GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL

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Municipal Buildings Bridge Street Godalming Surrey GU7 1HT

31 August 2018

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU to attend the **POLICY & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Bridge Street, Godalming on THURSDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2018 at 7.00 pm.

Andy Jeffery Town Clerk

Committee Members:	Councillor Reynolds – Chairman
	Councillor A Bott – Vice Chairman

Councillor P Martin Councillor Poulter Councillor Wheatley Councillor Hunter Councillor Noyce Councillor Pinches Councillor Gray Councillor Purkiss Councillor Follows Councillor Gordon-Smith Councillor Cosser Councillor T Martin Councillor S Bott Councillor Welland Councillor Bolton Councillor Walden Councillor Wainwright

<u>A G E N D A</u>

1. <u>MINUTES</u>

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 12 July 2018, a copy of which has been circulated previously.

2. <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u>

3. <u>PETITIONS/STATEMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</u>

The Chairman to allow members of the public to ask the Council questions, make a statement or present a petition. This forum to be conducted in accordance with Standing Order 4.

4. <u>DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS</u>

To receive from Members any declarations of interests in relation to any items included on the Agenda for this meeting required to be disclosed by the Localism Act 2011 and the Godalming Members' Code of Conduct.

Members of the Public have the right to attend all meetings of the Town Council and its Committees and are welcome.

5. PLANNING MATTERS

To consider and make observations on planning application:

WA/2018/1239 - Ockford Park, Godalming.

Erection of 262 dwellings (Use Class C3) including 78 affordable dwellings together with a 131sqm building for community use (Use Class D1) and associated works including informal and formal open space, internal road network, landscape enhancement and access; following demolition of existing buildings at Ockford Wood Farm, Ockford Wood Cottage, No.19 and No.21 Aarons Hill.

LAND BETWEEN NEW WAY AND AARONS HILL, GODALMING.

6. <u>COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME</u>

The Committee's work programme is attached for the information of Members.

7. ACCOUNTS PAID SINCE LAST MEETING & SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

RFO to report on the accounts paid since the last meeting.

A schedule of the accounts paid will be tabled for the information of Members. The vouchers relating to these payments will also be tabled at the meeting for inspection. All payments made are in line with the agreed budget or other resolution of this Committee or Full Council.

Members to agree that the Chairman should sign the schedule of accounts paid.

8. <u>BUDGET MONITORING</u>

Members to consider a budget monitoring report 31 July 2018 (detailed report attached for the information of Members).

Cost Centre	Year to date Variance	Projected Variance @ year end
	£	£
Head Office Costs	9,495 u/s	0
Civic Expenses	701 o/s	2,000 o/s
Town Promotion	6,600 o/s	0
Staycation	535 o/s	0
Festivals & Markets	1,030 u/s	0
Christmas Lights	38 u/s	0
Fireworks Night	657 u/s	0
Neighbourhood Plan	741 o/s	0
BWP Community Centre	2,465 u/s	0
Pepperpot	1,659 u/s	0
The Square	0 o/s	0
Allotments	262 o/s	0
Wilfrid Noyce Community Centre	1,199 u/s	0
Bandstand	900 u/s	0
Godalming Museum	5,995 o/s	0
Land & Property Other	6,021 u/s	0
TOTAL	8,630 u/s	2,000 o/s

The monitoring report shows a current variance of £8,630 underspent against budget.

Members to note the following:

 \pounds 5,000 of this underspend relates to Insurance, where the Council entered into a new contract at a much better rate. A further £10,000 is a timing difference for Grants – the entire budget is expected to be utilised, but as at the end of July, the Citizens' Advice Waverley grant of £28,000 has yet to be paid out.

These underspends are offset by the following overspends:

Members already advised of the pressure against our Professional Fees budget of £10,000 for the year (Min No 32-18 refers).

Members already advised of the pressure against our Computing budget and the forecast of a \pounds 2,000 overspend for Councillor Emails (Min No 86-18 refers).

Town Promotion overspend is in relation to Floral Godalming. The Council has an earmarked reserve of \$8,000 to cover this cost, but the actual transfer will not be done until later in the year when total costs have been determined.

Godalming Museum shows an overspend which is in relation to planned maintenance works that will be funded by the reserve for that purpose.

9. OUTSIDE WORKS & MAINTENANCE SERVICES

On 12 July, Members received a report regarding Outside Works & Maintenance Services for the Town Council. Members agreed to consider the report and where required to seek clarification from the Town Clerk of any details contained in the report. Members further agreed on 12 July to consider the required decisions set out in the report at the next scheduled meeting on 6 September (report available at http://godalming-tc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/0.-12-July-2018-PM-Agenda-Electronic-Version-Reduced-Size_Part1.pdf).

Following clarifications sought and Members input, it is requested that Members consider a supplementary report (attached for the information of Members) together with the original report of 12 July and that if agreed Members resolve to agree the recommendations contained within the Supplementary Report.

10. <u>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – POLICY GOD15 – HEALTHY AIR</u>

In order to progress the Godalming & Farncombe Neighbourhood Plan, Members are requested to determine whether they wish to incorporate Policy GOD15 – Healthy Air, into the Proposed Neighbourhood Plan document for submission under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. Two reports relating to this agenda item are attached for the information of Members; the first report - **A Summary of Discussions Surrounding Policy GOD15 Air Quality** outlines the discussions surrounding the development of this policy, with the second report - **Advice from GTC Planning Consultant Regarding Policy GOD 15** providing confidential advice for Members' consideration.

Members are requested to resolve to adopt Policy GOD15 – Air Quality version 3.4 dated 23 July and to resolve to recommend its incorporation into the Neighbourhood Plan and for the Godalming & Farncombe Neighbourhood Plan Version 4 to be prepared for the adoption by Full Council in its capacity as the qualifying body for the plan.

11. <u>GODALMING FIREWORKS</u>

Preparation for Godalming Fireworks 2018 is underway with this year's theme being 'Best of British' with a touch of the Dam Busters in honour of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Royal Air Force.

The budget for the event is attached for Members' approval. Members will wish to note that by optimising the fee structures associated with online sales and reinstating on-the-night-sales, means that ticket prices for this year's events are proposed at a lower rate than 2017. It is believed that these changes will provide good value to attendees, whilst ensuring the Council covers the costs associated with staging this event.

12. <u>COMMUNICATIONS POLICY</u>

Members to receive the Communications Strategy document (attached for the information of Members) and, if agreed, resolve to recommend the same for adoption by the Full Council.

13. GTC ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE TO GODALMING JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE

Members to receive a report from the Town Clerk (attached for the information of Members) regarding the administrative recharge from GTC to Godalming Joint Burial Committee (GJBC).

Members are requested to approve the basis of the formula to be used from 1 April 2019 for calculating the cost to Godalming Town Council of administration of the Godalming Joint Burial Committee.

14. <u>PUBLIC TOILETS – LEASES</u>

Godalming Town Council has received draft copies of the leases for:

- 1. The Public Toilets, Farncombe
- 2. The Public Toilets, Crown Court Godalming

Copies of the leases will be tabled for Members' information 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

In short, both leases comply with the previously agreed Heads of Terms and are fully insuring and repairing leases for a period of 20 years for the buildings, to be used for the purposes of public toilet provision at a rent of $\pounds 1$ per annum, if demanded.

Crown Court is subject to a landlord break clause option at the end of each fifth year, subject to six months' prior notice that the landlord intends to redevelop the car park.

Farncombe is subject to a landlord break clause option at the end of the 10th and 15th year subject to six months' prior notice that the landlord intends to redevelop the adjoining car park.

Godalming Town Council is required to maintain the buildings in good order and decorate internally and externally every 5th year.

Additional space at the Farncombe Public Toilets is to be used for ancillary purposes or for any other purpose with the landlord's written consent with 50% of any gross income being derived from the additional space being payable to the landlord.

It is RECOMMENDED that, in accordance with Standing Order 92, Members resolve to approve the sealing of the engrossed leases and for the Town Clerk to make the appropriate arrangements in accordance with Standing Order 93, once these have been received.

Members will be aware that GTC has undertaken some necessary repairs and upgrades whilst the premises where subject to a Tenancy at Will agreement. It is recommended that an improvement and renovation plan be submitted to Members at the earliest possible date with the intention of both upgrading the sanitary wear and repairing and decorating the buildings.

15. <u>RIGHTS OF WAY – NATALIE WAY</u>

Members to consider a report from the Town Clerk regarding concerns raised by Members and residents in relation to a perceived Public Right of Way at Natalie Way (off Flambard Way) (report attached for the information of Members).

Members are requested to inform the Town Clerk as to any further action they wish him to take in this matter.

16. <u>TOWN CLERK DELEGATED AUTHORITY</u>

Members to note that the Town Clerk exercised his delegated authority to purchase two replacement defibrillator cabinets at a cost of £826.00, required due to vandalism of the existing cabinets. No separately identifiable budget or reserve currently exists for this expenditure although Min No 316-14 allowed for £150 pa to be accumulated in a reserve. Had this been actioned, the reserve would sit with a balance of £600.00.

17. WRITE-OFF OF IRRECOVERABLE DEBT

Members authorised the attempt to recover an amount of £313.55 through the County Court Money Online (Min No 398-17 refers). Unfortunately this attempt has proven unsuccessful and the Responsible Finance Officer therefore requests authorisation to write this debt off.

18. <u>THE SQUARE</u>

Members to receive an oral report relating to the assignment of the headlease of The Square.

19. WILFRID NOYCE REFURBISHMENT PROJECT – UPDATE

Members to receive an oral update on the project so far from the Town Clerk.

20. <u>TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL BODIES – REPORT ON SPORT</u> <u>GODALMING</u>

Members are asked to note a report from Councillor P Martin on Sport Godalming (report to be tabled) an organisation on which Councillor P Martin represents the Town Council.

21. <u>TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL BODIES – REPORT ON THE</u> <u>GODALMING/JOIGNY FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION</u>

Members are asked to note a report from Councillor Williams on the Godalming/Joigny Friendship Association (report to be tabled) an organisation on which Councillor Williams represents the Town Council.

22. MUSUEM ACCESS DATABASE

The Museum's Percy Woods database is currently held on an unsupported Access database. We have been advised by our IT providers that to enable continued access to this important archive, there is a need to update the database to a supported version. In order to avoid the necessity of completely recreating this database, an Access specialist would need to be engaged to make the current version compatible with the most up to date version of Access. The cost of doing this is anticipated to be in the region of £800. Members are requested to approve this expenditure from museum operating expenses. This will be reviewed at revised estimates if required.

23. COMMUNICATIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

Members to identify which matters (if any), discussed at this meeting, are to be publicised.

24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Policy & Management Committee is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 18 October 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber.

25. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brought forward by permission of the Chairman. Requests to be submitted prior to commencement of the meeting.

6. POLICY & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME

TASK	WHO?	MINUTE REF	PROGRESS	Requirement	Due date
COMMUNITY CENTRES – PERFORMANCE MONITORING	Town Clerk	46-16	On-going item for approximately quarterly reporting.	Quarterly	29 November 2018
FARNCOMBE INITIATIVE	Cllr Cosser	274-13	Reports expected at approximately six-monthly intervals.	Bi-annual	18 October 2018
FLOOD ALLEVIATION	Town Clerk	405-13 428-14	Full Council signed a Memorandum of Understanding with other agencies and created a £25,000 earmarked reserve for a future Flood Alleviation scheme and, contribution of land. Flood Group met 20 July	N/A	Construction Due to begin mid 2018
COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP	Cllr Reynolds		Report received October 2017 – Communications Officer's Post established 1 Feb 2017. Comms Policy to be put forward. Item on the Agenda		October 2018
DEVOLUTION OF SERVICES FROM PRINCIPAL AUTHORITIES	Town Clerk	46-16	Tenancy at Will for public toilets signed and toilets re-opened on 15 November. Solicitors appointed for completion of lease(s). Item on this agenda	N/A	
WW1 2018 (INC GODALMING WAR MEMORIAL)	Town Clerk	46-16	Order placed with mason for new memorial plaques. Remembrance Day programme agreed by Mayoralty Committee. Details to be worked up by Support Services Executive.		11/11/2018
FIREWORKS	Town Clerk	173-16	Preparations for 2018 event underway. – Item on this agenda	Annual	2 November 2018
CONDITION OF TREES IN THE TOWN COUNCIL'S OWNERSHIP	Town Clerk	414-16	Next report due Nov 2018	2 yearly	Nov 2018
INVESTMENT STRATEGY	RFO	N/A	Financial Regulation (8.4) identifies the need for an Investment Strategy & Policy	Annually	12 July 2019

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APPROVAL OF VARIABLE DIRECT DEBITS	RFO N/A		Financial Regulations (6.6) require the approval of a use of variable direct debit shall be renewed by this Committee at least every two years.	25/05/17	25/05/19
ENGAGEMENT OF INTERNAL AUDIT	RFO	N/A	Standing Orders delegates the annual appointment of the Internal Auditor to this Committee. Appointment of Internal Auditors for 2018/19 approved by Full Council on 16 Nov 17.	Annual	Jan 2019
BUSINESS PLAN WORKING GROUP	Town Clerk	328-17	GTC Supporting Our Community Document Approved on 19 July 2018 – Aims and Objectives to be agreed annually	Annual	27 July 2019
ASSET WORKING GROUP	Town Clerk		Meeting 17 September		May 2019
INTERNAL REFURBISHMENT OF THE PEPPERPOT	Town Clerk	41-18	Specification has been established seeking quotes		April 2019
REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL BODIES REPORTS:				Required Date	Revised Date
Waverley Cycle Forum	Cllr Purkiss		Report expected 12 April 2018 – Deferred to a later meeting	12/04/18	11/04/19
District Scout Council	Cllr Wheatley		Report provided	24/05/18	
Fairtrade Steering Group	Cllr Wheatley		Report provided	24/05/18	
St Mark's Community Centre Management Committee	Cllr Pinches		Report provided	12/07/18	
Farncombe Day Centre	Cllr Gray		Report provided	12/07/18	

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Sport Godalming	Cllr P Martin		Report expected 6 September 2018	06/09/18		
Godalming/Joigny Friendship Association	Town Mayor		Report expected 6 September 2018	06/09/18		
Godalming/Mayen Association	Town Mayor		Report expected 18 October 2018	18/10/18		
Waverley Citizens' Advice	Cllr S Bott		Report expected 18 October 2018	18/10/18		
Godalming Transportation Task Group (SCC)	Cllr Walden Cllr Bolton		Report expected 29 November 2018	29/11/18		
Godalming & District Chamber of Commerce	Cllr Wainwright		Report expected 29 November 2018	29/11/18		
Go Godalming Association	Cllr Gordon- Smith		Report expected 20 December 2018	20/12/18		
Holloway Hill Sports Association	Cllr T Martin		Report expected 20 December 2018	20/12/18		
Godalming Museum Trust	Cllr Gordon- Smith		Report expected 17 January 2019	17/01/19		
St Mark's Community Initiative Group	Cllr Bolton		Report expected 17 January 2019	17/01/19		
Godalming Together CIC	Cllr Purkiss		Report expected 7 March 2019	07/01/19		
SALC	Cllr Cosser		Report expected 7 March 2019	07/01/19		
Waverley Cycle Forum Cllr Purkiss			Report expected 11 April 2019 – Deferred from 12/04/18	11/04/19		
District Scout Council	Cllr Wheatley		Report expected 11 April 2019	11/04/19		

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Fairtrade Steering Group	Cllr Wheatley		Report expected 23 May 2019	23/05/19	
Farncombe Day Centre	Cllr Gray		Report expected 23 May 2019	23/05/19	

Key Dates for Members' Information (Town Events etc.)

Event	Date
Annual Town Meeting	Thursday, 19 April 2018
Farmers' Market	Saturday, 28 April 2018
St John's Spring Fair	Saturday, 5 May 2018
Annual Council/Mayor Making	Thursday, 10 May 2018
Godalming Run	Sunday, 13 May 2018
Farmers' Market	Saturday, 26 May 2018
Town Show & Carnival	Saturday, 2 June 2018
Mayor's Civic Service	Sunday, 24 June 2018
Farmers' Market	Saturday, 30 June 2018
Summer Food Festival	Saturday, 7 July 2018
Farmers' Market	Saturday, 28 July 2018
Staycation	Saturday, 4–Sunday, 12 August 2018
Farmers' Market	Saturday, 25 August 2018
Farmers' Market	Saturday, 29 September 2018
Farmers' Market	Saturday, 27 October 2018
Godalming Fireworks	Friday, 2 November 2018
Remembrance Sunday	Sunday, 11 November 2018
Christmas Festival & Light Switch-On	Saturday, 24 November 2018
Blessing of the Crib and Carol Service	Saturday, 8 December 2018
Mayor's Pancake Races	Tuesday, 5 March 2019
Farmers' Market	Saturday, 30 March 2019

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Policy	& Management									
<u>101</u>	Head Office Costs									
5102	Contrib. to Other Provisions	0	0	0	9,970	8,970	-1,000	8,970		-1,000
	Head Office Costs :- Expenditure	0	0	0	9,970	8,970	-1,000	8,970	0	-1,000
4001	Salaries	15,845	14,652	-1,193	58,141	58,608	467	175,824		117,683
4002	Employer's NIC	1,579	1,530	-49	5,966	6,120	154	18,360		12,394
4003	Employer's Superannuation	2,707	2,475	-232	10,174	9,860	-314	29,660		19,486
4005	Agency Staff	0	0	0	50	0	-50	0		-50
4011	Staff Training	538	250	-288	618	1,000	382	3,000		2,382
4012	Recruitment Advertising	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,500		1,500
4013	Other Staff Expenses	0	1,536	1,536	58	6,144	6,086	18,642		18,584
4101	Repair/Alteration of Buildings	0	250	250	0	250	250	750		750
4102	Property Maintenance	202	0	-202	217	0	-217	0		-217
4103	Maintenance Contracts	0	0	0	732	0	-732	0		-732
4121	Rents	0	0	0	0	0	0	13,000		13,000
4161	Cleaning	0	0	0	53	0	-53	0		-53
4163	Domestic Supplies	22	4	-18	29	16	-13	50		21
4202	Car Allowances	8	80	72	2	320	318	1,000		998
4203	Other Transport Costs	2	0	-2	5	0	-5	0		-5
4301	Equipment	0	0	0	219	0	-219	500		281
4304	Catering	12	16	4	75	64	-11	200		125
4305	Clothes, Uniform & Laundry	0	0	0	0	0	0	200		200

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		Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Prear to Date Budget	Variance	Budget	Expenditure	Available
4306	Printing	401	200	-201	857	800	-57	2,400		1,543
4307	Stationery	253	235	-18	1,305	940	-365	2,820		1,515
4311	Professional Fees - Legal	0	0	0	1,641	0	-1,641	0		-1,641
4312	Professional Fees - Surveyors	0	0	0	2,860	0	-2,860	0		-2,860
4313	Professional Fees - Other	210	830	620	7,140	3,320	-3,820	10,000		2,860
4314	Audit Fees	2,000	0	-2,000	2,255	500	-1,755	3,300		1,046
4315	Insurance	0	0	0	7,996	8,715	719	8,715		719
4321	Bank Charges	32	60	28	105	240	135	720		615
4322	Postage	0	130	130	-120	520	640	1,560		1,680
4323	Telephones	79	75	-4	636	490	-146	1,660		1,024
4325	Computing	505	665	160	3,863	2,660	-1,203	8,000		4,137
4326	Website	0	0	0	186	0	-186	2,000		1,814
4331	Newsletter	0	0	0	1,100	1,100	0	4,400		3,300
4341	Grants	2,415	14,500	12,085	18,885	29,000	10,115	58,000		39,115
4342	Subscriptions	0	200	200	3,809	4,400	591	6,000		2,191
4401	Payments to Godalming JBC	0	0	0	30,532	30,848	316	61,696		31,164
4900	Miscellaneous Expenses	26	500	474	422	1,000	578	2,000		1,578
6000	Debt Charges - Principal	0	0	0	7,976	7,978	2	21,250		13,274
6001	Debt Charges - Interest	0	0	0	10,612	10,612	0	31,220		20,608
	Head Office Costs :- Expenditure	26,835	38,188	11,353	178,398	185,505	7,107	488,427	0	310,029
1001	Precept	0	0	0	311,103	311,103	-1	622,205		
1202	Grants - WBC	0	0	0	8,310	8,310	0	8,310		
1303	Other customer/client receipts	0	0	0	3,251	0	3,251	0		
1401	Interest Received	0	0	0	313	175	138	0		

