

To all Members of the County Council

You are hereby summoned to attend the ordinary meeting of the County Council, to be held at **10.30 a.m.** on **Friday, 14 February 2014** 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 13 December 2013 (pages 205 to 227).

3. **[Result of By-election](#)**

To receive the County Returning Officer's return of the by-election on 19 December 2013 for the county councillor for the Haywards Heath East Electoral Division (page 228).

4. **[Review of Proportionality](#)**

The County Council has a statutory duty following a by-election to review the proportionality on its committees. A brief explanation of the proportionality rules and how they are applied is set out on pages 229 and 230 together with a table showing the number of seats on committees.

5. **Appointments**

(a) **[Appointments to Committees](#)**

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

(b) **[Appointment of Independent Person to advise the Standards Committee](#)**

The Council is asked to approve the appointment of an independent person to advise the Standards Committee in the light of the attached report (page 231).

10.45 a.m.* 6.

Governance Committee: New Corporate Leadership Structure

The Council is asked to approve the removal of the post of Chief Executive, the allocation of the role of Head of Paid Service (Chief Operating Officer) to a member of the existing Corporate Leadership Team and the creation of the post of interim Transformation Director, in the light of a report from the Governance Committee (pages 232 to 238).

7. **Appointment of Head of Paid Service and Transformation Director**

Further to item 6, the Council is asked to approve recommendations from the Chairman's Appointing Committee to appoint a Head of Paid Service (Chief Operating Officer) and an interim Transformation Director of West Sussex County Council in the light of a report by the Appointing Committee (pages 239 to 241).

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 Performance Framework and budget at this point on the agenda.*

9. **Performance Framework and Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2014/15 to 2017/18 and Treasury Management Strategy 2014/15**

Additional documents:

- [Budget correction](#)
- [UKIP amendment](#)
- [Lib Dem amendment](#)
- [Comparison of amendments and budget proposals](#)

The County Council is asked to consider and approve the draft Performance Framework and Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2014/15 to 2017/18 and the Treasury Management Strategy 2014/15 in the light of reports by the [Leader and the Cabinet Member for Finance](#) (pages 242 to 270 and 271 to 303). Copies of 'West Sussex: Our Vision for the County', the draft Performance Framework and the budget pack are contained in the enclosed [Appendix pack](#).

10. **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.

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.

(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 13 December 2013 (pages 304 to 309) and any [supplementary report](#).

(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.

(15 minutes is allocated for questions to the Leader)

11. [Governance Committee: Pay Policy Statement 2014/15](#)

The Council is asked to approve the Pay Policy Statement 2014/15 in the light of a report from the Governance Committee (pages 310 to 320).

12. Notice of Motion

(a) To consider the following motion, submitted by Mr Glennon, notice of which was given on 20 January 2014. A [briefing note](#) is now available.

As a consequence of the enormous financial pressure placed upon West Sussex by recent spending reviews, this Council is asked to acknowledge its duty to identify additional efficiencies to mitigate future cuts to front-line services.

It is not credible to pretend that massive reductions in the County Council annual budget are sustainable without major damage to front-line services. A rational approach to the organisation of local authorities in West Sussex needs to be adopted as the key to realising major savings while retaining adequate services.

There exists the potential for huge savings through fundamental re-structuring of local government, which could greatly reduce cutbacks in services. This is hardly revolutionary, as we have already experienced major re-structuring across the UK. Our challenge is whether we want to bring these benefits to West Sussex – or simply ignore them.

The co-existence of parish, district, borough and county councils is a luxury the people of West Sussex cannot afford as we move into an austere future.

This Council is asked to consider the savings achieved by counties, such as Shropshire and Wiltshire, where the district/borough-level of local government has been merged with the county-level to create an over-arching council.

Therefore, this Council calls on the Leader:

(1) To acknowledge that huge financial

efficiencies are achievable through the merging of District/Borough councils with the County Council;

- (2) To recognise that such efficiencies would help protect future services for residents;
 - (3) To recognise that such efficiencies could help contain future council tax increases;
 - (4) To recognise that residents would benefit from a more comprehensible, closely coordinated local government offering;
 - (5) To adopt the principle of working collaboratively with Districts and Boroughs in West Sussex with the intention of moving proactively towards a unitary authority;
 - (6) To enlist the help of West Sussex MPs in lobbying for central government support; and
 - (7) To make financial provision in our 2014/15 budget to fund exploratory research into the practical steps required to achieve a unitary authority for West Sussex.
- (b) To consider the following motion, submitted by Mr M G Jones, notice of which was given on 28 January 2014. A [briefing note](#) is now available.

'This Council recognises the trend for companies to employ workers on low pay, causing many to have the need to claim from the Housing and benefit systems.

West Sussex County Council resolves to ask the Cabinet Member for Corporate Relations to sign up to the Living Wage campaign and its principles, by instructing council officers to take the steps necessary to be accredited with the Living Wage Foundation as a Living Wage Employer.

West Sussex County Council therefore also resolves to ask the Cabinet Member for Finance to ensure that all contractors entering into future agreements with this Council agree to pay at least the level set by the Living Wage Foundation as the Living Wage.

In this we recognise the Council's current contracts will need to be investigated, with the intention to ensure that living wage levels are consistently achieved when those contracts are due to be renewed. All future contracts made by the Council will be subject to this policy.'

- (c) To consider the following motion, submitted by Dr Walsh, notice of which was given on 28 January 2014:

Additional document:

- [Conservative amendment](#)

'In view of the considerable reduction in local government income from central government, the reduction of the volume and nature of direct services from local authorities, the division of responsibilities between different tiers, and the resulting confusion among many local residents about who does what.

This Council resolves to ask the Leader to set up a Committee to investigate the service benefits and savings to local taxation of moving to one or two unitary authorities for West Sussex, and if and when appropriate, to press the Government to facilitate this.'

4.15 p.m.

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

Head of Law and Governance
5 February 2014

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