

To all Members of the County Council

An ordinary meeting of the County Council will be held at **10.30 a.m.** on **Friday, 16 October 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 24 July 2015 (pages 267 to 293).

10.45 a.m.* 3. **[Appointment of Independent Members to the Independent Remuneration Panel](#)**

The Council is asked to approve appointments to fill vacancies for independent members on the Independent Remuneration Panel in the light of a report by the Chairman of the Standards Committee (to follow).

4. **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.

5. **Notice of Motion: Shoreham Air Disaster**

To consider the following motion, submitted by the Leader, notice of which was given on 18 September 2015. A [briefing note](#) is now available.

'This Council has always held all Emergency Services operating in the County in the highest regard. However, it is only after a tragic major incident such as the Shoreham Air Disaster on 22 August that we see and appreciate the full importance of their work.

Therefore this Council puts on record its sincere condolences and expresses its deepest sympathy to all the relatives and friends of those who so tragically lost their lives, and also expresses its gratitude and appreciation for all the Emergency crews who worked so tirelessly over that period, along with its thanks to all other agencies involved, including the Red Cross and St John Ambulance.'

6. **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 Director of Highways and Transport are enclosed.

To save Boxal Bridge from demolition

'I call on West Sussex County Council to save Boxal Bridge from demolition and explore all options to save and maintain the structure for the future.'

(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.)

7. **Notices of Motion**

- (a) To consider the following motion, submitted by Mrs Mullins, notice of which was given on 29 September 2015 [**please note: this motion will be referred to the relevant Cabinet Member for consideration and will not be debated at this meeting**]. A [briefing note](#) is now available.

'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 reneging 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.'

- (b) To consider the following motion, submitted by Mr M G Jones, notice of which was given on 29 September 2015 [**please note: this motion will be referred to the Leader for consideration and will not be debated at this meeting**]. A [briefing note](#) is now available.

'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.'

- (c) Under Standing Order 16(2), to consider the following motion submitted by Mrs Brunsdon, notice of which was given on 5 October 2015. A [briefing note](#) is now available.

'This County Council is proud of the work of its Fire and Rescue Service and proud to maintain it as a core part of the Council's responsibilities. The Fire and Rescue Service for West Sussex is now integral to the Council's work on community safety and resilience and provides invaluable support to the safeguarding and preventative services the Council secures for its communities.

The County Council is confident that this model of service delivery provides tangible benefits for the communities it serves. The Council's Fire and Rescue Service also has an excellent record of close co-operation with the other emergency services and will maintain its drive for more effective collaboration to complement this approach.

The County Council wishes to see these achievements and aims continue and therefore the Council asks the Cabinet Member for Residents' Services to promote the value of the West Sussex model for its Fire and Rescue Service in the planned discussions with the Government and others.'

Note to members on reason for urgency:

Future Fire and Rescue Service arrangements are expected to become a matter for national debate. As this is a matter of importance and public interest, and in order to ensure that all members are given a timely opportunity to contribute to the debate and to the stance to be taken by the County Council, the County Chairman has agreed that the above motion may be taken at the meeting.

8. 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.)

2.00 p.m.

(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 24 July 2015 (pages 294 to 306). 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 24 July 2015 (page 307). A supplementary report may be published.

(15 minutes is allocated for questions to the Leader)

9. Report of Urgent Action

To note urgent action taken under regulation 11 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 (pages 308 and 309).

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
7 October 2015

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