



FARNHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda Council

Time and date

Thursday 15th May, 2025 at 6.00 pm

Place

Council Chamber - Farnham Town Hall.

To ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the Annual Meeting of **FARNHAM TOWN COUNCIL** on **Thursday 15th May, 2025, at 6.00 pm** in the Council Chamber - Farnham Town Hall. The Agenda for the meeting is attached.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Iain Lynch'.

Iain Lynch
Town Clerk

Members' Apologies

Members are requested to submit their apologies and any Declarations of Interest on the relevant form attached to this agenda to customer.services@farnham.gov.uk by 5pm on the day before the meeting.

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This meeting is digitally recorded and retained until the minutes are signed.

Members of the Public are welcome and have a right to attend this Meeting. Please note that there is a maximum capacity of 30 in the public gallery.



FARNHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Disclosure of Interests Form

Notification by a Member of a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter under consideration at a meeting (Localism Act 2011).

Please use the form below to state in which Agenda Items you have an interest.

If you have a disclosable pecuniary or other interest in an item, please indicate whether you wish to speak (refer to Farnham Town Council's Code of Conduct for details)

As required by the Localism Act 2011, I hereby declare, that I have a disclosable pecuniary or personal interest in the following matter(s).

FULL COUNCIL: 15 May 2025

Name of Councillor

	Nature of interest (please tick/state as appropriate)		
Agenda Item No	I am a Waverley Borough Councillor/Surrey County Councillor*	Other	Type of interest (disclosable pecuniary or Other) and reason

* Delete as appropriate



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Prayers

Prior to the meeting prayers will be said in the Council Chamber by the Revd Sandy Clarke, vicar of St Thomas-on-the-Bourne. Councillors and members of the public are welcome to attend.

1 Election of Mayor 2025/26

To elect a Town Mayor for 2025/26.

2 Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Mayor

To receive the Mayor's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3 Apologies

To receive apologies for absence.

4 Disclosures of Interest

To receive from members, in respect of any items included on the agenda for this meeting, disclosure of any disclosable pecuniary or other interests, or of any gifts and hospitality, in line with the Town Council's Code of Conduct.

NOTES:

- (i) *The following councillors have made a general non-pecuniary interest declaration in relation to being councillors of Waverley Borough Council: Cllrs David Beaman, Alan Earwaker, Tony Fairclough, George Hesse, Andrew Laughton, Mark Merryweather, Kika Mirylees, George Murray, John Ward, and Graham White.*
- (iii) *The following councillor has made a general non-pecuniary interest declaration in relation to being a councillor of Surrey County Council: Cllr Michaela Martin;*
- (iv) *Members are requested to make any declarations of interest, on the form attached, to be returned to customer.services@farnham.gov.uk by 5pm on the day before the meeting.*

Members are reminded that if they declare a pecuniary interest they must leave before any debate starts unless dispensation has been obtained.

5 Minutes

(Pages 5 - 18)

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Farnham Town Council meeting held on 1st May 2025 at Appendix A.

6 Election of Deputy Town Mayor 2025/26

To elect the Deputy Town Mayor for the municipal year 2025/26.

7 Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Deputy Mayor

To receive the Deputy Mayor's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

8 Vote of thanks to retiring Town Mayor

To receive the Vote of Thanks for the retiring Town Mayor Cllr Brodie Mauluka.

9 Presentation of Past Town Mayor's Badge and Past Town Mayoress' Badge

Past Town Mayor's Badge to be presented to Cllr Brodie Mauluka and Past Town Mayoress's badge to Mrs Caroline Mauluka.

10 Appointment of Leader or Spokesperson of the Council

In accordance with Standing Order 4.1, a Leader or Spokesperson for the Council can be Appointed at the Annual Council Meeting but if no appointment is made, the role of Spokesperson for the Council will be undertaken by the Lead Member of the Strategy and Resources Working Group.

11 Date of Next Meeting

To agree the date of the next meeting as Thursday June 19th 2025 at 6pm.

The Town Mayor will close the meeting and invite Members and invited guests to stay for light refreshments.