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1501	Recharges to Godalming JBC	0	0	0	13,750	13,750	0	27,500		
	Head Office Costs :- Income	0	0	0	336,727	333,338	3,389	658,015		
	Net Expenditure over Income	26,835	38,188	11,353	-148,358	-138,863	9,495	-160,618		
<u>102</u>	Civic Expenses									
5001	Transfers from Reserves	0	0	0	-4,100	0	4,100	0		4,100
5102	Contrib. to Other Provisions	0	0	0	12,000	12,000	0	12,000		0
	Civic Expenses :- Expenditure	0	0	0	7,900	12,000	4,100	12,000	0	4,100
4001	Salaries	0	0	0	250	0	-250	0		-250
4304	Catering	0	0	0	35	0	-35	0		-35
4305	Clothes, Uniform & Laundry	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000		1,000
4306	Printing	0	67	67	0	268	268	804		804
4313	Professional Fees - Other	0	0	0	4,134	0	-4,134	0		-4,134
4325	Computing	200	0	-200	600	0	-600	0		-600
4327	Publicity Advertising	0	0	0	98	0	-98	0		-98
4332	Mayor's Expenses	533	0	-533	1,894	2,000	106	8,080		6,186
4333	Members' Expenses	0	100	100	0	400	400	1,200		1,200
4334	Members' Training	438	0	-438	558	0	-558	0		-558
4900	Miscellaneous Expenses	0	50	50	100	200	100	600		500
	Civic Expenses :- Expenditure	1,171	217	-954	7,669	2,868	-4,801	11,684	0	4,015
	Net Expenditure over Income	1,171	217	-954	15,569	14,868	-701	23,684		

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<u>104</u>	Town Promotion									
5001	Transfers from Reserves	-2,970	0	2,970	-15,704	0	15,704	0		15,704
	Town Promotion :- Expenditure	-2,970	0	2,970	-15,704	0	15,704	0	0	15,704
4005	Agency Staff	210	0	-210	1,810	0	-1,810	0		-1,810
4162	Waste Removal	260	0	-260	260	0	-260	0		-260
4171	Grounds Maintenance Costs	150	0	-150	1,904	0	-1,904	0		-1,904
4203	Other Transport Costs	0	0	0	299	0	-299	0		-299
4301	Equipment	1,472	415	-1,057	2,694	1,660	-1,034	5,000		2,306
4304	Catering	0	0	0	117	0	-117	0		-117
4313	Professional Fees - Other	0	0	0	15,520	0	-15,520	0		-15,520
4327	Publicity Advertising	825	0	-825	825	0	-825	0		-825
4900	Miscellaneous Expenses	247	0	-247	847	0	-847	0		-847
	Town Promotion :- Expenditure	3,163	415	-2,748	24,276	1,660	-22,616	5,000	0	-19,276
1303	Other customer/client receipts	312	0	312	312	0	312	0		
	Town Promotion :- Income	312	0	312	312	0	312	0		
	Net Expenditure over Income	-119	415	534	8,260	1,660	-6,600	5,000		
105	Staycation									
4005	Agency Staff	75	0	-75	75	0	-75	150		75
4203	Other Transport Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	200		200
4301	Equipment	178	0	-178	178	0	-178	0		-178

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		Current Mth Actual	Current Mnth Budget	Current Mnth Variance	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Variance	Total Annual Budget	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available
4313	Professional Fees - Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	800		800
4327	Publicity Advertising	408	0	-408	3,708	3,300	-408	3,800		92
4900	Miscellaneous Expenses	34	0	-34	34	0	-34	260		226
	Staycation :- Expenditure	695	0	-695	3,995	3,300	-695	5,210	0	1,215
1303	Other customer/client receipts	160	0	160	160	0	160	0		
	Staycation :- Income	160	0	160	160	0	160	0		
	Net Expenditure over Income	535	0	-535	3,835	3,300	-535	5,210		
<u>106</u>	Festivals & Markets									
4001	Salaries	200	200	0	844	800	-44	1,600		756
4002	Employer's NIC	20	20	0	78	80	2	160		82
4005	Agency Staff	75	0	-75	195	1,070	875	2,140		1,945
4162	Waste Removal	260	0	-260	476	250	-226	600		124
4203	Other Transport Costs	4	0	-4	4	200	196	500		496
4301	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	510		510
4304	Catering	0	0	0	45	60	15	180		135
4306	Printing	0	0	0	0	0	0	530		530
4313	Professional Fees - Other	0	0	0	645	1,050	405	2,250		1,605
4327	Publicity Advertising	0	0	0	1,748	1,040	-708	3,670		1,922
4343	Licensing/PRS	0	0	0	220	155	-65	310		90
4900	Miscellaneous Expenses	8	0	-8	665	500	-165	1,000		335
	Festivals & Markets :- Expenditure	566	220	-346	4,919	5,205	286	13,450	0	8,531

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		Current Mth Actual	Current Mnth Budget	Current Mnth Variance	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Variance	Total Annual Budget	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available
1303	Other customer/client receipts	870	250	620	5,715	6,200	-486	14,200		
1304	Donations	0	0	0	1,230	0	1,230	0		
	Festivals & Markets :- Income	870	250	620	6,945	6,200	745	14,200		
	Net Expenditure over Income	-303	-30	273	-2,025	-995	1,030	-750		
<u>108</u>	Christmas Lights									
5001	Transfers from Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3,680		-3,680
	Christmas Lights :- Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3,680	0	-3,680
4313	Professional Fees - Other	0	0	0	11,962	12,000	38	45,880		33,918
	Christmas Lights :- Expenditure	0	0	0	11,962	12,000	38	45,880	0	33,918
1304	Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,200		
	Christmas Lights :- Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,200		
	Net Expenditure over Income	0	0	0	11,962	12,000	38	39,000		
<u>109</u>	Fireworks Night									
4001	Salaries	0	0	0	0	0	0	250		250
4005	Agency Staff	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,200		1,200
4162	Waste Removal	0	0	0	0	0	0	100		100
4203	Other Transport Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	260		260
4301	Equipment	0	0	0	363	0	-363	500		137

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		Current Mth Actual	Current Mnth Budget	Current Mnth Variance	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Variance	Total Annual Budget	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available
4306	Printing	0	0	0	0	0	0	220		220
4313	Professional Fees - Other	0	0	0	2,000	2,000	0	6,150		4,150
4315	Insurance	0	0	0	0	1,020	1,020	1,020		1,020
4327	Publicity Advertising	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,525		1,525
4343	Licensing/PRS	0	0	0	0	0	0	155		155
4900	Miscellaneous Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000		1,000
	Fireworks Night :- Expenditure	0	0	0	2,363	3,020	657	12,380	0	10,017
1303	Other customer/client receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,800		
	Fireworks Night :- Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,800		
	Net Expenditure over Income	0	0	0	2,363	3,020	657	1,580		
<u>111</u>	Neighbourhood Plan_									
5001	Transfers from Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0	-7,590		-7,590
	Neighbourhood Plan :- Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0	-7,590	0	-7,590
4306	Printing	0	0	0	191	0	-191	0		-191
4313	Professional Fees - Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,590		7,590
4327	Publicity Advertising	0	0	0	550	0	-550	0		-550
	Neighbourhood Plan :- Expenditure	0	0	0	741	0	-741	7,590	0	6,849
	Net Expenditure over Income	0	0	0	741	0	-741	0		

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		Current Mth Actual	Current Mnth Budget	Current Mnth Variance	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Variance	Total Annual Budget	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available
<u>201</u>	BWP Community Centre									
5101	Contrib. to Premises Provision	0	0	0	2,500	3,500	1,000	3,500		1,000
	BWP Community Centre :- Expenditure	0	0	0	2,500	3,500	1,000	3,500	0	1,000
4102	Property Maintenance	0	250	250	122	1,000	878	3,000		2,878
4103	Maintenance Contracts	0	35	35	135	140	5	420		285
4111	Energy Costs	76	280	204	609	1,120	511	3,360		2,751
4131	Rates	0	0	0	1,296	676	-620	1,352		56
4141	Water Services	29	50	21	116	200	84	600		484
4161	Cleaning	0	600	600	1,731	2,400	669	7,200		5,469
4162	Waste Removal	110	65	-45	234	260	26	780		546
4163	Domestic Supplies	0	10	10	9	40	31	120		111
4171	Grounds Maintenance Costs	93	120	27	408	480	72	1,440		1,032
4181	Premises Insurance	0	0	0	0	970	970	970		970
4301	Equipment	18	50	32	18	200	182	600		582
4323	Telephones	25	45	20	100	180	80	540		440
4324	Broadband	36	40	4	146	160	14	480		334
4343	Licensing/PRS	0	0	0	0	0	0	300		300
	BWP Community Centre :- Expenditure	388	1,545	1,157	4,924	7,826	2,902	21,162	0	16,238
1301	Premises Hire Charges	2,242	2,950	-708	10,663	12,100	-1,437	29,000		
	BWP Community Centre :- Income	2,242	2,950	-708	10,663	12,100	-1,437	29,000		
	Net Expenditure over Income	-1,854	-1,405	449	-3,239	-774	2,465	-4,338		

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		Current Mth Actual	Current Mnth Budget	Current Mnth Variance	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Variance	Total Annual Budget	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available
202	Pepperpot									
5101	Contrib. to Premises Provision	0	0	0	2,500	2,500	0	2,500		0
	Pepperpot :- Expenditure	0	0	0	2,500	2,500	0	2,500	0	0
4102	Property Maintenance	0	40	40	34	160	126	480		446
4103	Maintenance Contracts	0	85	85	198	340	142	1,020		822
4111	Energy Costs	47	75	28	254	300	46	900		646
4121	Rents	0	230	230	0	460	460	920		920
4131	Rates	0	0	0	660	335	-325	670		10
4161	Cleaning	24	125	101	365	500	136	1,500		1,136
4163	Domestic Supplies	0	0	0	4	0	-4	0		-4
4171	Grounds Maintenance Costs	0	50	50	0	200	200	600		600
4181	Premises Insurance	0	0	0	0	225	225	225		225
4301	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	600		600
4323	Telephones	52	50	-2	209	200	-9	600		392
4324	Broadband	36	37	1	146	148	2	440		294
4343	Licensing/PRS	0	0	0	70	70	0	70		0
	Pepperpot :- Expenditure	160	692	532	1,939	2,938	999	8,025	0	6,086
1301	Premises Hire Charges	819	700	119	4,020	2,800	1,220	8,400		
1303	Other customer/client receipts	0	280	-280	0	560	-560	1,120		
	Pepperpot :- Income	819	980	-161	4,020	3,360	660	9,520		
	Net Expenditure over Income	-659	-288	371	419	2,078	1,659	1,005		

