hythe Park, as set out in table 3 of the report, to be funded from the resources set out in table 2 (subject to any additional approvals required), be agreed.
3. The release of £100,000 for play area replacement programme provisions, set aside in the capital programme for 2023/24, be agreed.
4. An allocation of £47,000, from the 2024/2025 youth development revenue budget for the play area replacement, be agreed.
5. The virement of the revenue budgets earmarked for the replacement of play equipment to fund the capital expenditure be agreed (noting that this would show in future revenue reports as contributions to capital expenditure on the summary page of the budget).

The Committee **recommended** to the Council that:

1. A capital estimate of £565,000, for the replacement plan involving the remaining locations set out in table 3 of the report, to be funded from the resources set out in table 2 (subject to any additional approvals required), be agreed.

[Members were advised at the Community Services Committee that the capital estimate had been revised. This was however not captured in the recommendation put before the Community Services Committee, which is what was moved and agreed for

communication to the Corporate Management Committee.

The Council is therefore asked to agree a revised capital estimate of £799,000, covering both financial years, for the replacement plan to be funded from the resources set out in table 2 of the officer's report (subject to any additional approvals required).]