Council Membership:

Alan Earwaker, David Beaman, Mat Brown, Sally Dickson, Tony Fairclough, George Hesse, Chris Jackman, Andrew Laughton, Michaela Martin, Brodie Mauluka (Mayor), Mark Merryweather, Kika Mirylees, George Murray (Deputy Mayor), John Ward, Graham White and Tim Woodhouse



FARNHAM TOWN COUNCIL

A

Minutes Council

Time and date

6.00 pm on Thursday 1st May, 2025

Place

Council Chamber - Farnham Town Hall

Councillors

Councillor Alan Earwaker
Councillor David Beaman
Councillor Mat Brown
Councillor Sally Dickson
Councillor George Hesse
Councillor Chris Jackman
Councillor Andrew Laughton
Councillor Michaela Martin
Councillor Brodie Mauluka (Mayor)
Councillor Mark Merryweather
Councillor Kika Mirylees
Councillor George Murray (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor John Ward
Councillor Graham White
Councillor Tim Woodhouse

Apologies for absence

Cllr Tony Fairclough

Officers Present:

Iain Lynch (Town Clerk), Lucy Dorkins (Business & Facilities Manager), Jenny de Quervain (Civic & Planning Officer)

There were 2 members of the public and no members of the press in attendance.

Prior to the meeting, prayers were led by Pastor Michael Hall.

CI06/24 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Fairclough.

C107/24 Disclosures of Interest

Cllr Merryweather declared an Interest as Portfolio Holder for Assets and Finance at Waverley Borough Council.

C108/24 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th March were agreed as a correct record for signing by the Mayor.

C109/24 Questions and Statements by the Public

Cllr Peter Clark (of Waverley Borough Council) and a resident of Farnham, made a Statement in relation to an item on the agenda about Local Government Reorganisation and the anticipated proposal by Surrey County Council to select four parts of Surrey for pilot area arrangements ahead of decisions on the future of the unitary council structure.

Cllr Clark advised the Government had said that local government reorganisation was the first step to devolution but no power was filtering down to the local level, it seemed to be more centralising.

Surrey County Council was no longer an elected body and was proposing 6 councillors for Farnham in its new unitary; the districts and boroughs would propose 9 councillors in a three unitary structure favoured by eight of the councils.

As Surrey was not fully parished this was tricky. The Government had promised a white paper but this has been shelved, and the county has proposed in its submission community boards where everyone attending has an equal voice and is planning to pilot it before a decision is known. It is not the county Council's role to do this said Cllr Clark but the new Shadow unitary authorities. He urged Farnham Town Council to be cautious and not fall into a trap.

Cllr Clark understood there was a lack of information and participating in a pilot might provide some of the detail but he suggested the town council should defer making a decision on participating in something that could appear to give legitimacy to something that was premature.

The Mayor thanked Cllr Clark for his contribution.

C110/24 Town Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor advised that since the last meeting he had had an interesting range of events to attend. The Installation of the High Sheriff of Surrey Peter Cluff on 21 March was a lovely tradition and Farnham looked forward to welcoming him to Farnham for the VE Day event on 8th May.

The Mayor attended TS Swiftsure Sea Cadets for the opening of the refurbished 'heads', and also met the head of East Hants District Council's at her Civic Day at Butser Ancient Farm.

The Mayor said it was an honour to be a Judge at the Children's Business Fair and the young entrepreneurs were an inspiration. He was also a judge at the 'Brightwells Win a Shop' presentations and wished the two winners every success.

Farnham Beerex is always a notable event on the Farnham calendar and the Mayor enjoyed pouring one of the first pints at the Lions Club's 48th event. The same weekend was the Classic Car event in Central Car Park in aid of the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. The Mayor extended congratulations to the Farnham Round Table who invited him to celebrate their 90th year of serving the community.

The Mayor ended his announcements on the amazing celebration for both the Farnham Town Football Club and the Farnham Rugby Club with an open top bus tour of the town following them winning their respective leagues. This had been an amazing achievement and he was very proud of them and of Cllr Fairclough and Cllr Powell who worked behind the scenes with a small team to make the celebration go so well.

As this was the Mayor's last Council full Council meeting he took the opportunity to thank councillors and everyone for their support during his Mayoral year.

C111/24 Questions by Members

There were no questions by Members in accordance with Standing Order 9.

