

Please note: Due to the likely public interest in the petition debate at item 5 and the limited space at the venue, tickets are available in advance for people wishing to attend. To apply for a ticket please email oilandgas@westsussex.gov.uk or write to Democratic Services, West Sussex County Council, County Hall, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1RQ.



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, 17 October 2014** at **County Hall North, Horsham RH12 1XA**.

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 25 July 2014 (pages 199 to 224).

3. **Appointment of Co-opted Member to the Children and Young People's Services Select Committee**

The Council is asked to approve the appointment of Canon Dr Ann Holt OBE, Director of Education for the Church of England Diocese of Chichester, as a voting co-opted member of the Children and Young People's Services Select Committee (to fill a vacancy).

10.45 a.m.* 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. **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 Strategic Planning and Place are enclosed.

Fracking in West Sussex

'We call on West Sussex County Council to declare West Sussex a 'Frack-Free Zone.'

(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.)

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.

(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 25 July 2014 (pages 225 to 231) 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)

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.

7. **Select Committee Debate: Carers Task and Finish Group**

The County Council is invited to debate the interim findings of the Carers Task and Finish Group on support provided to carers in the light of a report by the Task and Finish Group (pages 232 to 244).

[Note: The debate will be introduced by the Chairman of the Task and Finish Group following which there will be an opportunity for the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health, on behalf of the Executive, to comment. The report will then be open for debate by all members of the County Council. There need not be a vote at the conclusion of the item although the Executive may wish to respond to any further points arising during the debate.]

8. **Sussex Police and Crime Panel Report 2012-14**

The County Council is asked to consider and note the Sussex Police and Crime Panel's Report for 2012-14 (pages 245 to 247).

9. [Governance Committee: Openness of Meetings and changes to Pension Fund Governance](#)

The County Council is asked to consider amendments to Standing Orders following the issuing of regulations which extend the filming and reporting by the public through social media to all meetings of the Council and changes to Pension Fund governance, in the light of the report by the Governance Committee (pages 248 to 250).

10. [Local Government Boundary Commission](#)

To receive a short report from the Chairman on the plans for a review of the County Council's electoral boundaries in 2015/16 and the proposals for preparing for the review (page 251).

11. **Notices of Motion**

- (a) To consider the following motion, submitted by Mr Glennon, notice of which was given on 25 August 2014. A [briefing note](#) is now available.

'This Council recognises:

- the current Leader and Cabinet governance model at the County Council only resulted from the imposition of new forms of governance by an earlier Government;
- the democratic deficit inherent in the current Leader and Cabinet governance model with its low level of transparency in decision making;
- the political balance in Select Committees dominated by a majority party, does not constitute an effective check and balance on the decision-making powers of the Leader and Cabinet;
- that with significant cuts to be realised at the County Council, it is imperative that major decisions relating to the Savings Programme are taken in a more open and transparent forum, involving more members and with emphasis on collective decision-making and consensus;
- the importance of allowing residents affected by major decisions - particularly in relation to the Savings Programme - to attend decision-making meetings and participate where appropriate; and
- that other comparable upper-tier authorities have returned to Committee governance, including the county councils of Norfolk, Cambridgeshire and Nottinghamshire.

This Council therefore asks the Governance Committee to establish a working party to develop detailed, formal proposals to change West Sussex County Council's governance to a Committee system in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011.'

- (b) To consider the following motion, submitted by Mrs Arculus, notice of which was given on 29 September 2014. A [briefing note](#) is now available.

'This Council notes with very grave concern the recent events in Rotherham surrounding child sexual exploitation, and pledges to do everything possible to ensure that nothing similar ever happens in West Sussex. The Council welcomes the pan-Sussex strategy to combat child sexual exploitation that was agreed last year and recognises that it is the responsibility of each and every councillor to ask appropriate questions in order to hold the relevant authorities to account in ensuring that every effort is made to prevent similar events occurring in its area.

In the light of this, the Council resolves to ask the Cabinet Member for Children – Start of Life to write to the Children's Minister asking him to make it compulsory for all privately-run children's homes and foster agencies to notify the relevant local authority when children from outside the area are placed within their care, thus ensuring that all local authorities have an up-to-date record of exactly which children from outside the authority's boundaries are currently residing within their area.

The Council also asks the Cabinet Member and Leader to reassure the Council that the Independent Chairman of the West Sussex Local Safeguarding Children Board will be keeping members informed regarding the ongoing scrutiny of the pan-Sussex strategy.'

- (c) To consider the following motion, submitted by Mr M G Jones, notice of which was given on 29 September 2014. A [briefing note](#) is now available.

'This Council recognises the significant public concern and opposition to the recent decision by the Cabinet Member for Residents' Services to implement £1.6m of cuts to West Sussex Fire and Rescue Services (WSFRS).

This Council believes that these cuts will increase risks to safety both to members of the public and firefighters right across West Sussex, and requests the Cabinet Member abandons the process, and instead retains WSFRS at its current capacity and levels of resilience.

The Council requests the Cabinet pays for this, and also the plan to make Littlehampton a 24-hour immediate response fire station, by making use of part of the millions of pounds in revenue available from budget underspends made this year across all departments of the County Council.'

- (d) To consider the following motion, submitted by Mrs Smith, notice of which was given on 30 September 2014. A [briefing note](#) is now available.

'Developers are currently seeking the inclusion of the West of Ifield site in the local plans being prepared by Horsham District Council. The development of this site would result in an increase in local traffic and exacerbate existing problems with congestion in the area. A relief road in this area has been sought by the County Council (although there is no approved alignment). Crawley Borough Council members and local residents to address traffic issues. The County Council is currently involved in discussions with the developer's transport consultants regarding traffic modelling for the site to determine if the traffic impacts of the development would require a relief road (to mitigate the transport impacts of the site in compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework).

In the event that traffic modelling determines that a full relief road is a requirement of the site, this Council should make strong representations to the developer and Horsham District Council that any plans for development on the West of Ifield site must include provision for a full relief road which would be a condition of the County Council's support for the allocation of the site in the local plans. Even if the evidence does not support the provision of a full relief road, the development of the West of Ifield site should not prejudice the delivery of a full relief road and there should be a requirement for the developer to make provision for part of the relief road through their site (as is the case for the Kilnwood Vale development to the south).

Therefore, this Council resolves to:

- (1) acknowledge the traffic congestion within the Horsham/Crawley area and the adverse impact that a development of the West of Ifield site could have upon the problem;
- (2) encourage potential developers of the site to include provision for a full relief road in any plans or proposals;
- (3) if traffic modelling determines that it is required to mitigate the impacts of the development, ask the Cabinet Member to make the construction of a full relief road a condition of the County Council's support for any development on the West of Ifield site; and
- (4) if traffic modelling determines that a full relief road is **not** required to mitigate the impacts of the development, ask the Cabinet Member to

make representations to potential developers and Horsham District Council and Crawley Borough Council (a) to safeguard a possible route through the West of Ifield site for a full relief road and (b) to secure the provision of the part of the relief road within the site.'

12. [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 252 and 253).

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
8 October 2014

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