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		Current Mth Actual	Current Mnth Budget	Current Mnth Variance	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Variance	Total Annual Budget	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available
203	The Square									
4181	Premises Insurance	0	0	0	1,745	3,200	1,455	3,200		1,455
4311	Professional Fees - Legal	322	0	-322	322	0	-322	0		-322
	The Square :- Expenditure	322	0	-322	2,067	3,200	1,133	3,200	0	1,133
1302	Rents	0	0	0	3,000	3,000	0	12,000		
1303	Other customer/client receipts	322	0	322	2,067	3,200	-1,133	3,200		
	The Square :- Income	322	0	322	5,067	6,200	-1,133	15,200		
	Net Expenditure over Income	0	0	0	-3,000	-3,000	0	-12,000		
<u>204</u>	Allotments									
4141	Water Services	-4	8	12	1	32	31	100		99
4171	Grounds Maintenance Costs	31	240	209	1,176	960	-216	2,880		1,704
4301	Equipment	0	0	0	77	0	-77	0		-77
	Allotments :- Expenditure	27	248	221	1,254	992	-262	2,980	0	1,726
1302	Rents	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,200		
	Allotments :- Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,200		
	Net Expenditure over Income	27	248	221	1,254	992	-262	780		

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		Current Mth Actual	Current Mnth Budget	Current Mnth Variance	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Variance	Total Annual Budget	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available
205	Wilfrid Noyce Community Centre									
5101	Contrib. to Premises Provision	0	0	0	3,500	3,500	0	3,500		0
5102	Contrib. to Other Provisions	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,083		2,083
Wilfrid	Noyce Community Centre :- Expenditure	0	0	0	3,500	3,500	0	5,583	0	2,083
4001	Salaries	277	195	-82	1,045	780	-265	2,340		1,295
4003	Employer's Superannuation	0	33	33	0	132	132	396		396
4005	Agency Staff	330	0	-330	540	0	-540	0		-540
4102	Property Maintenance	1,155	195	-960	1,630	780	-850	2,340		710
4103	Maintenance Contracts	876	350	-526	1,877	1,400	-477	4,200		2,323
4111	Energy Costs	159	600	441	1,119	2,400	1,281	7,200		6,081
4131	Rates	0	0	0	4,464	5,640	1,176	5,640		1,176
4141	Water Services	-133	75	208	-81	300	381	900		981
4161	Cleaning	25	830	805	2,440	3,320	880	9,960		7,520
4162	Waste Removal	293	152	-141	640	608	-32	1,824		1,184
4163	Domestic Supplies	0	50	50	70	200	130	600		530
4171	Grounds Maintenance Costs	0	0	0	0	175	175	700		700
4181	Premises Insurance	0	0	0	0	1,290	1,290	1,290		1,290
4301	Equipment	1,710	300	-1,410	5,230	1,200	-4,030	4,000		-1,230
4304	Catering	0	0	0	8	0	-8	0		-8
4313	Professional Fees - Other	0	0	0	830	0	-830	3,000		2,170
4323	Telephones	138	24	-114	212	96	-116	288		76
4324	Broadband	25	134	109	212	316	104	728		516
4343	Licensing/PRS	0	0	0	0	0	0	350		350

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		Current Mth Actual	Current Mnth Budget	Current Mnth Variance	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Variance	Total Annual Budget	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available
4900	Miscellaneous Expenses	0	100	100	0	400	400	1,200		1,200
Wilfrid	Noyce Community Centre :- Expenditure	4,855	3,038	-1,817	20,236	19,037	-1,199	46,956	0	26,720
1301	Premises Hire Charges	3,967	4,400	-433	19,971	17,600	2,371	52,800		
1303	Other customer/client receipts	0	0	0	26	0	26	2,083		
W	ilfrid Noyce Community Centre :- Income	3,967	4,400	-433	19,998	17,600	2,398	54,883		
	Net Expenditure over Income	888	-1,362	-2,250	3,738	4,937	1,199	-2,344		
206	Bandstand									
4005	Agency Staff	0	0	0	240	0	-240	0		-240
4102	Property Maintenance	0	83	83	2	332	330	1,000		998
4301	Equipment	0	0	0	825	0	-825	0		-825
4343	Licensing/PRS	0	0	0	70	100	30	100		30
	Bandstand :- Expenditure	0	83	83	1,137	432	-705	1,100	0	-37
1301	Premises Hire Charges	0	0	0	779	0	779	630		
1304	Donations	75	0	75	825	0	825	0		
	Bandstand :- Income	75	0	75	1,605	0	1,605	630		
	Net Expenditure over Income	-75	83	158	-468	432	900	470		
<u>207</u>	Godalming Museum									
5101	Contrib. to Premises Provision	0	0	0	53,000	53,000	0	53,000		0
	Godalming Museum :- Expenditure	0	0	0	53,000	53,000	0	53,000	0	0

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		Current Mth Actual	Current Mnth Budget	Current Mnth Variance	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Variance	Total Annual Budget	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available
4001	Salaries	3,049	3,478	429	13,430	13,912	482	41,736		28,306
4002	Employer's NIC	329	310	-19	1,225	1,240	15	3,720		2,495
4003	Employer's Superannuation	615	590	-25	2,347	2,360	13	7,080		4,733
4011	Staff Training	0	0	0	50	0	-50	1,000		950
4102	Property Maintenance	3,332	125	-3,207	3,394	500	-2,894	1,500		-1,894
4201	Public Transport	0	0	0	27	0	-27	0		-27
4202	Car Allowances	0	0	0	0	0	0	320		320
4301	Equipment	0	0	0	857	0	-857	0		-857
4307	Stationery	0	0	0	99	0	-99	0		-99
4311	Professional Fees - Legal	0	0	0	-500	0	500	0		500
4312	Professional Fees - Surveyors	1,920	0	-1,920	1,920	0	-1,920	0		-1,920
4315	Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,655		4,655
4323	Telephones	0	25	25	30	100	70	300		270
4325	Computing	152	152	0	891	608	-283	1,824		933
4342	Subscriptions	0	250	250	0	1,000	1,000	3,000		3,000
	Godalming Museum :- Expenditure	9,398	4,930	-4,468	23,769	19,720	-4,049	65,135	0	41,366
1302	Rents	0	1,706	-1,706	1,706	3,412	-1,706	6,824		
1303	Other customer/client receipts	0	240	-240	26,740	26,980	-240	53,960		
	Godalming Museum :- Income	0	1,946	-1,946	28,446	30,392	-1,946	60,784		
	Net Expenditure over Income	9,398	2,984	-6,414	48,323	42,328	-5,995	57,351		

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		Current Mth Actual	Current Mnth Budget	Current Mnth Variance	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Variance	Total Annual Budget	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available
208	<u>Land & Property - Other</u>									
5101	Contrib. to Premises Provision	0	0	0	1,500	1,500	0	1,500		0
	Land & Property - Other :- Expenditure	0	0	0	1,500	1,500	0	1,500	0	0
4005	Agency Staff	0	0	0	45	0	-45	0		-45
4101	Repair/Alteration of Buildings	0	130	130	0	520	520	1,560		1,560
4102	Property Maintenance	13	325	312	528	1,300	772	3,900		3,372
4103	Maintenance Contracts	0	100	100	0	400	400	1,200		1,200
4111	Energy Costs	55	62	7	245	248	3	750		505
4131	Rates	0	0	0	3,528	3,640	112	3,640		112
4141	Water Services	270	112	-158	1,072	448	-624	1,350		278
4151	Fixtures & Fittings	0	250	250	0	500	500	1,000		1,000
4161	Cleaning	0	1,666	1,666	3,510	6,664	3,154	20,000		16,490
4171	Grounds Maintenance Costs	0	85	85	78	340	262	1,000		922
4315	Insurance	0	0	0	0	816	816	816		816
4900	Miscellaneous Expenses	450	150	-300	450	600	150	1,800		1,350
	Land & Property - Other :- Expenditure	788	2,880	2,092	9,455	15,476	6,021	37,016	0	27,561
	Net Expenditure over Income	788	2,880	2,092	10,955	16,976	6,021	38,516		
	Policy & Management Expenditure	45,396	52,456	7,060	364,271	368,149	3,878	850,978	0	486,707
	Income	8,767	10,526	-1,759	413,942	409,190	4,752	858,432		
	Net Expenditure over Income	36,630	41,930	5,300	-49,671	-41,041	8,630	-7,454		

9. OUTSIDE WORKS & MAINTENANCE SERVICES

Supplementary Paper to 12 July Report – Outside Works & Maintenance Operatives

Introduction: Following a consultation and clarification exercise with Members between 12 July and 15 August, a number of issues regarding the Outside Workforce & Maintenance Services Operatives' paper have been raised. This supplementary paper seeks to provide Members with additional information on the issues raised, which Members may wish to consider as part of their decision-making process.

1. With a Facilities Supervisor in post, who will be the direct line manager for the proposed workforce, is it necessary to have two grades of operative, i.e Maintenance Operative/Supervisor and Junior Maintenance Operative?

In considering this question the answer seems to be no, it would be perfectly acceptable for both operatives to be of an equal grade with both answerable to the Facilities Supervisor as Line Manager. This approach does make sense for a number of reasons especially in relation to how the junior position would be supervised/accountable during the Supervisor's leave periods or other absences. Internal arrangements already exist for continuity of function during the absence of the Facilities Supervisor, therefore, there would be no loss of accountability. Additionally, as both operatives would in all likelihood be similarly experienced/qualified and conducting the same type of work the grading difference may actually be a barrier to co-operative working. What could be described as 'supervisory functions' could be shared equally within a job description for example, one operative may be responsible of scheduling routine outside works, where the other may be responsible for the proper maintenance, inspection and safety of equipment and workshop facilities, both requirements are of equal importance.

If Members decide that they wished to introduce an Outside Works & Maintenance provision utilising a single operative, Staffing Committee should be requested to agree the appropriate grade for that position.

Likewise, if Members were to employ two operatives, the Staffing Committee should be requested to look at the grading requirements which provides for two operatives within the same available budget of £54,047.

2. As the proposed contracts are for an initial 2-year fixed period, does GTC have to auto-enrol these potential positions into the LGPS?

Godalming Town Council has a duty to automatically enrol and make contributions for anyone who works or usually works in the UK, is at least 22 years old but under State Pension age, isn't already an active member of a qualifying scheme and earns more than $\pounds 10,000$ a year. These are known as 'eligible jobholders'. However, Godalming Town Council may choose to provide occupational pensions and agree the employer contribution rate to be made to a compliant auto enrolment pension scheme to be offered to new employees other than the LGPS. If such a decision were to be made, it would have to be made by the Full Council.