C112/24 Working Group Notes

1 Community & Culture Working Group

- 1.1 Cllr Mirylees presented the report of the Community Working Group held on 16th April at Appendix B to the agenda. She reported that it had been a very successful year and the Working Group had reviewed recent events including the very successful Literary Festival with over 50 events in 11 venues plus a schools' programme. 24 of the events had been run by FTC.
- 1.2 The Working Group has also considered future events including the 80th commemoration of VE-Day on 8th May and the summer programme. Cllr Mirylees also reported on progress on the new film festival which was still under discussion and was hoped to take place over a weekend in early 2026.
- 1.3 Cllr Murray advised that the Business Improvement District was recruiting after the resignation of Cat Mitton, and that the new Town Rangers had begun work and were providing both a security presence for business and a welcome for visitors.

2 Strategy & Resources

Cllr White introduced the Notes of the Strategy & Resources meeting held on 23rd April, at Appendix C to the agenda.

2.1 Finance

The main item from the meeting, the end of year finance report, was a separate item on the Council agenda at Appendix D. Council also noted that the list of Standing Orders and Direct Debits for 2025/26 had been reviewed and agreed.

2.2 Farnham Infrastructure Programme

Cllr Beaman updated Council on progress on the Farnham Infrastructure Programme being implemented by Surrey County Council. Council noted that, after some teething problems, the implementation phase was working better than expected and the right turn from Castle Street was working very well. He advised that discussions had taken place on the rain gardens and ironstones, and it appeared that the Surrey team was prepared to be flexible in response to the representations made by Farnham Town Council and others.

Cllr Martin raised the issue of the problems businesses were facing with the roadworks and proposed that the Council write in support of Farnham businesses to the Valuation Office to suggest a revaluation would be appropriate for the duration of the works due to the significant disruption being faced by businesses. On a proposal by Cllr Martin, seconded by Cllr Dickson:

It was RESOLVED unanimously that the Town Clerk write to the District Valuer in support of local businesses during the implementation phase of the Farnham Infrastructure Programme in view of the disruption being caused.

Double-hatted councillors were asked to ensure that Waverley Borough Council, perhaps through the Economic Development Team, also writes in support. Cllr Martin would speak with Surrey Officers as well.

2.3 Website Update

Council welcomed the progress on the new website. Councillors had been impressed with the presentation on the new style and layout. It was noted there would be another presentation to councillors in June after officers had reviewed the content pages.

2.4 Working Groups and Timetable of Meetings

The Leader introduced the proposal from Strategy & Resources to streamline the Working Groups and adapt the Task Groups so they were better aligned with the Working Groups.

In order to ease the pressure on councillors' diaries, main meetings were being concentrated on Mondays and Thursdays. Council noted that if a matter was pressing in between working groups, it could be raised through Strategy & Resources.

It was RESOLVED unanimously that

- 1) A Community & Wellbeing Working Group be created; the Community & Culture Working Group be renamed as Culture & Business; and that the adjustments to the Task Groups be agreed.**
- 2) The draft timetable of meetings for 2025-26 municipal year be approved.**

2.5 Contracts and Assets

Council received an update on the playground contract and the need to remove all the playground for health and safety reasons and to create a compound without impacting too much on the Gostrey Meadow events.

It was RESOLVED unanimously that:

The Eibe site compound be based on the Union Road section of the park and that all the existing play equipment be removed on safety grounds.

Council welcomed progress made on the potential transfer of assets from Waverley Borough Council and that the Community Asset Transfer bids were about to be submitted to Waverley Borough Council with adjustments proposed by the Local Government Review Task Group and Strategy & Resources.

Cllr Woodhouse was grateful for the confirmation that the Bourne Green and Hale Recreation Ground were protected because of their Village Green status but hoped FTC could prioritise other green spaces that could be at risk. He hoped FTC could get a copy of the asset lists from both WBC and SCC. Cllr Martin advised she had asked many times for a copy of the Surrey list but neither Surrey Officers or the Portfolio holder had been prepared to issue the list yet.

Jenny de Quervain advised that the Local Plan part 2 and the Neighbourhood Plan had policies to protect designated green spaces, and the updating of the Neighbourhood

Plan could incorporate these. Councillors had been asked to identify which areas were important in their wards.

Council noted that the Christmas Lights tender was about to be put out to tender, and also noted the impact of changes to waste legislation and the need to cut back three willows on land transferred by WBC to FTC at Farnham Riverside because of a subsidence claim.

