

To all Members of the County Council

You are hereby summoned to attend the annual meeting of the County Council, to be held at **10.30 a.m. on Friday, 13th May 2011** at **County Hall, Chichester**.

Agenda

1. **Election of Chairman**

To elect a Chairman of the County Council for the ensuing year (the Chairman to make a declaration of acceptance of office).

2. **Election of Vice-Chairman**

To elect a Vice-Chairman of the County Council for the ensuing year (the Vice-Chairman to make a declaration of acceptance of office).

3. **Members' Interests**

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

4. **Minutes**

The Council is asked to confirm the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the County Council held on 11th February 2011 (pages 3 to 35).

10.45 a.m.* 5. **Review of Proportionality**

The County Council has a statutory duty to review the proportionality on its committees each year. A table, together with a brief explanation of the proportionality rules and how they are applied, is enclosed (pages 36 and 37).

6. **Notification of Appointment of Cabinet Members and Deputies to Cabinet Members**

The Leader is required each year to give notice to the Council of her appointments to the Cabinet and allocation of Cabinet portfolios between the Cabinet Members, together with the appointment of Deputies to Cabinet Members (page 38).

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

7. **Appointments**

The County Council is required each year in the light of the Leader's appointments at item 6 to appoint the chairmen, vice-chairmen and members of Select Committees and non-Executive committees and substitutes in accordance with Standing Order 53. Any proposed changes by the Groups to existing appointments will be circulated. The appointments will take effect from the end of the meeting.

8. **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.

***Note:** The County Chairman will ask the Council to agree to change the normal order of business to allow consideration of the petition set out at item 10 at this point on the agenda.*

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 the attached report on matters which have arisen in respect of their portfolios since the meeting of the Council on 11th February 2011 (pages 39 to 46) and any supplementary report.

(c) **Leader's Question Time**

Questions to the Leader on anything that is currently relevant to the County Council.

*(15 minutes is allocated for questions to the Leader)
(1 hour 30 minutes is allocated for Cabinet Member questions)*

10. **Petitions**

The Council is asked to debate the following petition in accordance with Standing Order 10(1):

Don't Cut Us Out: Speaking out for the Vulnerable

'We the undersigned reject West Sussex County Council's current approach of targeting vulnerable people to make budget cuts, and call on the County Council to reverse its decisions to change eligibility thresholds and close Day Centres.

We dispute the need for cuts to services for vulnerable

people, noting that the national deficit could be wiped out if the overall taxation system is made fairer and policies which bring about growth and get people into jobs are adopted. We call on the County Council to review the budget it passed on February 11th, use its Reserves, and cut non-essential expenditures which do not negatively impact on vulnerable people, public services or staff.'

(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)

1 p.m.

Lunch (In the event that the morning business is finished before lunch the afternoon business will be brought forward as appropriate.)

2.15 p.m.

11. [West Sussex Waste Plan and draft Minerals and Waste Development Plan 2011-15](#)

The County Council is asked to consider and approve the commencement of the preparation of a West Sussex Waste Plan and the submission of the draft Minerals and Waste Development Scheme 2011-15 to the Government for approval, in the light of the report by the Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy (pages 47 to 51).

12. [Policy and Resources Select Committee: The Select Committee Work Programme 2011/12](#)

The Council is asked to consider and approve the Select Committee work programme for the coming year in the light of a report by the Policy and Resources Select Committee (pages 52 to 57).

13. **Notices of Motion**

To consider the following motion, submitted by Mr Smytherman, notice of which was given on 25th April 2011:

'West Sussex County Council:

- (1) Welcomes the announcement in the Budget on 23rd March 2011 that councils in England will be given extra money, on top of the £100 million announced in February, to spend on repairing potholes, meaning an extra £2.6 million will now be available in this year's council budget for pothole repairs in West Sussex.
- (2) Notes the significant investment has already been made this year to improve road safety and maintain West Sussex highways infrastructure, including £2 million for pothole repairs and a further £753,000 for carriageway patching.
- (3) Resolves that, given the potential safety, health, congestion relief, noise reduction and quality of life benefits, the Deputy Leader and portfolio for Highways

and Transport be requested to reserve some money to introduce 20mph speed restrictions in non-major routes in residential areas throughout Worthing as a pilot for West Sussex.

- (4) Asks the Deputy Leader and portfolio for Highways and Transport to:
- (a) instruct officers to present options to speed up the identification and repair of potholes, using reports from residents and condition surveys to ensure that these funds are applied in an efficient and cost effective manner, with a view to ensuring that the defects and deteriorating roads are tackled at the earliest opportunity; and
 - (b) publish information on the Council's website by 30th September 2011 showing where this extra money has been spent.'

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

Head of Legal and Democratic Services
4th May 2011