Changes to pension arrangements, even those limited to future employees are a complex area and these issues would have to be fully explored by the Staffing Committee before it could make any recommendation to Full Council.

3. Is directly employed maintenance provision the best method for the maintenance of Godalming Town Council Assets?

There are a number of ways in which Godalming Town Council assets may be maintained, one option is to have a fully skilled workforce who can conduct all maintenance and repairs including electrical and gas works, this is impracticable for an organisation of this council's size. This leaves two potential options, the first and the one currently used is to utilise contractors for this work, there are limitations to this approach, especially when dealing with very busy venues, the alternative is to utilise a directly employed maintenance provision which can be flexibly deployed. The Council has recently established a working group to consider its assets and it is suggested that this working group may be positioned to consider which maintenance option may offer the best value, both financially and in flexibility and value added benefit.

Recommendation

In light of the issues identified above, it is suggested that Members defer this item and request that the Staffing Committee to explore available options in relation to staffing issues, so as to be able to advise the Policy & Management Committee when that committee considers options on this matter. As such it is recommended that the Staffing Committee be asked to:

- determine the individual grades of the employees, for both single and dual operative options;
- consider future employee pension scheme options;
- advise the Policy & Management Committee of its findings once it has completed its investigations.

It is further recommended that the Asset Working Group, as part of its considerations look at the advantages and disadvantages of both contractor and in house maintenance options for Godalming Town Council assets.

A Summary of Discussions Surrounding Policy GOD15 Air Quality

Introduction:

Waverley Borough Council's Air Quality Action Plan *July 2008* Final version identified that an Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) was declared along a half mile stretch of the A3100 including part of Ockford Road and Flambard Way as a result of monitoring carried out in 2003 showing that levels of Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) in these locations would exceed the annual mean standard permitted for this pollutant.

Flambard Way is an A-road bypass around Godalming town centre along its northern edge that has a number of properties along both edges. There are a series of urban traffic control (UTC) managed junctions along this road bringing traffic from the south into the town centre. At morning peaks there are tailbacks on both the feeder roads from the south, including Brighton Road and Holloway Hill and on the A3100 itself. The AQMA also abuts a Key Site, which subsequent to the 2008 Air Quality Action Plan Report, has been developed with more than 200 dwellings.

Within its 2008 action plan Waverley Borough Council (WBC) stated:

"Waverley Borough Council is required to produce this Action Plan to demonstrate how air pollution in its three Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) is being tackled. But rather than simply focus on tackling the issues identified in these three areas the document seeks to take a broader approach – raising the awareness of air quality throughout the Borough of Waverley.¹"

In its 2016 Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR) – 2018 Reissued, Waverley stated:

"WBC continue to take steps towards implementing small measures at every available opportunity and therefore we have developed joint working with other colleagues both externally through the Steering Group and the Surrey Air Alliance Group, and internally within WBC. This joint working process will look to develop new strategies incorporating specific transport measures and interventions to help deliver the key elements of the WBC air quality action plan. Some of these provisions may include the provision of infrastructure to support the use of electric vehicle charging points (EVPs) through the planning process, developing Urban Traffic Control and traffic signal strategies, and enhanced enforcement of parking and loading restrictions.²"

The reissue in 2018 of the Borough's 2016 annual air quality status report followed an audit of the air quality monitoring at WBC and indicates that the annual mean concentrates of NO_2 in the Godalming AQMA has generally been increasing slightly each year (excluding 2014). This fact, together with previous WBC statements regarding taking a broader approach than just the AQMAs, including steps to implement small measures at every available opportunity and the support of Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVPs), along with the Healthy Air Policy used (and subsequently examined) for the Knightsbridge Neighbourhood plan, led the Godalming & Farncombe Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to form the following policy for Air Quality.

^{1.} Waverley Borough Council, Air Quality Action Plan *July 2008* Final version Pg 3

Waverley Borough Council 2016 Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR) – 2018 Reissued In fulfilment of Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 Local Air Quality Management February 2018. Pg iii

POLICY GOD15: HEALTHY AIR (GoFarNP Version 3.3 dated February 2018)

Development should not damage the health of the air by increasing emissions of harmful pollutants to it. Development should comply with all minimum European Union or UK environmental standards in relation to air pollutants, whichever is the more stringent.

- A. All major new development (defined as at least 50 dwellings or 5,000m² floor space) must carry out an air emissions screening to determine whether a detailed air quality assessment will be required.
- B. Such development must be designed to minimise harmful emissions to air. In particular:
 - i. such development must demonstrate that it is 'air quality positive' (i.e. better than existing or the existing benchmark). In principle, all development should be substantially less polluting than existing development that it will replace;
 - ii. development must not worsen an existing breach of a limit value or cause a breach;
 - iii. where limit values are not exceeded in the locality, developments must try to maintain lawful levels and not cause or contribute to worsening air quality.
- C. Development is encouraged to use tree planting as a way of minimising the impacts of air pollution. Proposals that are accompanied by a tree planting strategy which demonstrates that healthy trees of appropriate species will be planted in locations where their ability to absorb nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and particulates is greatest, will be encouraged.

Version 3.3 of Policy GOD15 was included in the Draft Godalming & Francombe Neighbourhood Plan issued for Regulation 14 Consultation.

As part of their representation to the Regulation 14 Consultation, Waverley Borough Council expressed concern regarding the wording of this policy stating that:

"We have a number of concerns over policy GOD15: Healthy Air, particularly relating to part C.

The plan cannot require developments to meet more stringent standards than those set out in EU or UK environmental standards. It cannot require development to be less polluting than the existing development that it will replace. New development on greenfield sites would also not be able to be 'air quality positive' if there is no existing development on the site.

The Government's Planning Practice Guidance on air quality is useful: <u>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/air-quality--3</u>.

We would also encourage you to discuss the Section on Air Quality with the Council's Environmental Health Team, which is responsible for monitoring air quality."

Having received these comments, further discussions were held between WBC and GTC to gain an understanding of WBC's concerns and explain The Neighbourhood Plan's position.

GTC provided WBC with written comments in response to their stated concerns, these comments are set out below:

An important point to note is that the Godalming and Farncombe Neighbourhood Plan Policy GOD15 – Healthy Air, is based on the Knightsbridge Neighbourhood Plan policy on healthy air which has just passed Examination. It was drafted by the lead from Clean Air for London with the help of leading environmental lawyers. It is part of the evidence being used for a new Clean Air Act which was presented in the House of Lords week beginning 2 July 2018.

As such there is Neighbour Planning precedence behind this policy -

During passage through examination the policy had been amended to drop references to air emission screening and in acknowledgement that Godalming is a different environment than Knightsbridge, further amendments were made to address some of the concerns raised by WBC. Further comment is shown below:

GoFarNP Policy GOD15 does not require more stringent standards, but it does require that whilst EU standards remain applicable that the more stringent of EU or UK standards are applied.

As evidenced by <u>https://www.middevon.gov.uk/media/85182/air_quality_spd-adopted.pdf</u> *Mid_Devon_Local_Development_Framework_AIR_QUALITY_ACTION_Supplementary_Planning Document on Air Quality and Development.*

Air quality is capable of being a material consideration in determining planning applications and as such a criteria for an air quality screening and subsequent air quality assessment can be determined by a local policy such as Policy GOD 15. B

"An air quality assessment can be required where a significant change in air quality is expected. This change comprises both construction and operational impacts in addition to new exposure. The criteria for determining if an assessment is required can be based upon the scale of the development or changes in traffic flows predicted, the clearest approach is to use scale of development as the criteria. This obviates the need to predict traffic flows before it can be determined if an assessment is required."

There seems to be no clear formulae for determining a criteria for the scale of development, the mid-Devon air quality action document suggests, amongst others, a criteria of 75 dwellings or 60 + vehicle movements per hour. Whereas the Institute for Air Quality Management <u>http://www.iaqm.co.uk/text/guidance/air-quality-planning-guidance.pdf</u> suggests only "major" developments, such as defined within the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order (England) 2010 [(Wales) 2012]. These include developments where:

- The number of dwellings is 10 or above;
- The residential development is carried out on a site of more than 0.5ha where the number of dwellings is unknown;
- The provision of more than 1000 m2 commercial floor space; or
- Development carried out on land of 1 ha or more.

As such it is proposed that the Town & Country Panning Order definition of 'major development' is used.

The guidance provided at <u>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/air-quality--3</u> paragraph 003 Reference ID: 32-003-20140306. Revision date: 06 03 2014 - Are air quality concerns relevant to neighbourhood planning? States that:

"Air quality concerns can be relevant to <u>neighbourhood planning</u>, and it is important to consider air quality when drawing up a neighbourhood plan or considering a neighbourhood development order. The local planning and environmental health departments will be able to advise whether air quality could be a concern."

It is argued that Air Quality as evidenced by WBC's 2016 Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR) – 2018 Reissue, is a concern to the Godalming NP area.

As such the requirement that all new development should not cause or contribute to worsening air quality is considered an appropriate aspiration of the Neighbourhood Plan. As is the requirement for major developments to demonstrate this via an air quality assessment, and if necessary appropriate mitigation.

It is further argued that specific mitigation for larger developments (in excess of 50 dwellings or 5000m²) in the form of the provision of Electric Vehicle Charging Points EVPs, in line with GOD 11 and WBC's 2016 Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR) – 2018 Reissue, is also an appropriate Neighbourhood Plan Policy.

Following a meetings with WBC to discuss their representations, Godalming Town Council made further amendments to Policy GOD15.

POLICY GOD15: HEALTHY AIR (GoFarNP Version 3.3.3 dated July 2018)

- A. Development should not damage the health of the air by increasing emissions of harmful pollutants to it. Such pollutants include: greenhouse gases; those considered by the United Nations to cause adverse impacts to the natural environment; and particles and gases considered by the World Health Organisation (WHO) to be harmful to human health. Any proposal that results in a significant increase in air pollution will only be justified in exceptional circumstances.
- B. Development should comply at least with all minimum EU or UK environmental requirements in relation to air pollutants whichever is the more stringent.
- C. All development is encouraged to be at least 'air quality neutral' and should not cause or contribute to worsening air quality. For major developments (as defined by the Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order (England) 2010 [(Wales) 2012) this may most appropriately be demonstrated through an air quality assessment, and if necessary, proposed mitigation measures.
- D. Development is encouraged to use tree planting as a way of minimising the impacts of air pollution. Proposals that are accompanied by a tree planting strategy which demonstrates that healthy trees of appropriate species will be planted in locations where their ability to absorb nitrogen dioxide (NO2) and particulates is greatest, will be encouraged.
- D. Mitigation proposals for developments in excess of 50 dwellings or 5000m² will be required to include the provision of Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVPs) in line with Policy GOD 11 and Waverley Borough Council's 2016 Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR) 2018 Reissue.