2.6 Neighbourhood Plan Task Group

Cllr Martin introduced the Neighbourhood Plan element of the Strategy & Resources report. Council noted that AECOM had been asked to price the work needed to update the Farnham Design Statement into a Farnham Design Code. FTC had offered to help Waverley support the process if it could be expedited with a design study, updating the HDA Landscape Character Assessment; the urban capacity study and an Infrastructure review. On the final point, WBC requested this is left to them so not to confuse providers. Steve Tilbury (FTC Planning advisor) was preparing a scoping report to commission an urban capacity study for Farnham similar to that carried out in Hart District.

Cllr Martin thanked Cllrs Beaman and White for hosting the first Neighbourhood Plan ward meeting which had been very good and suggested it was a good model for others.

2.7 Younger People Panel

Cllr White introduced the Younger People Panel report by advising Council that the Children's Business Fair had been very impressive and that the organisers were making a presentation to the next Younger People Panel.

The Working Group had considered the School Holiday Grant applications for 2025 with 9 applications totalling over £38,300 for grants available of £20,000. It was agreed to recommend grants totalling £18,055 with a small sum retained for later applications during the year. The following grants were recommended:

Name of organisation	FTC Award
40 Degreez	£4,000
Bethel Baptist Church	£750
Chantry's Community Association	£1,500
Farnham Baptist Church	£500
Farnham Maltings	£4,000
Hale Community Centre	£4,000
Hive Helpers	£305
Rural Life Living Museum	£3,000
Total	£18,055

**It was RESOLVED unanimously that:
The grants listed be approved**

2.8 Christmas Lights Task

Council noted the elements the Christmas Lights tender aiming to retain the simplicity and heritage-appropriate elements of the classic gold and white scheme to reflect the town's Georgian architecture. The tender would be for a period of five years with the opportunity to renew for five years. Shortlisted bidders would be invited to present to the Task Group in June/July.

It was RESOLVED unanimously that the elements of the Christmas Lights tender be endorsed.

2.9 Local Government Reorganisation

Cllr White introduced the discussion that had taken place at the Working Group on its report at Appendix S. The County Council was proposing a two unitary option and most of the districts a three unitary option which would be set out in bids to the Government by 9th May. It was understood that Surrey was proposing to pilot its area board/panel concept and one was expected to cover the Farnham area. There was concern over the democratic deficit in what was proposed especially in areas which had no parishes but the Working Group felt it was better to be involved in order to understand and shape or steer the best outcome for Farnham. The Farnham Society had been in touch with Waverley, Surrey and the MPs to understand their position on reorganisation, and asked why FTC was not involved. The Leader advised that there wasn't yet enough information.

Councillor Merryweather said the suggestion was premature since there was no proposal on which unitary option would be taken forward. Surrey should be judge on what it does not what it says since it has previously cancelled the area committees that Farnham was involved in, and Surrey makes no distinction between elected bodies and unelected groups. It was understood that Waverley and the districts saw unparished areas being parished under a new unitary.

Some councillors felt it was wrong to be rushed into the new concept and give legitimacy to an unacceptable process by being involved since it would allow Surrey to say to government that their proposal was best as people such as FTC were involved.

Other councillors argued that Farnham had not yet been invited and that any decision should be deferred until at least September when there would be a better idea of whether there was going to be one, two or three unitaries created. The idea of better liaison with police and health was a good thing.

There was concern that the new bodies would be talking shops and a quango without any powers. They could emasculate parish councils by the back door and encourage to say to government that one of the largest parishes in the country were involved.

Cllr Ward said that this was an old chestnut and a rehash of old proposals. FTC should discuss this in the future when it was known what was going on and in the meantime take the initiative and mirror what was proposed to be set up with organisations such as police, health, local businesses, the Farnham Society and other community organisations including the Farnham Society and get them involved in our meetings and Working Groups. Then, when the new unitary was set up FTC would already have well established relationships. The Town Clerk advised that the new Community & Wellbeing Working Group would enable relevant health or police issues to be discussed ahead of the new unitaries.

On a proposal by Cllr Ward, seconded by Cllr Merryweather,

It was RESOLVED unanimously that:

FTC renews its efforts to get other organisations to join in and participate with the Council on matters of interest to the local community.

C113/24 **Approval of Year End Accounts 2024-25**

Cllr White introduced the report on the 2024-25 accounts at Appendix D highlighting the End of Year Finance papers for audit and the discussion at Strategy & Resources. The overall income position was £2,396,408 (against a budget of £1,784,568) whilst expenditure was £1,825,681 (against a budget of £1,806,950). The higher than anticipated income was primarily due to Section 106 and CIL receipts, along with significantly higher interest as a result. After the planned transfers for Christmas lights and elections were and the earmarked CIL and section 106 allocations allocated to reserves, there was a positive surplus of £81,831 of income over expenditure.

