

To all Members of the County Council

The Annual meeting of the County Council will be held at **10.30 a.m.** on **Friday, 15 April 2016** 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 19 February 2016 (pages 3 to 23).

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 24 and 25).

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 26).

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. Proposed changes by the Groups 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.

9. **Appointment of Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service)**

The Council is asked to approve a recommendation from the Chairman's Appointing Committee to appoint a Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive of West Sussex County Council) in the light of a report by the Appointing Committee ([to follow](#)).

10. **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 Residents' Services are enclosed.

Chichester Deserves Better

'We, the undersigned, call on Andrew Tyrie, MP for Chichester, along with Chichester District and West Sussex County Councillors, to oppose plans for a northern bypass of the A27 around Chichester.

The through traffic using the A27 represents a small proportion of the problem compared to local traffic, a problem that will not be solved by a bypass, whilst causing irreversible damage to the area. Instead we urge them to support a series of upgrades and improvements to the existing route which will benefit the City and the wider area to both the north and south.'

(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.)

11. **Future West Sussex Plan and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016/17 to 2019/20: Budget Update**

The County Council is asked to consider and approve proposals for changes to 2016/17 portfolio and non-portfolio

budgets to take account of the impact of the funding changes in relation to the Transitional Grant and the Public Health Grant allocations on the budget approved by the Council on 19 February, in the light of a report by the Cabinet Member for Finance (pages 27 to 40).

12. **Notice of Motion**

To consider the following motion, submitted by Ms James, notice of which was given on 29 March 2016. A [briefing note](#) is now available.

'In advance of the Referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union, the Prime Minister has overseen a 'deal'.

Unfortunately this 'deal' fails to deliver a sustainable and fair welfare and immigration policy for the UK to help the pressure on local public services; does not secure unambiguous sovereignty of decision making for the UK Parliament and public bodies; nor does it remove the unnecessary bureaucracy and interference by the EU with residents, businesses and local authorities, such as West Sussex County Council.

West Sussex County Council therefore believes that the economy of the UK and West Sussex would be better positioned to prosper outside of the EU.'

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.

13. **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 19 February 2016 (pages 41 to 51). 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 19 February 2016 (page 52). A [supplementary report](#) may be published.

(15 minutes is allocated for questions to the Leader)

14. **Governance Committee: Integration of the County Council's Legal Services with those of other Authorities: Establishment of Joint Committee**

The County Council is asked to approve the establishment of a Joint Committee as the governing body for the partnership to oversee the discharge of the Councils' Legal Services functions following the creation of a Legal Services partnership arrangement with East Sussex County Council, Brighton & Hove City Council and Surrey County Council with effect from 1 April 2016, in the light of the report by the Governance Committee (pages 53 to 55).

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
6 April 2016

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

Note: electronic voting may be used for some items on the agenda