Following this amendment a further meeting was held with WBC the outcomes of which are summarised below:

Healthy Air GOD15

WBC have concerns about wording of the policy in as much as the use of the single descriptor 'Development' is a catch all and their concern is that it would affect every planning application from replacement windows in a Conservation area to a single story house extension to a major development.

So where the GoFarNP says:

'15.A Development should not damage the health of air by increasing emissions of harmful pollutants to it......' every single application would have to prove that they are not doing so, which in turn would place an unacceptable burden on the developer (home owner).

Same with 15.b 'development should comply with at least all minimum EU or UK environmental requirements'.... How is that proven/demonstrated by small home improvement developers?

For 15.c 'All development is encouraged to be at least 'air quality neutral' and should not cause or contribute to worsening air quality.......' The question here is how is this measured?

WBC has a new Officer in post and will get further comment/suggestion to GTC as soon as they can but in the meantime GTC need to consider these points and provide clarification or wording that avoids the 'catch all' element.

On 19 July GTC received further comments from WBC with a suggested redraft of Policy GOD15 – Air Quality.

"Environmental Health have reviewed the draft policy for Godalming and consider that the following would be an improvement. Their main concern is that, as written, no development would be granted permission in Godalming which we do not think is the intention of the NDP. In addition, there is a lack of evidence around the benefits of tree planting (for example for particulates) and a lack of justification for other parts of the policy, particularly outside the AQMA.

The suggestion is below which we would be grateful if your Members would consider. We would be very happy to discuss this with you further".

POLICY GOD15: AIR QUALITY

- A. Development should not cause unacceptable risks to air quality.
- B. An air quality assessment should be undertaken in the following circumstances:
 - a) Development with the potential to impact on air quality within an AQMA, either on its own or having regard to cumulative planned developments.
 - b) Development with the potential to impact on air quality where there are concerns that an air quality objective might be exceeded, either on its own or having regard to cumulative planned developments.
 - c) Development introducing a new sensitive receptor within an AQMA.

Mitigation measures adopted to minimise impacts on air quality should have regard to any local policies, strategies and air quality action plans in AQMAs, as well as local air quality concerns about the development, and the type, size and activity of the development.

Having considered WBC comments it is RECOMMENDED that GTC's position is that:

The wording of the GTC's redrafted policy (version 3.3.3) has been very carefully considered. The final sentence of GOD15.A is the relevant test for a planning application. It states:

"Any proposal that results in a **<u>significant</u>** increase in air pollution will only be justified in exceptional circumstances."

The key word is 'significant'. No one is suggesting that minor developments of windows or singlestorey house extensions etc. would be likely to result in a significant increase in air pollution.

The first two sentences of GOD15.A are statements. It is the final sentence that applies the policy test.

Where GOD 15.B states that:

"development should comply with at least all minimum EU or UK environmental requirements'....

Generally this will be picked up through building regulations for minor applications – you comply by using material that meet the BS standard or EU equivalent.

Where 15.C. states that:

All development is encouraged to be at least 'air quality neutral' and should not cause or contribute to worsening air quality'

Major development can assess this through an air quality assessment. As stated above, minor applications are unlikely to be in a situation where there would be any suggestion that they would be worsening air quality, so this wouldn't be an issue. But the key word, again carefully chosen, is 'encouraged'. This is fundamentally different from requiring an applicant to do it.

On the issue of mitigation by tree planting, GTC is unclear about what a 'lack of evidence' means and would question whether there is no evidence or that what evidence exists is not overwhelming, in which case GTC is unable to determine without further guidance what evidence threshold is required before it is deemed an appropriate action.

Regarding the apparent lack of justification especially outside of the AQMA, GTC would reference back to WBC 2016 Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR) 2018 Reissue which reports that the annual mean concentration of NO₂ in the Godalming AQMA has been generally increasing every year excluding 2014 and WBC's statement of 2003 that stated "rather than simply focus on tackling the issues identified in these three areas [AQMA's] the document seeks to take a broader approach – raising the awareness of air quality throughout the Borough of Waverley.

The geography and constraints of the road network of Godalming is such that a significant proportion of vehicle movements have no alternative route other than through the AQMA, as such major developments anywhere within the NDP area will inevitably mean more movements through the AQMA and hence a decrease in air quality, which is why a policy should not just look at the AQMA in isolation.

This position is further supported by Waverley Borough Councils' own findings on Public Health as contained in its report:

"Factors Affecting Health Inequalities in Waverley – A Review Report of the Community Wellbeing Overview & Scrutiny Committee July 2018".

WBC executive resolved on 10 July 2018 to accept the recommendations contained within the report, one of the most important recommendations being that:

"Waverley to take public health outcomes into account in all council policies and decisions, even though the Council has no statutory responsibility for public health."

In light of this resolution, paragraph 2.6 of the report is pertinent to this discussion:

"Planning Policy has a significant influence over the built and natural environment, e.g. in neighbourhood design, housing, healthier food access, the natural and sustainable environment and transport infrastructure. Planning Policy can improve healthy life expectancy of the local population by focusing on three strategic areas:

- Improve Air Quality
- Promoting Healthy Weight
- Improving Older People's Health"

Having considered all Regulation 14 representations plus further representations and discussions with Waverley Borough Council Planning Department and recent Neighbourhood Development Plan

examinations, along with Waverley Borough Council's stated priority for improvements to Air Quality within the Borough in general and the AQMA's in particular, the following Policy GOD15 is recommended for consideration by the Policy & Management Committee for inclusion into the Proposed Godalming & Farncombe Neighbourhood Planning Document.

POLICY GOD15: HEALTHY AIR (version 3.4 dated 23 July)

Development should not damage the health of the air by increasing emissions of harmful pollutants to it. Such pollutants include: greenhouse gases; those considered by the United Nations to cause adverse impacts to the natural environment; and particles and gases considered by the World Health Organisation (WHO) to be harmful to human health, therefore:

- A. Any proposal that results in a significant increase in air pollution will only be justified in exceptional circumstances.
- B. Development should comply at least with all minimum EU or UK environmental requirements in relation to air pollutants whichever is the more stringent.
- C. Development is encouraged to be at least 'air quality neutral' and should not cause or contribute to worsening air quality. For major developments (as defined by the Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order (England) 2010 (Wales) 2012) this may most appropriately be demonstrated through an air quality assessment, and if necessary, proposed mitigation measures.
- D. Mitigation measures adopted to minimise impacts on air quality should have regard to local policies, strategies and air quality action plans in AQMAs, as well as local air quality concerns about the development, and the type, size and activity of the development. Proposals that are accompanied by a tree planting strategy as a way of minimising the impacts of air pollution is encouraged.
- E. Mitigation proposals for developments in excess of 50 dwellings or 5000m² will be required to include the provision of Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVPs).

Godalming November Event Budget 2018

THE BURYS				
Item	Cost exc VAT		Item	Income exc VAT
Fireworks	£5,000.00			
Safety barriers/generator	£790.00			
Labour (set up/clear down)	£600.00			
PA System	£600.00			
SIA	£500.00			
Band	£500.00			
Additional advertising	£650.00			
banners	£665.00			
			Sponsorship - Chamber of	
Misc	£50.00		Commerce	£1,250.00
Waste disposal	£100.00			
Radios	£187.50		Hot food concessions	£400.00
Transport				
	£250.00		Fair (donation)	£700.00
Crown Court Car Park	£290.00		Ticket sales Eventbrite	£7,025.60
First Aid (St Johns)	£45.00		On Night Sales	£2,000.00
			Procession Torches sales	,
Coloured Wrist bands	£195.00		(150)	£525.00
	£10,422.50		. ,	£11,900.60
	,			
Income/expenditure	-£1,478.10			
	2016	£	201	7 £
Family (£11.24) [£15.00]	209	£2,349.00	24	9 £2,799.00
Adult (£4.52) [£6.40]	738	£3,336.00	83	9 £3,792.00
Child (£2.25) [3.50]	45	£101.00	7	0 £158.00
		£5,786.00		£6,749.00
On Night Sales		£2,566.00		£0.00
-	Total	£8,352.00		£6,749.00
Tickets (income) [buyers cost]	2018	£		
Family (£10.20) [£13.50]	300	£3,060.00		
Adult (£4.26) [£6.00]	900	£3,834.00		
Child (£1.88) [£3.00]	70	£131.60		
		£7,025.60		
On Night Sales		£2,000.00		
	Total	£9,025.60		



COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

Introduction

Effective communications provide residents, partners and stakeholders with clear messages to enable access to Godalming Town Council services; raise understanding of the Council's vision as well as the benefits of the Council's services for the local communities.

<u>Aim</u>

Godalming Town Council has identified a need to utilise a communications culture that recognises the growing importance of digital channels, such as social media, by residents, partners and stakeholders who are seeking to find, as well as share news and information. This strategy sets a framework to guide Godalming Town Council's communications and marketing activities to ensure they support the future aims of the Council's as set out in its *Supporting Our Community Document* adopted on 19 July 2018 http://godalming-tc.gov.uk/supporting-our-community

Objectives of the Strategy

- To ensure Godalming Town Council's services, priorities, aims, objectives and challenges are communicated openly and effectively to the local community;
- To identify cost effective methods and systems to communicate with residents, partners and stakeholders;
- To promote a positive image within the community;
- To manage any negative impact of service failure;
- Measure effectiveness of communications activities.

Communication Principles - Godalming Town Council will:

- Communicate as one organisation;
- Communicate in plain English;
- Ensure communications are transparent, timely and focused on issues that matter to residents, partners and stakeholders;
- Ensure communications are widely accessible;
- Listen to and engage with the community.

Communication Audience

• Godalming residents;

- Government bodies and non-governmental bodies;
- Local business community;
- Local community and voluntary groups and organisations;
- Other local authorities and parish councils;
- Social media audiences;
- The media (national, regional, local and trade (as appropriate));
- Users of Godalming Town Council services;
- Visitors/tourists to Godalming.

Communications Channels

Godalming Town Council will use the following communication channels:

- Agendas, Minutes and Reports;
- Annual Report;
- Email correspondence;
- GTC Website;
- GTC newsletters;
- JBC Website;
- Mail correspondence when appropriate;
- Media releases;
- Media broadcast local/regional/online;
- Office reception service;
- Outdoor marketing banners, noticeboards;
- Partner websites and social media pages;
- Printed materials, leaflets, posters, flyers and brochures;
- Public events, displays, roadshows, consultations;
- Social media Twitter, Facebook, Instagram;
- Statutory public notices.

