



To all Members of the County Council

An ordinary meeting of the County Council will be held at **10.30 a.m.** on **Friday, 11 December 2015** at **County Hall, Chichester**.

Agenda

1. Members' Interests

Members are asked to disclose any pecuniary or personal interests in matters appearing on the agenda.

2. Minutes

The Council is asked to confirm the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the County Council held on 30 October 2015 (pages 361 to 367).

10.45 a.m.* 3. **Appointments**

(a) Committee Appointments

To consider proposed changes by the Groups to appointments. Proposals will be circulated. Changes will take effect from the end of the meeting.

(b) Capita Partnership Board Appointments

As set out in the report of the Governance Committee at item 12, in future appointments to contract partnership boards will be reported formally to the County Council as decisions of the relevant Cabinet Member, in consultation with the Leader. The Council is asked to note current membership of the Capita Partnership Board which will be circulated.

4. **Ms Debbie Kennard**

The Council is asked to resolve that, in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, Ms Kennard's ill health should be approved as a reason for her prolonged absence.

5. **Address by a Cabinet Member**

At the discretion of the Chairman, to receive any address by a Cabinet Member on a matter of urgency and/or significant interest to the County Council and which relates to the powers and responsibilities of the County Council or which affects the Council.

6. **Governance Committee: Changes to the Constitution - Petition Debates**

The Council is asked to consider a minor amendment to the Constitution to clarify the process in petition debates should more than one proposition be received, in the light of the report by the Governance Committee (pages 368 to 370).

7. **Petition**

The Council is asked to debate the following petition in accordance with Standing Order 10(1). A statement by the petitioners and a briefing note by the Executive Director Communities and Public Protection are enclosed.

Stop fire engine and firefighter cuts in West Sussex

'We call on West Sussex County Council to reverse the £1.6 m Fire and Rescue Services cuts.'

(5 minutes is allocated for the Lead Petitioner, 5 minutes for the Cabinet Member's response followed by an opportunity for a members' debate of no more than 30 minutes with each member allowed to speak for a maximum of 3 minutes. At the end of the debate and before any proposition is put, the Lead Petitioner and Cabinet Member will each be given 3 minutes for a closing statement.)

8. **Notices of Motion**

- (a) To consider the following motion, submitted by Mrs Mullins, which was referred to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport at the meeting of the County Council on 16 October 2015.

'This Council notes the public concern in relation to the potential risks of fracking in West Sussex and is deeply concerned that the Government is determined to facilitate this as evidenced by:

- (1) changes to planning policy enabling the Communities Secretary to 'call-in' shale planning applications in addition to recovering and determining appeals;
- (2) proposing legislation renegeing on an announcement made earlier this year by the Coalition Government which promised to protect the South Downs National Park (SDNP) and the High Weald and Chichester Harbour Areas of Outstanding National Beauty;
- (3) proposals to identify under-performing local planning authorities that repeatedly fail to determine oil and gas applications within statutory time-frames and when such applications are made to under-performing local planning authorities, reserving the right for the Secretary of State to determine the application instead; and

- (4) the lack of consultation relating to these proposed changes;

and therefore resolves to ask the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport to write to the Government expressing these concerns on behalf of the residents of West Sussex.'

and the [report](#) of the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport (pages 371 and 372).

- (b) To consider the following motion, submitted by Mr M G Jones, which was referred to the Leader at the meeting of the County Council on 16 October 2015.

'This Council recognises the importance of farming to the rural economy in West Sussex and regrets the nationally-reported challenges currently facing the dairy farming community, many of whom are currently receiving less per litre of milk than it costs to produce.

It therefore resolves to call upon the Leader to work with partners including the National Farmers Union to identify ways in which it can support and promote the dairy industry in West Sussex, including:

- (1) Lobbying the Government to do all it can to support and sustain dairy farming in West Sussex;
- (2) Encouraging our own milk and food suppliers to engage with dairy farmers in West Sussex; and
- (3) Working with local businesses to encourage them to support dairy farmers in West Sussex.'

and the [report](#) of the Leader (page 373 and 374).

- (c) To consider the following motion submitted by Mr Crow, notice of which was given on 24 November 2015 ([revised wording](#) now issued). A [briefing note](#) by the Executive Director Care, Wellbeing and Education is now available.

'West Sussex County Council supports the campaign against Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and in doing so, asks the Leader to ensure commitment to protecting all girls in West Sussex from all types of abuse by raising awareness of FGM through schools and public information; collaborating across agencies to ensure those affected are provided with the right support; and understanding that lasting change in relation to this issue needs to come from within our communities.

We also call on the Cabinet to approve and adopt a Charter for zero tolerance of Female Genital Mutilation in West Sussex.'

- 1.00 p.m. **Lunch (In the event that the morning business is finished before lunch the afternoon business will be brought forward as appropriate.)**
- 2.00 p.m. 9. **Cabinet and Written Questions**
- (a) **Written Questions**
- A member who has submitted a written question is entitled to put one supplementary question arising from the circulated answer.
- (b) **Cabinet Member Question Time**
- Questions to Cabinet Members on anything relevant to their portfolios (including the economy portfolio which rests with the Leader). The attached report covers relevant council business or developments in respect of portfolios arising since the meeting of the Council on 16 October 2015 (pages 375 to 385). A supplementary report may be published.
- (1 hour 30 minutes is allocated for Cabinet Member questions)*
- (c) **Leader's Question Time**
- Questions to the Leader on anything that is currently relevant to the County Council. The attached report covers significant matters in respect of the work of the Leader since the meeting of the Council on 16 October 2015 (pages 386 and 387). A supplementary report may be published.
- (15 minutes is allocated for questions to the Leader)*
10. **Corporate Parenting Panel**
- The County Council is asked to consider and note an overview of the recent work of the Corporate Parenting Panel (pages 388 to 394).
11. **Governance Committee: Governance of the Capital Programme**
- Further to the request at its last meeting, the County Council is asked to consider improvements to capital programme governance, in the light of the report by the Governance Committee (pages 395 to 398).
12. **Governance Committee: Format of Council Meetings, Contract partnership governance, Change to Arun County Local Committee Boundaries, West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board Membership and Start of Life Partnership Board Terms of Reference**
- The County Council is asked to consider an update on the review of the format of Council meeting, contract partnership governance a minor change to County Local Committee boundaries, a change to the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board and amendments to the terms of reference of the Start of Life Partnership Board, in the light of the report by the Governance Committee (pages 399 to 409).

13. **Standards Committee: Officer Codes of Conduct**

Following a recent review of the officer codes of conduct to ensure that they remain fit for purpose and reflect best practice, the County Council is asked to consider revisions to the Guidance on Propriety and Official Conduct for Officers in the Constitution, in the light of the report by the Standards Committee (pages 410 to 420).

14. **Performance and Finance Select Committee: The Select Committee Work Programme January 2016 to March 2017**

The Council is asked to consider and approve the Select Committee work programme for January 2016 to March 2017 in the light of a report by the Performance and Finance Select Committee (pages 421 to 433).

4.15 p.m.

County Council concludes. Items not commenced by 4.15 p.m. will be deferred to the following meeting.

Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy
2 December 2015

* The times stated indicate the latest end times for previous business and should not be relied on as start times for subsequent items