

## 2019/20 Commitment

# Member of the Council of Surrey Chambers of Commerce

### BEING ON THE COUNCIL OFFERS YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Represent your area and views from your business colleagues and yourself
- Influence government local authorities and others through an organized structure
- Network with other leaders in business and the public sector
- Pass on your knowledge and experience to help the economic growth of Surrey
- Learn from your peers and gain from their experience and knowledge to help your business
- Develop background and knowledge to be proposed as a Director

### THE ROLE OF THE COUNCIL

The role of the council is to:

- Nominate Directors for appointment at the AGM
- Be the recognised business forum of the locality
- Collect, represent and promote the interests , views and opinions of the members
- Interpret the interests of the Chamber and its members
- Respond and comment on the proposed strategies of the Chamber

### TIME COMMITMENT

Even though the Articles show a minimum number of meetings we meet as a council 4 times a year and members would also be expected to be involved in at least one sub-group, and/or other committees in which Surrey Chambers is a key partner. Council members are expected to attend at least 3 of the 4 meetings plus at least 2 major events, which will be identified at the beginning of the year. Missing more than 2 meetings consecutively effectively results in resignation from the Council except in special circumstances. (At the discretion of the President)

### SETTING THE EXAMPLE

Finally, as an organisation, we are committed to helping businesses in Surrey to match best practice standards in their business operations and in the training and development of their employees. We run and promote a variety of programmes to help businesses achieve these standards. We look to our Board and Council members to set the example to the membership and the wider business community in being among the first to implement programmes we offer in their own businesses, where these are appropriate. All Council members must be from businesses which are fully paid up members of the chamber.

**I HAVE RECEIVED THE COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES AND UNDERSTAND WHAT MY COMMITMENT SHOULD BE.**

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Signature of Council Member

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Date.