

**MINUTES AND REPORT OF THE POLICY & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON 15 AUGUST 2024**

- * Councillor Follows – Chair
- * Councillor Weightman – Vice Chair

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| * Councillor Adam | 0 Councillor Holliday |
| 0 Councillor Clayton | * Councillor Kiehl |
| * Councillor Crooks | * Councillor Martin |
| 0 Councillor Crowe | * Councillor PMA Rivers |
| 0 Councillor C Downey | 0 Councillor Steel |
| * Councillor S Downey | 0 Councillor Thomson |
| * Councillor Duce | * Councillor Williams |
| * Councillor Heagin | |

* Present # Absent & No Apology Received 0 Apology for Absence L Late

182. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2024, having been previously circulated, were signed by the Chair as a true record.

183. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and recorded as above.

184. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER REGISTERABLE INTERESTS

Members made no declarations of interest in relation to any item on the agenda for this meeting, which is required to be disclosed by the Localism Act 2011 and the Godalming Members' Code of Conduct.

185. PETITIONS/STATEMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No petitions/statements/questions had been received from members of the public in accordance with Standing Order No 4.

186. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

No questions from Councillors were submitted in accordance with Standing Order 6.

187. ACCOUNTS PAID SINCE LAST MEETING & SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

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Godalming Town Council	£210,547.58
Accounts paid since the 12 July 2024	£270,094.35
Receipts received since the 12 July 2024	
Balance held in HSBC Current Account	£154,433.21
Balance at 15 August 2024	
Balance held in the HSBC Business Deposit Account	£539,196.05
Balance at 15 August 2024	
CCLA Deposit Account	£950,000.00
Balance at 15 August 2024	

A schedule of the accounts paid was tabled for the information of Members and a copy is attached to record minutes. The vouchers relating to these payments were also tabled at the meeting for inspection. All payments made were in line with the agreed budget or other resolution of this Committee or Full Council.

Members agreed that the Chair should sign the schedule of accounts paid.

188. WAVERLEY'S STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY – CONSULTATION

The Gambling Act 2003 requires Waverley to have a Statement of Gambling Policy, that it keeps under review, and that it must completely review within every three-year period. The current Waverley policy has been in place since January 2022 and has to be reviewed over the next few months. This will lead up to a new policy being in place by January 2025 for a further three-year period, unless amended earlier.

In the first instance, before the formal consultation began Waverley's Council Officers looked at the policy and made some minor changes to it. Waverley Borough Council is now formally seeking views on its Statement of Gambling Policy. The policy itself, as amended can be found on the Waverley website at [Waverley Borough Council - Current licensing consultations](#).

Members noted that the consultation closes at midnight on 25 October 2024 and that unless Members bring forward any specific comments on the proposed Statement of Gambling Policy, GTC will not make a formal response to the consultation. Any Member wishing to put forward any comments that they feel should be endorsed by GTC are to provide them to the Town Clerk no later than Monday, 30 September for them to be brought to the next P&M Committee meeting for consideration.

All comments received by Waverley, will be placed before the relevant Licensing Committee and the Council for final consideration and approval, and it is intended that the policy, as revised, following the consultation will be in place by January 2025.

189. COMMITTEE REPORTS & KEY DATES

Members noted the Committee's Reports' Schedule and Key Dates Programme.

190. TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL BODIES

There were no updates received.

SALC AGM & Conference

The 2024 SALC AGM & Conference will take place on Tuesday, 19 November at Silvermere Golf Club, Cobham from 10:30 until 15:30.

Further details can be found on the the SALC [website](#). As well as an opportunity to network with colleagues, SALC has secured an interesting programme of speakers including Chris Borg, Policy Manager NALC; Carolyn McKenzie, Director of Environment Surrey County Council; Tim Wilcott, Digital Cabinet Office and Andrew Jeffrey, Town Clerk Godalming Town Council who will talk about the fantastic work Godalming Town Council has done with its Youth Services.

Members who wish to attend are requested to let the Support Services Executive know as soon as possible.

Members will wish to note that Cllr Heagin is a voting representative for GTC on SALC. The Town Clerk has been informed that due to the size of GTC, it may, if it so wishes, nominate a second voting representative.

Members agreed that Cllr Thomson is to be GTC's second voting representative on SALC.

191. IS SURREY SAFE FOR WOMEN CONFERENCE

Members nominated the following councillors as representatives from Godalming Town Council to attend this event, Cllrs Thomson and Weightman.

Surrey Hills Soroptimists, a charity organisation working to transform the lives of women and girls, is organising a conference at Broadwater Pavilion, Godalming on Wednesday, 20 November at 09.30-16.00 entitled "**Is Surrey Safe for Women**" bringing together decision-makers, officials and opinion-formers to shine a light on the topic of VAWG (violence against women and girls). The event is designed to offer tools and practical advice as well as insights to help ensure our towns and villages in Surrey are safe for women and girls to live, visit and work in.

Representatives from Surrey, Waverley, Guildford, Woking, Farnham and other Surrey councils are attending, along with the police and other NGOs and support groups, the organisers wish Godalming Town Council to also be represented.

Information on the event can be found at <https://sigbi.org/surrey-hills/is-surrey-safe-for-women-conference-2024/>

Cllr Thompson indicated a wish to attend this event.

192. COMMUNICATIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

Members identified the following items from this meeting to be publicised and the type of publicity required:

193. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Policy & Management Committee is scheduled to be held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, 26 September 2024 at 7.00pm or at the conclusion of the preceding Environment & Planning Committee meeting, whichever is later.

194. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members were asked to respond to the invite to the Mayors Bar-B-Que on 30 August. Members were also reminded that the Duck Race is scheduled for 7 September.