



LIMPSFIELD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

8 MAY 2025





CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION

Cllr Thomas Briggs



FINANCE

Cllr Antony Taylor



CASH RESERVES

- We started FY24/25 with £84,371 and ended with £78,318.
- We have 5 accounts: General Spending, CIL, Chart / Playground, Neighbourhood Plan Projects and a Liquidity Account (interest earning). **Total interest income of £1,029 for FY24/25**

Ring-fenced Reserves

- General reserve 50% of the annual precept – currently £16,658
- £10,000 for Chart Playground decommissioning -the balance of the Chart account is ring-fenced for Playground repairs
- Limpsfield Way maintenance fund - £2400 annual allocation plus carry forward
- We may need to set aside some funds for Devolution-related expenses (planning & assets transfers etc)

FY24/25 BUDGET OUTLINE

Budget allocation areas were:

- Biodiversity Initiatives inc small grants - £8,300
- Conservation Area Enhancement - £9,220
- Footpaths & Bridleways - £4,000
- General Running Costs - £25,262
- Grants & S137 - £4,000
- LNP Review - £2,500
- Maintenance of Parish Assets - £3,750
- Security / Business Support - £3,000

Total Budgeted: £76,400

Total Spent: £55,569

Percentage of budget spent: 73%

NB All budget items include VAT



FY 24/25 EXPENDITURE - £55,569

- Biodiversity - inc small grants £2,761 (5%)
- Conservation Area Enhancements £10,454 (19%)
- Footpaths & Bridleways £5,240 (9%)
- General Running Costs/ Staff £22,841 (41%)
- Local Grants & S137 £7,330 (13%)
- Maintenance of Parish Assets, Mowing £2,330 (4%)
- Other (inc planning appeals, legal) £1,756 (3%)
- Chart Playground & other recreation (benches) £2,857 (5%)

FY 24/25 INCOME - £49,516

- Precept (unchanged) £33,315 (67%)
- VAT reclaims £3,313
- CIL income £11,141 (22%)
- Other/Refunds etc £718
- Interest £1,029



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Ann Osborn





PLANNING

Cllr Jenny Williams

PLANNING OVERVIEW

- Key achievements this financial year
- Key challenges Limpsfield parish faces
- Key documents / designations that protect and enhance our parish



LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

Cllr Catherine Sayer

TANDRIDGE COUNCILLORS' DECISIONS

- To endorse the submission to MHCLG of the proposal for three unitary authorities within the boundary of Surrey
- To endorse the principle that each division in the newly formed unitary authorities within the Surrey boundary has three members per division
- This Council formally makes clear that it strongly opposes being part of any unitary arrangements which include Crawley Borough Council
- To confirm that this Council considers it is not appropriate to expect the residents of the Tandridge District to contribute to the resolution of the debt problems of other local authorities within Surrey

PROS & CONS

Advantages

- Saves money, better resilience
- Reduce duplication and streamline processes
- Improved and more consistent service delivery

Disadvantages

- Loss of local representation and democratic deficit
- Loss of community engagement
- Dilution of local identity

DISTRICTS & BOROUGH PROPOSAL

- Assumption that Government writes off Surrey's stranded debt
- Six essential principles:
 - Economic growth, housing and infrastructure delivery
 - Unlocks devolution – allows creation of Surrey Mayoral authority
 - Values and advocates for Surrey's unique local identities and places
 - Strong democratic accountability, representation and community empowerment
 - Secures financial efficiency, resilience and ability to withstand financial shocks
 - Delivers high-quality, innovative and sustainable public services
- Proposes three unitary councils

