

# THE SURREY LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## SLGA News - November 2009

### CURRENT MEMBERSHIP: 2009/2010

#### Chairman:

Cllr. David Munro, Surrey CC

#### Vice Chairman:

Cllr. John Furey, Runnymede BC

#### Honorary Secretary:

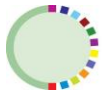
Rob Moran, Elmbridge BC

For the full membership list please  
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[www.surreylocalgovernment.gov.uk](http://www.surreylocalgovernment.gov.uk)

## SLGA TACKLES CLIMATE CHANGE

Taking positive action to address climate



Tackling  
Climate Change  
Together

change is a priority for all authorities in Surrey. At its meeting of 4 November, the Association resolved to establish a Member group within the Surrey Climate Change Partnership to address this priority. It was agreed that, as the importance of climate change issues increases, so does the necessity of bringing partners together to share understanding, research, and best practice. The Climate Change Partnership, which formed in 2008, comprises officers from all Surrey authorities and has already been working to reduce emissions and create low carbon communities. The new member group will facilitate joint political leadership to champion this agenda.

Speaking after the meeting, SLGA Chairman Cllr Munro said; "in Surrey, as in all regions across the Country, we need to work together to reduce the environmental impact of continued growth. The creation of this group will provide the political leadership in order to do this. The SLGA is committed to tackling climate change and ensuring the sustainability of Surrey's communities for future generations."

This new group will link in with work already taking place within in Surrey, not only within the Climate Change Partnership but, also the Surrey Improvement Partnership project on climate change. Members have

agreed to support the Surrey Climate Change Strategy, which provides the framework within which authorities will work together to take the agenda forward. The Strategy is currently being put to each authority for approval.

Vice-chairman Councillor Furey added: "we have a strong history of partnership working in Surrey, as can be seen in the SLGA and existing Surrey Waste Partnership. I am confident that the Climate Change Partnership will be able to build on this experience to promote a low carbon agenda and increase Surrey's capacity to tackle climate change."

## FUNDING CONFIRMED FOR SURREY YOUTH GAMES



At its meeting of 4 November the SLGA agreed to provide a total of £60,000 in funding to the Surrey Youth Games over the next three years. The Games are the largest annual youth festival in Surrey; involving over 39,000 youngsters aged seven to sixteen years since they began thirteen years ago. All districts enter teams into ten different sporting events, including two for young disabled persons. The Games are not an isolated event but, provide the focal point for youth sport programmes throughout Surrey. SLGA Chairman, Councillor Munro added, "I am pleased that the Association is able to support this programme, which is so important for the development of young people in Surrey."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Covering the Key Stories of the SLGA Meeting on 4 November 2009

◆ Surrey CC has recently launched the 'Drive SMART' project to tackle anti-social driving, which has been identified as one of the key concerns of Surrey residents. At the meeting of 4 November, Councillor Hammond spoke to the success of the launch and awareness events. This project will run for twelve months but, a large amount of the funding will go to



training and equipment that will be of lasting benefit to Surrey.

◆ The Association is committed to increasing efficiencies and improving services for Surrey's residents and it was agreed that further developing joint working to achieve this should be a key priority. A Member-led task group has been established to examine possibilities for closer working and this will be discussed at forthcoming meetings of the SLGA.

◆ Cllr Hack, SCC, has been appointed as the SLGA representative to the Regional Environmental Protection Advisory Committee. The Committee advises the Environment Agency on matters of regional interest, covering issues such as waste, pollution, and conservation.

◆ The SLGA has agreed to appoint a representative to the new Active Surrey Sport Partnership. This Partnership will advocate sport and physical activity in Surrey, representing the county regionally and nationally. The SLGA Nominations Panel will consider nominations received from the Districts before recommending a representative in the New Year. A representative shall also be appointed by Surrey County Council.

◆ The Surrey Improvement Partnership has launched a new Garden and Green Waste project, in conjunction with the Surrey Waste Partnership. This is an exploratory project that will examine the possibility of establishing a joint service entity amongst Surrey local authorities to provide the back office function for garden waste collections.

## NEW SLGA WEBSITE LAUNCHED

For the latest news and information on the SLGA please visit the recently launched website:



[www.surreylocalgovernment.gov.uk](http://www.surreylocalgovernment.gov.uk)

As well as new and events, this site provides information on membership, recent and forthcoming meetings, plus current projects and working groups.