

## **To all Members of the County Council**

You are hereby summoned to attend an ordinary meeting of the County Council, to be held at **10.30 a.m.** on **Friday, 16th December 2011** at **County Hall, Chichester**.

### **Agenda**

1. **Members' Interests**

Members are asked to disclose any personal or prejudicial 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 14th October 2011 (pages 179 to 205).

10.45 a.m.\* 3. **[Governance Committee: Chairmanship of the Treasury Management Panel](#)**

The Council is asked to consider a proposed change to the constitution of the Treasury Management Panel in the light of a report from the Governance Committee (pages 206 and 207).

4. **Appointments**

In the light of item 3 above, and in line with the wishes of political groups, to consider proposed changes to existing appointments. Proposals will be circulated. Changes will take effect from the end of the meeting.

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.

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

6. **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. Any other member has the right to put one question arising from the original reply; all such further questions being subject to a time limit of five minutes, at the discretion of the Chairman.

(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 14th October 2011 (pages 208 to 213) 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)*

7. **Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2011/12**

The County Council is asked to consider and approve the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2011/12, in the light of a report by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources (pages 214 to 227).

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.

8. **Governance Committee: Review of the Petitions Scheme**

The Council is asked to consider changes to the Petitions Scheme in the light of a report from the Governance Committee (pages 228 to 237).

9. **Governance Committee: Change to the Constitution - Reporting of Urgent Key Decisions**

The Council is asked to consider a minor change to Constitution in relation to the process for reporting urgent key decisions which have not been listed in the Forward Plan, in the light of a report from the Governance Committee (pages 238 and 239).

10. **Notices of Motion**

(a) To consider the following motion, submitted by Mrs Millson on 29th November 2011:

'The Coalition Government recently announced a

consultation on cutting the 'Feed in Tariff' offered on new photovoltaic installations by over 50%. Although the consultation is open until 23rd December, the 'reference date' (by which schemes have to be confirmed with Ofgem in order to retain the higher level of Feed in Tariff) is 12th December.

This Council notes:

- (1) That the scheme has been a huge success, with the latest government figures showing that the industry now employs 39,000 people compared with just 3,000 before the Feed in Tariffs were introduced and that installation costs have fallen by almost 30%; and
- (2) That the industry itself has called for its subsidy to be cut to reflect these reductions in costs and was planning on the basis of cuts in April.

The Council is concerned that the changes announced by the Government are precipitous; in particular, that the proposed changes will affect all installations registered with Ofgem after 12th December, despite this being two weeks before the end of the consultation.

The Council therefore calls on the Deputy Leader to write to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change requesting a review of his emergency measures, and, if responding to the formal consultation referred to above, to include this request in his response. In particular, the Council supports delaying the implementation of the changes; and protecting community run schemes, including those run or planned by councils, by extending the cut-off date for these schemes to the end of the financial year.'

- (b) To consider the following motion, submitted by Mr Oxlade on 29th November 2011:

'This Council believes early intervention and quality initiatives that enhance services and so control costs later are fundamental to delivering sustainable improvements to the lives of our residents.

Open access youth provision currently provides early intervention and prevention work for young people in areas of need.

The impact on young people of removing council-run youth provision is as yet unknown, as is the possibility of increased costs for this authority as a result of a higher level of intervention and need in the future.

This Council therefore resolves to ask the Cabinet

Member for Children and Families to:

- (1) utilise the uncommitted early intervention grant funding (£1.69m) to enable implementation of the decision set out in CF05(11/12) to be postponed until 2012/13;
- (2) continue discussions with local community and voluntary organisations about the possibility of taking on responsibility for youth establishments from which the Cabinet Member has proposed withdrawing provision (Appendix 1 of executive decision CF05(11/12) refers);
- (3) take account of the findings of the task and finish group (expected to report summer 2012), the willingness of the local community and voluntary organisations to take over provision, and any other appropriate evidence relating to the impact of withdrawing council-run youth provision, before considering whether further closures are cost effective in the long term;

If the Cabinet Member is then of the opinion that the further withdrawal of council-run youth provision is not cost effective, the Council asks the Cabinet Member to:

- (4) liaise with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources in order for alternative savings proposals to be considered.'

11. [Report of Urgent Action](#)

To note urgent action taken under regulation 16 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 (pages 240 and 241).

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  
7th December 2011