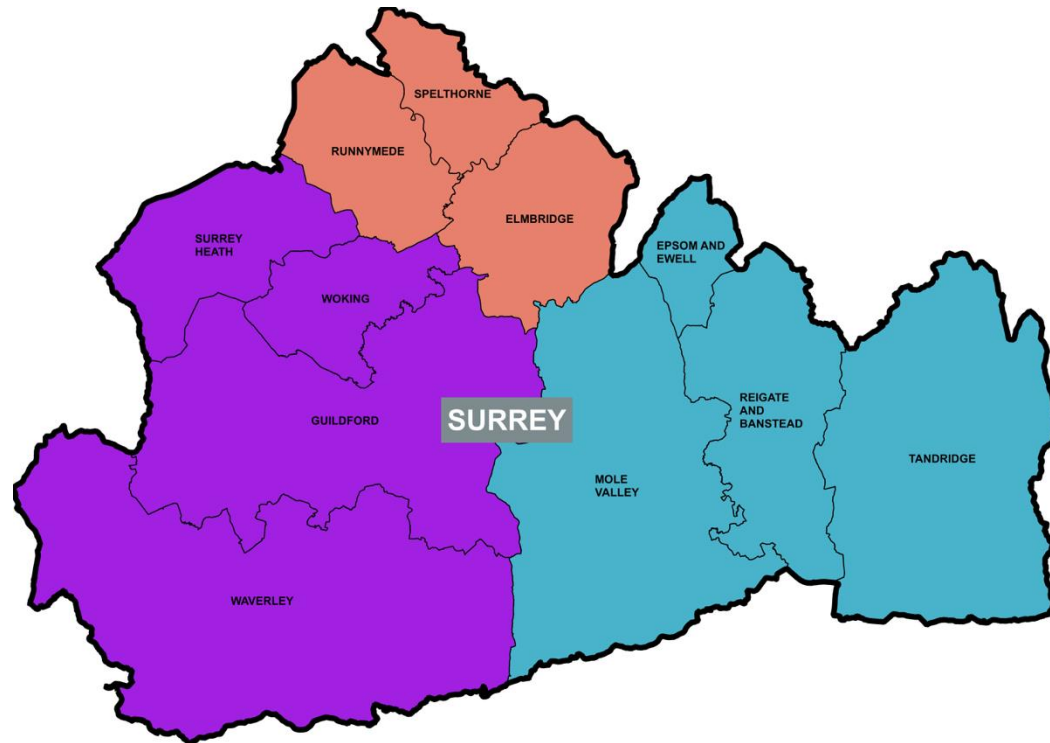
DISTRICT & BOROUGH - THREE UNITARY PROPOSAL

Populations:

East Surrey – 415k

North Surrey – 330k

West Surrey – 470k



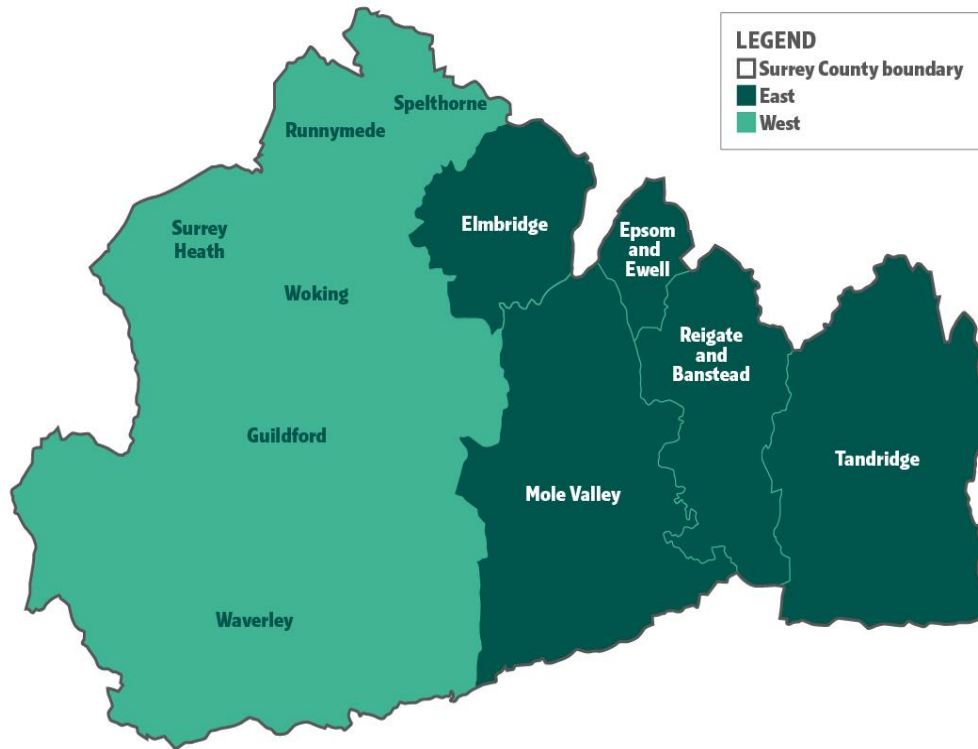
DEMOCRATIC ACCOUNTABILITY

- Recommends retaining Surrey County Council's existing 81 electoral divisions
- Each division to have three elected members
- Assumed that elections will take place on a 4-year cycle

