

# THE SURREY LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## SLGA News - September 2009

### CURRENT MEMBERSHIP: 2009/2010

**Chairman:**

**Cllr. David Munro, Surrey CC**

**Vice Chairman:**

**Cllr. John Furey, Runnymede BC**

**Surrey County Council:**

Cllr. Andrew Povey, Surrey CC

Cllr. David Hodge, Surrey CC

Cllr. Lynne Hack, Surrey CC

Cllr. Michael Gosling, Surrey CC

Cllr. Kay Hammond, Surrey CC

Cllr. Ian Lake, Surrey CC

Cllr. Fiona White, Surrey CC

Cllr. Hazel Watson, Surrey CC

Cllr. Nicholas Harrison, Surrey CC

Cllr. Denise Saliagopoulos, Surrey CC

**Surrey Boroughs and Districts:**

Cllr. Roy Taylor, Elmbridge BC

Cllr. Keith Mann, Epsom & Ewell BC

Cllr. Andrew Hodges, Guildford BC

Cllr. Jean Pearson, Mole Valley DC

Cllr. Joan Spiers,

Reigate & Banstead BC

Cllr. John Packman, Spelthorne BC

Cllr. Moira Gibson, Surrey Heath BC

Cllr. Gordon Keymer, Tandridge DC

Cllr. Richard Gates, Waverley BC

Cllr. John Kingsbury, Woking BC

**Honorary Secretary:**

**Rob Moran, Elmbridge BC**

### SURREY CHIEF EXECUTIVES:

Rob Moran, Elmbridge BC

Frances Rutter, Epsom & Ewell BC

David Hill, Guildford BC

Darren Mepham, Mole Valley DC

Nigel Clifford,

Reigate & Banstead BC

Paul Turrell, Runnymede BC

Roberto Tambini, Spelthorne BC

David McNulty, Surrey CC

Michael Willis, Surrey Heath BC

Stephen Weigel, Tandridge DC

Mary Orton, Waverley BC

Ray Morgan, Woking BC

### Councillor David Munro confirmed as SLGA Chairman



Cllr. David Munro, SCC

At its AGM of 8 July, the Association confirmed the re-appointment of Cllr. David Munro, Surrey CC, for the final year of his two year term of office as SLGA Chairman. Cllr. John Furey,

Leader of Runnymede Borough Council, was also confirmed as Vice-Chairman for a second year. Speaking after the meeting, Mr Munro said: "I am delighted to be able to build on the good work achieved during my first 12 months as Chairman. I and my local authority colleagues agreed at the meeting that our focus this year would be on improving our joint working still further to give Surrey's residents the public services they expect and deserve."

The SLGA's Work Programme, as drawn up by Councillor Munro and Councillor Furey in October 2008, was also approved for a further year. The work programme addresses a number of key themes including, partnership working, waste management and affordable housing. The Association agreed that particular focus should be given to joint working in order to ensure continued improvement to services and further efficiency savings. Mr Furey said: "We have done a lot together in the SLGA over the years. The challenge now is to build on that for the future in what are likely to be increasingly difficult times and when we will need to deliver better services to our residents with ever more stretched resources." The new Leader of Surrey CC, Cllr. Andrew Povey also spoke in support of this agreement and signalled his desire to further strengthen the relationship between the County and Districts.

### SLGA meets with Surrey MPs

In April this year a delegation of six Councillors representing the Association met with Surrey MPs to discuss key themes and encourage a spirit of greater support between the two groups. The meeting was useful and it was agreed that it would be beneficial to hold future meetings between the Association and Surrey MPs to discuss key issues relevant to both groups.

### SLGA recommends changes to the Concessionary Fares Scheme



The Department for Transport (DfT) are currently consulting on how the Concessionary Fares Scheme should

be managed when the current three year funding programme expires in March 2011. The SLGA took on to submit a joint response on behalf of all Surrey authorities and have recommended that the administrative duty for the scheme be moved to County Councils. It is believed that this move will improve the service that this offered to residents by increasing continuity and will ensure a fairer allocation of funding. The Association has also stressed the necessity for regular consultation between the local Districts and the County, particularly in relation to operating times and additional concessions to ensure that local needs are fully realised and met. The response was agreed by the SLGA at the AGM.

### SLGA Appoints Representatives to Outside Bodies

At the AGM of 8 July, the SLGA confirmed Surrey Districts' representatives to a number of outside bodies. For more information on those appointed please contact the SLGA Secretariat.

### DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the SLGA will be held on Wednesday 4 November, 2 p.m. at Tandridge District Council.