**Borough Councillor’s Report – 10 December 2020 Full Council meeting**

I have set out below my report to the council.

1. The festive craft markets will be held in the Portsmouth Road carpark on Saturday the 12th,and Sunday the 20th between 10 am and 5 pm. The next farmers market will be held on Saturday, the 19th of December 9.30 to 4 pm also in the Portsmouth Road carpark.

2. Since March, the Council have delivered nearly 30,000 hot meals and food parcels to support our vulnerable residents and this will remain and increase for the winter ahead. In winter conditions such as snow and lots of rain our current vehicles may struggle so we are asking if anyone has a 4x4 vehicle to help us reach communities to make save these food deliveries if you are to help please contact Helen Barnsley on [Helen.barnsley@guildford.gov.uk](mailto:Helen.barnsley@guildford.gov.uk)

3. Dog walkers who allow their pets to foul without clearing it up will continue to face fines of up to £1,000 after the borough wide banning order was extended. The Council’s renewed order has been made under the anti social behaviour, crime and policing act 2014 which states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag to clear up the mess is not a reasonable excuse. Residents can report antisocial dog behaviour, including for fouling or not having a suitable bag on our Website: [www.guildford.gov.uk/article/18355/Report-a-dog-issue-online-form](http://www.guildford.gov.uk/article/18355/Report-a-dog-issue-online-form)

4 . The council has agreed to move ahead with a financial strategy to continue to save costs to ensure that we carry on meeting the needs of the borough while operating within our predicted 2021 to 2022 budget shortfall of around £2 million which will rise to £4.4 million in four years.

Part of the strategy is asking our residents to have their say and let the council know what their priorities are for spending. An independent company will be carrying out this work which started this week and involves a citizens panel( a large representative group of residents of around 1200 being telephoned) and an online survey on the council website. It will run until January. The results will be reported to the executive in the New Year.

Cllr Bob Mcshee