1. Council welcomed the Internal Auditor's letter and recommendations at Appendix F following the end of year audit and received the draft Report and Financial Statements at Appendix G which included the detail of earmarked reserves and grants distributed during the year. The General Reserve was agreed as £602,597 (2023/24: £505,765) The precept for the year ahead was £1,535,300 and the budget £1,964,500, so the earmarked reserve represents 31% (2023/24: 28%) of operating expenditure or 39% of precept (2023/24 37%). This is a prudent level for Farnham Town Council given the level of earmarked reserves in addition.
2. The Governance Statement at Appendix H was endorsed;
3. The details of the updated Assets Register at 31-3-25 were received;
4. The detail on the variances between the 2023/24 Annual Return and the 2024/25 Annual Return were noted alongside the more detailed explanations in the report at Appendices E1 and H1, the latter relating specifically to the AGAR (Annual Accountancy and Governance Return).
5. Council noted the level of CIL received that was included in earmarked reserves and that end of year adjustments meant that all of the CIL receipts had been committed to specific infrastructure projects.
6. Council agreed the dates for the exercise of public rights to inspect the accounts as being between 3rd June and 14th July 2025.

It was RESOLVED unanimously that

- 1) **The report on the 2024-25 finances be adopted;**
- 2) **the 2024-25 Outturn be welcomed;**
- 3) **the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, page 4) be approved;**
- 4) **The Internal Auditor's report be welcomed and the recommendations agreed;**
- 5) **The updated Asset Register be approved;**
- 6) **The Report and Financial Statements including the general and earmarked reserves for 2024-25 be adopted for signature;**
- 7) **The variances list for the Annual Return be agreed;**
- 8) **The Annual Governance and Accountability Return and associated papers be approved for signature and submission to the External Auditor.**

C114/24 **Planning and Licensing Applications**

Cllr Laughton introduced the Minutes of the Planning & Licensing Consultative Group meetings on 24 March, and 7th and 28th April at Appendices I, J and K.

There were five key matters Cllr Laughton drew attention 2. The first, an application to increase seating in the outdoor customer area as part of J D Wetherspoon plans to redevelop what was Slug & Lettuce. FTC has asked that the developer mitigate noise for local residents.

FTC has objected to the County Council's proposed monolith double sided digital signboard application on Highways land at Hickleys Court as it is against policy FNP4. Digital signage conflicts with the historic market town, distracts motorists and is unnecessary. WBC planning has indicated it intends to approve the application but it has being called in to committee.

FTC has raised concerns over a number of issues for the erection of 162 dwellings at Centrum Business Park which contradict the FNP and LPPI policy (including height at six storeys, air pollution, traffic congestion, cycle connectivity, lack of affordable housing, SANG provision). Further clarification from WBC has been sought and provision for a commuted sum if affordable housing were not to be delivered on site.

FTC has maintained its objections to the Macdonalds application, Blackwater Valley Road, as it will impact on Tices Meadow Nature reserve and in addition noted new evidence regarding the presence of water voles in the area.

FTC is objecting to one of the street names (currently Siskin Road) since it will be a no through road and therefore contrary to WBC street naming policy and beyond the powers of the street naming team whose argument was they were future proofing the area.

The Street Naming Team had refused to accept an alternate name of Siskin Close, and so on a proposal by Cllr Loughton, Seconded by Cllr Merryweather **it was RESOLVED unanimously to put in a formal objection to Siskin Road.** All other street names were OK.

Cllr Beaman indicated he would also object as a WBC councillor.

The reports were approved.

C115/24 **Election of Working Groups 2025-2026**

Councillors had suggested their preferences for the Working Groups, Panels and Task Groups they wished to be part of in 2025/26 as set out at Appendix L. Provisional allocations had been made based on Standing Orders 15 and appointments confirmed by Council as set out below.

