

**In the Matter of Guildford Borough Council and a Petition to Change the Council's Constitutional Arrangements**

**In the Matter of the Local Authorities (Referendums) (Petitions) (England) Regulations 2011**

**Notice of Invalid Petition pursuant to Regulation 14(2)**

A Petition has been received by the Council and amalgamated with an earlier petition dated 18 May 2015 which sought the same constitutional change (Regulation 8). This Amalgamated Petition has been determined to be an invalid petition.

The reason for that determination is that to be valid such a petition must have 5012 signatures (being 5% of the local government electors for the Council's area and known as the Verification Number) which comply with the formality and validity requirements of the Regulations.

There were only 4831 such signatures and the Amalgamated Petition is therefore invalid pursuant to Regulation 9(1) (a).

The constitutional change sought by the Amalgamated Petition was that the Council should be run in a different way by a Mayor who is elected by voters for the area which the Council serves.

The Amalgamated Petition date was 11 February 2016.

The Amalgamated Petition is available at the Council Offices at Millmead for inspection by members of the public at all reasonable times and free of charge.

The Council's address is Guildford Borough Council, Millmead House, Millmead, Guildford, Surrey GU2 4BB

However, as the Amalgamated Petition is invalid only because it does not comply with Regulation 9(1) (a), it may still be amalgamated with any subsequent petitions seeking the same constitutional change, which are submitted to the Council

**Satish Mistry**

**Proper Officer**

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**3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016**