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSAL

- Assumption that Government writes off Surrey's stranded debt
- Benchmarks single unitary model against two and three unitary scenarios
- Two-unitary model chosen
- Community boards to connect Mayoral Strategic Authorities and Unitary Councils to local communities

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL TWO UNITARY PROPOSAL



Populations:

East Surrey –
546,000

West Surrey –
657,000

DEMOCRATIC ACCOUNTABILITY

- Recommends retaining Surrey County Council's existing 81 electoral divisions
- 36 electoral divisions in East Surrey
- Each division to have minimum of two elected members

REIGATE & BANSTEAD + CRAWLEY PROPOSAL

- RBBC confirm support for three unitary arrangement in Surrey but also submit a case for Crawley to join Surrey unitary arrangements
- Case based on economic growth around Gatwick
- Complicated by different LGR timetables for Surrey and Sussex
- Contains options including Tandridge
- Tandridge District Cllrs strongly opposed to this proposal
- Tandridge geographically isolated

FINANCIAL CONTEXT: MEDIUM TERM BUDGET GAP

- £133.8m budget gap 5 years from now, across all Districts and Boroughs and the County.
- Consists of expected pressures of £145m – mainly in social care.
- Loss of Government funding through Fair Funding Review.
- Can be approximated across the proposed new unitaries as follows (with County element split by population weighted by deprivation for illustrative purposes only).
- Excludes Woking's irrecoverable debt (c. £171m a year pressure for debt servicing).

	Net Budget £m	Projected annual gap after 5 years	Gap as a % of revenue budget
East	495.8	37.3	8%
West	553.7	54.3	10%
North	416.1	42.3	10%
Total	1,465.6	133.8	9%

SIDE BY SIDE VIEW OF PROPOSALS

	Annual net saving after 5 years:					
	County	County			Difference	Difference
	2 Unitary	3 Unitary	D&B	D&B	2 Unitary	3 Unitary
	mid point	mid point	2 Unitary	3 Unitary	model	model
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Reorganisation / Transition Savings	19.099	10.282	40.388	29.075	21.289	18.793
Transformation Savings	42.204	30.453	46.200	39.854	3.996	9.401
Additional Council Tax	15.077	15.077	15.077	15.077	0.000	0.000
Total Savings	76.380	55.812	101.665	84.006	25.285	28.194
Disaggregation Costs	-38.133	-57.200	-12.072	-18.107	26.062	39.093
Total - Like for Like Comparison	38.247	-1.388	89.594	65.898	51.347	67.286

COUNCIL TAX

- D&Bs can raise by 2.99%.
- County & Unitaries can increase by 4.99% per year.
- 2% extra is for Adult Social Care precept.
- 2% a year additional assumed - £15m benefit to model after 5 years.
- Harmonise to the average for each unitary in year 1.
- Relatively neutral for TDC as higher than the average (so comes down) but offset by the 2% extra referenced above. (Max equivalent for TDC would be £2,198.35 if no LGR).

COUNCIL TAX

East							
District / Borough	25/26 Overall £	Increase/- Decrease to WA* £	%	4.99% increase on WA	Total increase £	Revised CT	Total increase %
Epsom and Ewell	2,079.27	10.60	0.5%	104.28	114.89	2,194.16	5.53%
Mole Valley	2,057.63	32.24	1.6%	104.28	136.53	2,194.16	6.64%
Reigate and Banstead	2,111.22	-21.35	-1.0%	104.28	82.94	2,194.16	3.93%
Tandridge	2,098.67	-8.80	-0.4%	104.28	95.49	2,194.16	4.55%
Weighted Average (WA=Total CTR divided by Tax base)				Gap from largest to smallest			
£2,089.87				£53.59			

Unitary split	2.1						
Band D council tax							
East							
District / Borough	25/26 Overall £	Increase/- Decrease to WA* £	%	4.99% increase on WA	Total increase £	Revised CT	Total increase %
Elmbridge	2,104.49	-10.65	-0.5%	104.48	93.84	2,198.33	4.46%
Epsom and Ewell	2,079.27	14.57	0.7%	104.48	119.06	2,198.33	5.73%
Mole Valley	2,057.63	36.21	1.8%	104.48	140.70	2,198.33	6.84%
Reigate and Banstead	2,111.22	-17.38	-0.8%	104.48	87.11	2,198.33	4.13%
Tandridge	2,098.67	-4.83	-0.2%	104.48	99.66	2,198.33	4.75%
Weighted Average (WA=Total CTR divided by Tax base)				Gap from largest to smallest			
£2,093.84				£53.59			



QUESTIONS

from the floor



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