The Mayor proposed and it was agreed nem con, that Council be adjourned in order that each Working Group appoint its Lead Member to confirm the composition of the Strategy & Resources Working Group. Meetings of each Working Group were held in turn.

i) **Community and Well-being Working Group**

On a nomination by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Mauluka, and with no other nominations, it was agreed that Cllr Earwaker be appointed as Lead Member.

ii) **Culture and Business Working Group**

On a nomination by Cllr Martin, seconded by Cllr Earwaker and with no other nominations, it was agreed that Cllr Mirylees be appointed as Lead Member

iii) **Environment Working Group**

On a nomination by Cllr Earwaker, seconded by Cllr Jackman and with no other nominations, it was agreed that Cllr Brown be appointed as Lead Member.

It was noted that the Leader of Council and Lead Member of Strategy & Resources would be appointed at the Annual Meeting of Council, and that the Planning & Licensing Consultative Group and Panels and Task Groups would appoint their Lead Members at the first meeting.

Working Group	Membership 2025-26
Strategy & Resources Working Group (6 members plus Lead Members from Working Groups not already appointed to this Working Group) Meeting time: Mondays at 2pm	Cllr Graham White Cllr David Beaman Cllr Mat Brown * Cllr Alan Earwaker* Cllr Tony Fairclough Cllr George Hesse Cllr Andrew Laughton Cllr Michaela Martin Cllr Kika Mirylees* * (Lead Member - ex officio)
Community & Wellbeing Working Group* 6 Members Meeting time: Thursdays at 4pm	Cllr Alan Earwaker (Lead Member) Cllr Mat Brown Cllr Chris Jackman Cllr Andrew Laughton Cllr Brodie Mauluka Cllr Tim Woodhouse
Culture & Business Working Group (6 members) Meeting time: Thursdays at 10.30am	Cllr Kika Mirylees (Lead Member) Cllr Alan Earwaker Cllr Andrew Laughton Cllr Michaela Martin Cllr Brodie Mauluka Cllr Graham White
Environment Working Group (6 members) Meeting time: Thursdays at 4pm	Cllr Mat Brown (Lead Member) Cllr Alan Earwaker Cllr Chris Jackman Cllr Mark Merryweather Cllr Graham White Cllr Tim Woodhouse
Planning & Licensing Consultative Group (8 members – ideally one per ward) All councillors are requested to review applications in their own ward and advise of any issues/concerns Meeting time: alternate Mondays at 9.30am	Cllr David Beaman Cllr Alan Earwaker Cllr Andrew Laughton Cllr Brodie Mauluka Cllr George Murray Cllr Mark Merryweather Cllr Graham White Cllr Tim Woodhouse
Standing Panels	Membership 2025/26
HR Panel (Task Group of Strategy & Resources but may go direct to Council) (6 Members)	Cllr David Beaman Cllr Mat Brown Cllr Andrew Laughton Cllr Graham White Cllr John Ward Cllr Tim Woodhouse

Services to Farnham Awards Panel (Task Group of Council) (Normally 5 members) <i>Meets twice a year or as required</i>	Mayor Deputy Mayor Cllr Chris Jackman Cllr Kika Mirylees *Plus Community Representative and Tindle Newspaper representative if required
Younger People Panel (Task Group of Community & Wellbeing) (6 members) With additional partner organisations invited to relevant meetings.	Cllr Mat Brown Cllr Alan Earwaker Cllr Andrew Laughton Cllr Brodie Mauluka Cllr Graham White Cllr Tim Woodhouse

Liaison Councillors for Younger People Panel (expected to report to the Panel)	2025/26
40 Degreez	Cllr Mat Brown Reserve – Cllr Alan Earwaker
Hale Community Centre	Cllr Tony Fairclough Reserve – Cllr Andrew Laughton
Jubilee Hub	Cllr George Murray

Task Groups	Membership 2025/26
Allotments Advisory Group (Task Group of Environment WG) Meets 2 or 3 times a year (2 members with Allotment site reps)	Cllr Mat Brown Cllr Chris Jackman
Assets Task Group (Task Group of Strategy and Resources) Meets as required (5 members)	Cllr Tony Fairclough Cllr George Hesse Cllr Chris Jackman Cllr Kika Mirylees Cllr Tim Woodhouse
Literary Festival Advisory Group (Task /Advisory Group of Culture & Business) (3 members with partner organisation representatives)	Cllr Matthew Brown, Cllr Andrew Laughton Cllr Kika Mirylees
Local Government Reorganisation Task Group (Task Group of Strategy and Resources) Meets as required (6 members)	Cllr George Beaman Cllr Michaela Martin Cllr Mark Merryweather Cllr Kika Mirylees Cllr Graham White Cllr Tim Woodhouse

Infrastructure Task Group including Neighbourhood Plan/ Farnham Infrastructure Programme and Community Infrastructure Levy * (Task Group of Strategy and Resources) (5 members)	Cllr David Beaman Cllr George Hesse Cllr Michaela Martin Cllr Mark Merryweather Cllr Graham White
World Craft Town Advisory Group (Task/advisory Group of Culture & Business WG) 3 Members with representatives of other relevant partner organisations	Cllr Brodie Mauluka Cllr Andrew Laughton

C116/24 Election of councillors to act as liaison for Farnham Town Council with external organisations.