Communications Themes

Godalming Town Council will utilise communication channels for:

- Public relations and media engagement
 - Proactively inform the public about Godalming Town Council, its aims and objectives, plans and services;
 - Develop and maintain effective media relations, locally, regionally and nationally to raise the profile of Godalming Town Council;
 - Manage the reputation of Godalming Town Council turning reactive activity into proactive activity wherever possible.
- Digital Communications
 - o Identify opportunities to benefit Godalming Town Council and the communities it serves;
 - Promote the work of Godalming Town Council and its services;
 - To listen and engage with residents;
 - Increase online accessibility to council services.
- Marketing Activities
 - Raise Godalming Town Council's profile nationally and locally as a great place to live, work, visit and invest in;
 - Deliver cost effective information campaigns;
 - Provide marketing activity for events and activities that supports the work of the Council;
 - Enhance recognition of Godalming Town Council's brand identity;

- Ensure consistency of the Council's identity by officers, partners and external suppliers to ensure easier and quicker public recognition of GTC's services.
- Publications
 - Develop and improve council produced publications that support the Council's communications activities e.g. Supporting Our Community;
 - Utilise publications that offer value for money and are timely for residents and other target audiences;
 - Review the effectiveness and relevance of corporate publications to GTC's target audience.

Benchmarking Measures of Success

The following activities will be benchmarked for measurements of success

- Public relations and media engagement
 - Monitor proactive and reactive media releases (*see press strategy);
 - Monitor social media engagement growth (reach/number of views);
 - Monitor GTC website engagement;
 - Monitor JBC website engagement;
 - Produce feedback surveys for community.
- Digital Communications
 - Monitor number of visitors to
 - www.godalming-tc.gov.uk
 - http://godalming-tc.gov.uk/godalming-joint-burial-committee/
 - Monitor and evaluate social media engagement growth (reach/number of views) for GTC social media/online platforms.
- Marketing Activities
 - Use of consistent and professional branding across the Council for all communications and marketing material;
 - Monitor feedback and customer satisfaction on marketing and events campaigns via social media channels.
- Publications
 - Distribution/readership statistics;
 - Monitor feedback created by published articles.

Supporting Policies and Guidance Documents

- Acceptable Use of Social Media
- Acceptable Use of IT Facilities
- Press Strategy
- Supporting Our Community Publication
- Freedom of Information Publication Scheme
- GDPR Privacy Notice

GTC Costs for Administration of Godalming Joint Burial Committee

Staff Costs Including On Costs

% of Cost	Service	Amount
7.5%	TC	£4,730
12%	RFO	£5,682
10%	SSE	£3,918
25%	FS	£8,960

Cost Centre 101

% of Cost	Service	Amount
75%	Essential Car Users Allowance	£929
15%	Office Recharge	£2,274
15%	Computing	£1,200
15%	Telecom	£248
15%	Printing	£360
15%	Stationary	£423
15%	Postage	£234
	TOTAL	£28,958
	Plus 2.5% Inflation (July 2018)	£724
	GTC/GJBC recharge 2019/20	£29,682 +VAT

1. Staff costs reflect the estimated time of staff members who have a direct function and responsibility for GJBC administration and operational activities.

2. The mean average of staff time engaged in GJBC activity is 16.6%, this has been rounded down to 15% for office support costs with the exception of the essential car users allowance which is evenly split between 25% GTC and 75% GJBC to refelect actual journeys undertaken

3. It is recommended that, subject to staff time being reviewed once GTC's time management system is fully implemented, the above formula is used for future years (reviewed every 4 years) adjusted for the CPI rate prevailing in July each year. This will allow for both GTC and GJBC to set appropriate budgets.

15. <u>RIGHTS OF WAY – NATALIE WAY</u>

Members will be aware that concern has been raised about a possible closure of a perceived Public Right of Way (PROW) along Natalie Way which is located between Flambards Way and the National Trust Wharf.

Natalie Way is a private road that provides access to what was known as Southern House which is being converted into residential flats, with the National Trust also having limited vehicular access to the wharf, hence the locked barrier gate which has been located for many years at the end of Natalie Way to prevent unauthorised vehicular access onto the Wharf. It is understood that during the transfer of ownership the developer established with the National Trust and the Land Registry the correct boundary line between the Wharf and Natalie Way. It was when close board fencing and gates indicating that no PROW existed were erected at the new boundary line that some residents contacted Councillors about this matter.

Members may wish to note the following in relation to this issue:

- The developer has not actually closed the gates at the Wharf end of the route so pedestrian access still exists
- The responsibility for determining a Modification to the Definitive Map Order under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (WCA) to establish a PROW lies with the Country Council.
- If an application under the WCA is made to SCC, the landowner can either choose to support such an application or to oppose it.
- Even if an application is made under the WCA a Landowner may, if they so choose, close the route until any such determination is made.
- Applications for a Modification to the Definitive Map Order are dealt with in strict order of receipt by the County, currently determinations are taking in excess of two years.
- It does not require a 'public body' such as a council to make an application, applications may be made by individuals, resident groups or any other group or organisation.

In order to establish whether a solution to a potential problem could be found, The Town Clerk met with the developer, from this meeting and subsequent investigation and correspondence, the Town clerk has established:

- The developer's concerns regarding litter that accumulates along the route caused by pedestrians using the route.
 - As a private road, WBC will not add it to their litter/cleaning schedules;
 - Cleaning is currently being conducted by the developer, however, once they finish on site the responsibility would fall either on the residents or building management company, which would have to be funded by the residents service charges, which the developer considers unfair.
- From observation is appears that the majority of the pedestrians using Natalie Way do so to access Sainsbury's;
- Measuring the distance from the junction of Natalie Way and Flambard Way along the route to the point it exits the Wharf onto Woolsack way is a distance of 242 metres;
- Using the same measuring method, the distance between the same points via the public footpaths along Flambard Way and Woolsack Way measure a distance of 228 metres, which is further reduced to 218 metres by cutting across the retail car park;
- The developer is not prepared to concede that a PROW exists along Natalie Way;

- The developer believes evidence exists to refute any claim of unfettered access/PROW;
- <u>The developer has offered to enter a Permissive Path Agreement and allow public non-</u><u>vehicular access along this route on each day of the year with the exception of the 26</u> December (Boxing Day).

In light of the developer's offer regarding a Permissive Path Agreement, the Town Clerk has informed SCC of this offer and has made the necessary introductions for this process to proceed.

Attached for the information of Members is a guide from SCC on the process for applying for a Modification to the Definitive map order and the evidence form which would need to be gathered from a variety of sources to support the application.

The Town Clerk requests a decision from Members as to whether further GTC resource should be expended at this time to facilitate an application for a Modification to the Definitive Map Order, or whether Members are content, at this point, to allow negotiations to proceed in respect of a Permissive Path Agreement.



APPLYING FOR A MAP MODIFICATION ORDER

Introduction

Anyone can apply for a Map Modification Order (MMO) to change the Definitive Map and Statement - the legal record of public rights of way. Users might believe that because the public have used a path for a number of years it should be added to the map or that historic evidence supports a change; landowners and occupiers might believe that a right of way should never have been shown on the map or that it is shown on the wrong line

Before applying for an order you will need to gather sufficient evidence to persuade the County Council that on the balance of probabilities the Definitive Map needs changing. The procedure for making a formal application is set out below. The council *can* make an order without having received a formal application, but if you do not make a formal application you will not have any right of appeal if the council decides not to make an order and there is no set timescale for the council to investigate your claim.

How to make a formal application

The form in which the application must be made is prescribed by law - the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and the Wildlife and Countryside (Definitive Maps and Statements) Regulations 1993 (SI 1993 No. 12) - copies of which can be obtained from HMSO or downloaded from their website <u>www.opsi.gov.uk</u>. Alternatively, *Rights of Way: A Guide to Law and Practice, Riddall and Trevelyan 2001* - published by the Open Spaces Society and the Ramblers Association - contains useful information, including copies of the relevant legislation and advice about how to make a claim.

You must firstly submit an application to the County Council [**Form A**] together with a map showing the route, preferably based on the 1:2500 Ordnance Survey Map; and any supporting documentary evidence and completed public user evidence forms.

Documentary evidence might include:

- Inclosure Awards and maps
- Tithe Awards and maps
- Parish Council minutes
- old maps
- title deeds

If your application is based on user evidence it is not necessary for every claimant to have used the path for twenty years, but the claimants' evidence, taken together, must

show twenty years unbroken use. The use must have been by the public at large and not by employees of the landowner or visitors to the landowner or his tenants.

You must serve notice on every owner and occupier of land affected by your application [**Form B**]. If you are unable to trace the owner or occupier of the land, you may ask us to exempt you from this requirement and agree to you posting a notice on the land instead. We will normally agree to this if you can show that you have made every reasonable effort to trace the owner and occupier.

Before we can deal with your application you must send us a signed and dated Certificate of Service of Notice of Application [**Form C**], listing the names and addresses of all the people you have served notice on.

What happens next?

We will deal with your application as soon as possible, and aim to make a decision whether to modify the Definitive Map or not, within twelve months of receiving it. If we have not done so, you may ask the Secretary of State for Environment Food and Rural Affairs to direct us to deal with it within a specific time limit.

As part of our investigation we will ask the affected landowner(s) for their views and invite them to produce any evidence that may be relevant to the application. We will also consult the Parish and District Councils. All of the evidence produced will be considered and if the claim is based on user evidence, we will interview a selection of the claimants. We will then make a decision on the basis of all the available evidence.

We will notify you of our formal decision

- a) If we decide not to make an order you will have 28 days from our notice of decision for you to appeal to the Secretary of State.
- b) If we decide to make an order we will advertise it in the local newspaper and on site and notify the local councils the landowner and user groups. There will be 42 days for people to object to the order if they wish.
- c) If there are no objections we will confirm the order. If there are objections, we must send it to the Secretary of State who will appoint an independent Inspector to consider the evidence, either by written representations or by holding a Public Inquiry.
- d) When an order is confirmed, either by the council or by the Secretary of State, it will be publicised as in b). There is then a period of 28 days during which the validity of the order can be challenged in the High Court on the grounds that it was made or confirmed outside the powers of the Act or that the Act has not been complied with. The High Court may quash the order if is satisfied that this is the case.

