

## Appendix 1

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Report from County Cllr Keith Witham  
To Worplesdon Parish Council

### **1. New electric buses for Guildford's Park and Ride - a first for Surrey - and it is believed for the U.K.**

Nine new fully electric, zero emission buses are being introduced on the Guildford park and ride service.

Surrey County Council and Stagecoach have worked in partnership to bring the single-decker buses, built by Guildford based manufacturer Alexander Dennis, to the town. This is fantastic news for Guildford. Not only will the new park and ride fleet of buses be smoother and quieter, they will be much better for the environment while also bringing an economic boost to the county because local company Alexander Dennis is building them.

And they will help to reduce congestion and improve air quality. Reducing vehicle emissions is a priority for Surrey County Council and introducing Surrey's first electric buses is just one piece of the jigsaw – there are also plans to help establish a comprehensive network of electric charging points and to reduce pollution around schools.

### **2. Surrey Fire and Rescue - Update.**

A Prototype Hybrid Electric Fire Engine has been on trial in Surrey. Fire and Rescue services from across London and the South East came to Surrey to see the prototype electric fire engine put through its paces. The Fire Truck has barely any exhaust emissions and boasts a range of other innovative features.

SCC has exempted Surrey Fire and Rescue from making any financial savings in 2019 and has been allocated an extra £900,000 for new fire engines, recruitment of new staff and changing its services.

I have reported previously that the number of fires in Surrey has reduced by 50% in 10 years, but the number of road traffic accidents has increased by 50% in the same period. So Surrey Fire and Rescue has to change its priorities.

### **3. Contact details and advice for roads and flooding. A seasonal reminder.**

Surrey County Council have extensive plans and the resources to deal with the effects of winter weather affecting our roads. But the Council relies on public reporting of any road problems such as potholes or other road defects. So a reminder about SCC Contact Details:

Email: [contactcentre@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:contactcentre@surreycc.gov.uk)

website: [www.surreycc.gov.uk](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk)

Tel (all services): 03456 009 009

Specifically for Highways: 0300 200 1003 (including if a road is flooded) (8am-6pm weekdays, excluding bank holidays. Emergencies only at all other times.

#### **FLOODING Emergencies**

If residents have an emergency where there is a threat to life or the house is likely to flood they should call 999, or the Environment Agency Hotline 0800 80 70 60

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