A report on preferences to be the Council's Representatives on Outside Bodies which would report back to the relevant Working Group Group, Task Group or Council was attached at Appendix L. After discussion, the following appointments were agreed:

	2025/26 representative
Waverley Towns and Parishes Meetings	Mayor/Leader
Surrey Association of Local Councils (2 representatives)	Mayor/Leader

Culture & Business Liaison councillors

Farnham/Andernach Friendship Association	Cllr Brodie Mauluka Cllr Tim Woodhouse
Farnham Business Improvement District Board	Cllr Michaela Martin Reserve - Cllr Andrew Laughton
Farnham Craft Town Advisory Group	Cllr Andrew Laughton Cllr Kika Mirylees
Farnham Forum	Cllr Mat Brown Reserve: Cllr Graham White
Farnham Maltings Association	Cllr Graham White
Farnham Public Art Trust	Cllr John Ward
Farnham Sports Council	Cllr Tim Woodhouse Reserve – Cllr Mat Brown
New Ashgate Gallery	Cllr Michaela Martin

Community & Wellbeing Liaison councillors

40 Degreez	Cllr Mat Brown Reserve – Cllr Alan Earwaker
Farnham Connects	Cllr Alan Earwaker
Brightwells Gostrey Centre	Cllr Alan Earwaker
Brightwells Yard CLG	Cllr Graham White
Creative Response	Cllr Alan Earwaker
Farnham Support Fund	Cllr Alan Earwaker
Hale Community Centre	Cllr Tony Fairclough
Jubilee Hub, Wrecclesham	Cllr George Murray
Health liaison	Cllr Mark Merryweather
Wey Valley Community Rail Partnership	Cllr David Beaman
Wrecclesham Community Centre	Cllr Graham White

Environment Liaison councillors

Blackwater Valley Recreation and Countryside Management Committee/ Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership	Cllr Chris Jackman
Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee	Cllr Andrew Laughton
Farnham Allotment Liaison Group (2) plus site reps	Cllr Mat Brown Cllr Chris Jackman
Farnham Biodiversity Partnership	Cllr Tim Woodhouse
Farnham In Bloom Community Group	Cllr Mat Brown
Farnham River Liaison Eg Rivers Management, Water Rangers, South East Rivers Trust, Wey Landscape Partnership etc	Cllr Mat Brown Reserve – Cllr Alan Earwaker
Plastic Free Farnham	Cllr George Murray
Runfold Quarry Community Liaison Group (Suez)	Cllr Michaela Martin Reserve - Cllr Mark Merryweather
Waverley Borough Council Farnham Air Quality Working Group	Cllr Graham White

Recreation Ground Committee Liaison Councillors

Badshot Lea Recreation Ground	Cllr Chris Jackman
Bourne Recreation Ground	Cllr Tim Woodhouse
Hale Recreation Ground	Cllr Sally Dickson
Wrecclesham Recreation Ground	Cllr Tim Woodhouse

CI17/24 Actions taken under the Scheme of Delegation

There were no additional items reported.

CI18/24 Reports from Other Councils

There were no reports from other councils.

CI19/24 Reports from Outside Bodies

There were no reports from outside bodies.

CI20/24 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was agreed as the Annual Meeting of Council at 6pm on Thursday 15th May.

CI21/24 Exclusion of the Press and Public

The Mayor proposed, and **it was RESOLVED unanimously that the press & public be excluded** in view of the confidential items under discussion.

CI22/24 Any confidential matters (if required) arising from discussions of the Working Group notes or HR Panel.

- 1) The minutes of the HR Panel held on 29th April were deferred.
- 2) The list of nominations for the 2025 Services to Farnham Awards was welcomed.

The Mayor closed the meeting at 8.40 pm

Chairman

Date

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