Form A

APPLICATION FOR A MODIFICATION TO THE DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

To: Surrey County Council Countryside Legal – Room 365A County Hall Kingston upon Thames KT1 2DY

I/We (i)

of (ii)

hereby apply for an order under section 53(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 modifying the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by (iii):-

	(a)	Deleting the footpath/bridleway/restricted byway/byway open to all traffic* which runs		
		from:		
		to:		
	(b)	Adding the footpath/bridleway/restricted byway/byway open to all traffic* which runs		
		from:		
		to:		
	(c)	Upgrading/downgrading to a footpath/bridleway/restricted byway/byway open to all traffic* the footpath/bridleway/byway open to all traffic which runs		
		from:		
		to:		
traffic*	(d)	Varying/adding to the particulars relating to the footpath/bridleway/restricted byway/byway open to all		
		from:		
		to:		
		by providing that		
as show	n on the	the map annexed hereto.		
I/We att applicati		pies of the following documentary evidence [including statements of witnesses] in support of this		
	(iv)			
Signed:		Date:		
* Delete	as appro	priate		

Specimen Form A Application

Selina Fielding (i)

62 Cleveland Lane, Rowton, Surrey of (ii)

hereby apply for an order under Section 53(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 modifying the definitive Map and Statement for the area by (iii):-

Deleting the footpath/bridleway/byway open to all traffic* which runs (a)

from:

to:

- (b) Adding the footpath which runs
 - Cleveland Lane (grid reference) from:
 - *Field Lane (grid reference)* to:
- Upgrading/downgrading to a footpath/bridleway/byway open to all traffic* the (c) footpath/bridleway/byway open to all traffic which runs

from:

to:

(d) Varying/adding to the particulars relating to the footpath/bridleway/byway open to all traffic*

from:

to:

by providing that

as shown on the map annexed hereto

I/We attach copies of the following documentary evidence [including statement of witnesses] in support of this application:-

Extracts from 1st Edition of Ordnance Survey 1:2500 scale map (iv) dated 1874 showing the route in question. Minutes of the Rowton Parish Council referring to the condition of the path on various occasions between 1896 and 1910 32 evidence forms completed by claimants showing use of the route over a period from 1920 to 2000. Selina Fielding

Signed:



NOTICE TO LANDOWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

Dated:....

Signed:.....

Specimen Form of Notice to Landowners and Occupiers [Form B]

- To *Mr D George*
- of Wood Farm, Field Lane, Rowton

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 March 2004

I Selina Fielding of 62 Cleveland Lane, Rowton, Surrey,

made application to the Surrey County Council, Countryside Legal- Room 365A, County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 2DY that the Definitive Map and Statement for Surrey be modified by *adding the footpath from Cleveland Lane (grid reference) to Field Lane (grid reference).*

Dated 21 March 2004 Signed: Selina Fielding

Form C

SURREY CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE OF NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATION ORDER

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

To: Surrey County Council Countryside Legal – Room 365A County Hall Kingston upon Thames KT1 2DY

I/We:

of (i)

hereby certify that the requirements of paragraph 2 of Schedule 14 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 have been complied with in relation to the attached application.

The notices have been served on

Signed:

Date:

Specimen Form of Certificate of Service of Notice of Application for Modification Order [Form C]

To Surrey County Council Countryside Legal – Room 365A County Hall Kingston upon Thames KT1 2DY

I Selina Fielding

of 62 Cleveland Lane, Rowton, Surrey

hereby certify that the requirements of paragraph 2 of Schedule 14 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 have been complied with

The notices have been served on Mr D George of Wood Farm, Field Lane, Rowton

Dated: 14 April 2004

Signed: Selina Fielding

RoW/Masters/LW/005

Public Right of Way User Evidence Form

UEF Number (for office completion)

This form should be completed and returned to the person making the application so that it can be submitted with or form part of an application seeking a change to the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way.

It is intended to provide preliminary evidence about the application. When the Order- Making Authority (OMA) commences detailed research, an officer from that authority may contact you to seek further information or ask you to be interviewed about your evidence.

The form is designed to help establish whether or not the route being claimed in the application is a public right of way. It also provides evidence of how it is used (for example on foot, on horseback, by vehicles etc).

You should answer the questions as fully as possible and not keep back any information, whether for or against the public claim. This is important if this information is to be of real value in establishing the status of the application route. The information given may be examined at a public inquiry.

This form should be completed by one person only and should relate to only one route. If you need more space please continue on a separate sheet which will need to be attached to this form.

If completing the form by hand, please ensure it is written legibly and in black ink.

Confidentiality – Please Read Carefully

The information you give in this form cannot be treated as confidential.

- The information you provide will be retained by the OMA for the purposes of undertaking its statutory obligations in accordance with The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, section 53. For the purposes of data protection, the OMA is the data controller. It may use an Agent to undertake certain obligations on its behalf. If so, the Agent will be the data processor.
- It may be necessary for the OMA to disclose information received from you to others, which may
 include other local authorities, the Planning Inspectorate and other government departments,
 public bodies, other organisations, landowners and members of the public. If you would like to see
 how we use your personal data please read our privacy notice at <u>www.surreycc.gov.uk/yourcouncil/your-information-and-privacy</u>.
- If the OMA proceeds with the application but it is contested (for example by a landowner), there
 may be a public inquiry. This will be held locally and your evidence will be made available to it. If
 you are unable to attend your evidence will be given in writing, but user evidence is of much greater
 value if you attend in person and are prepared to answer questions about it. Inquiries are kept as
 informal as possible and the OMA will help you with the procedure.
- The information you give in this form will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. It is held by the OMA's Rights of Way Service for the sole purpose of processing the application for the route referred to.







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DECLARATION – Important please read carefully

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Under the GDPR the OMA has a duty to inform you about how your personal data will be handled. Information provided in this form will be used to that the OMA may undertake its statutory duties in accordance with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 section 53. In order to determine if a public right of way exists it may be necessary to disclose information received from you. The information provided on this form cannot be treated as confidential (other than your personal contact details and signature contained on this page). You should only provide us with the information requested if you are happy for it to be placed in the public domain. Do not include information about another person.

This form and the details contained therein will be retained by the OMA and considered and published as part of its statutory duty to determine the application to establish whether a public right of way exists. In signing it, you are acknowledging that it may be made publically available.

ABOUT YOU	
Name (MR/MRS/MISS/MS/OTHER)	
Address	
Please print your name	
Home Telephone Number	
Mobile Telephone Number	

Email Address

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STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I BELIEVE THAT THE FACTS AND MATTERS CONTAINED IN THIS FORM ARE TRUE AND I HAVE READ THE DECLARATION ABOVE

Your Signature:

Date:

You should keep a copy of the completed form

Warning: If you dishonestly enter information or make a statement that you know is, or might be, untrue or misleading, and intend by doing so to make a gain for yourself or another person, or to cause loss or the risk of loss to another person, you may commit the offence of fraud under section 1 of the Fraud Act 2006, the maximum penalty for which is 10 years' imprisonment or an unlimited fine, or both.

THE INFORMATION ON THIS PAGE WILL ONLY BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ONCE AN ORDER HAS BEEN MADE

THE INFORMATION BEYOND THIS POINT WILL NOT BE CONFIDENTIAL

UEF Number (for office completion)

CP...../...../

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE FORM

ABOUT YOU

- 1. Year of Birth
- 2. Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?

If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE

3. Describe the application route (include start and finish points and provide OS grid references if you can)

4. MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

Please mark the route on the attached map and annotate it with anything you provide details about in this form. Please sign and date your map.

YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

5. In which years did you use the application route?

From	То	
From	То	
From	То	

6. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?





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7. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

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	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot						
On horseback						
By pedal cycle						
By car						
Other [please specify]						

8. For what purpose were you using the application route?

9. Has the application route always followed the same course?

□Yes

□No

Don't	know

If no – how and when was the route altered?

10. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

11.	What type of surface does the application route have?
	(for example grass, gravel, earth)
	[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

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12. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route? (state location and show on your map)

	Where were they?	How long were they in place
Stiles		
🗆 Yes 🗆 No		

	Where were they?	How long were they in place	Were they locked?	When were they locked?
Gates			🗆 Yes 🗆 No	
🗆 Yes 🗆 No				

	What were they?	Where were they?	How long were they in place
Other Barriers			
🗆 Yes 🗆 No			

13. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

□ No □ Yes

If yes, please give details

14. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way?

(for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

🗆 No	□ Yes	Don't know

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map. If possible please include the wording of notices.

15. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

□ No □ Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

Land Ownership

16. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

🗆 No	🗆 Yes
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If yes, provide details and dates

17.	Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

🗆 No 🛛 Yes

lf yes,

From whom?	
whom?	
When?	

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18.	Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public
	(including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their
	employment)?

No		Yes
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If yes, by whom and when?

19. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

No	Yes
110	100

If yes, please give details including when this happened

- 20. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?
 - □ No □ Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

- 21. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc)
 - □ No □ Yes

If yes, please give full details, including who gave the permission, why and when

Other Information

- 22. Do you have, or do you have knowledge of, any documentary evidence which is relevant to the application route or which indicates public use? (for example photographs, guidebooks, letters, sale documents, old maps, etc)
 - □ No □ Yes

If yes – please provide details

23. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether the application route should be recorded as a public right of way?

[Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]

[If you wish to provide a separate sketch map, please do so and attach to this form]

24. During the investigation the OMA may want to interview some or all of the claimants in order to gather additional information. Would you be willing to talk to an officer from the OMA about your knowledge of the application route?

Yes	No

25. Would you be willing to attend a hearing or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

□ Yes □ No

GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL

Disclosure by a Member¹ of a disclosable pecuniary interest or a non-pecuniary interest in a matter under consideration at a meeting (S.31 (4) Localism Act 2011 and the adopted Godalming Members' Code of Conduct).

As required by the Localism Act 2011 and the adopted Godalming Members' Code of Conduct, **I HEREBY DISCLOSE**, for the information of the authority that I have [a disclosable pecuniary interest]² [a non-pecuniary interest]³ in the following matter:-

COMMITTEE: DATE:

NAME OF COUNCILLOR: _____

Please use the form below to state in which agenda items you have an interest.

Agenda No.	Subject	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Non- Pecuniary Interest	Reason

Signed

Dated _____

¹ "Member" includes co-opted member, member of a committee, joint committee or sub-committee

² A disclosable pecuniary interest is defined by the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) regulations 2012/1464 and relate to employment, office, trade, profession or vocation, sponsorship, contracts, beneficial interests in land, licences to occupy land, corporate tenancies and securities

³ A non-pecuniary interest is defined by Section 5 (4) of the Godalming Members' Code of Conduct.