

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

You are hereby summoned to attend the annual meeting of the County Council, to be held at **10.30 a.m.** on **Friday, 18 May 2012** 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 17 February 2012 (pages 3 to 27).

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 28 and 29).

Note: A further review of proportionality as a result of the proposed changes to the Standards Committee, to take effect from 1 July 2012, is set out at item 13.

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

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 30).

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. Any proposed changes by the Groups to existing appointments will be circulated. Nominations for the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Select Committees have been put forward by those committees as requested by the Leader. The appointments will take effect from the end of the meeting.

Note: Further appointments as a result of the proposed changes to the Standards Committee (to take effect from 1 July 2012) and the change in status of the Corporate Parenting Panel, are set out at item 14.

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. **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 17 February 2012 (pages 31 to 38) and any supplementary report.

(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 hour 30 minutes is allocated for Cabinet Member questions)*

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.           10.    [Revisions to the Performance Framework 2012-15](#)

In February the County Council considered and approved the draft Performance Framework 2012-15. A key supporting document, the draft Public Health Plan, was developed to a similar timetable to the Performance Framework and a review of the specific actions for the County Council to support the outcomes in the final Public Health Plan has identified the need to make some minor revisions to the Performance Framework to ensure absolute consistency between the two documents. The Council is asked to consider these revisions in the light of a report by the Leader (pages 39 and 40).

11.   [Governance Committee: Standards Committee and the Code of Conduct](#)

Following the abolition of the Standards regime, the County Council is asked to consider the establishment of a Standards Committee as a non-Executive committee, together with a revised Code of Conduct for members, to come into effect from 1 July 2012, in the light of a report by the Governance Committee (pages 41 to 64).

12.   [Governance Committee: Conversion of the Children's Trust to a Think Family Partnership and the status of the Corporate Parenting Panel](#)

The Council is asked to consider and approve the conversion of the Children's Trust to a Think Family Partnership and a change in the status of the Corporate Parenting Panel, in the light of a report by the Governance Committee (pages 65 to 71).

13.   [Proportionality with effect from 1 July 2012](#)

Following the outcome of the changes to the Standards Committee at item 11, the Council is asked to review the proportionality on its committees from 1 July 2012 when the new arrangements come into effect. A table showing the revised proportionality and the allocations of seats among Committees, together with an explanation of how the rules have been applied, is set out at pages 72 and 73.

14.   **Appointments to Committees**

Following the change in status of the Corporate Parenting Panel at item 12 and the review of proportionality at item 13, to consider proposed changes by the political groups to appointments. Proposals will be circulated. The changes in relation to the Standards Committee will take effect from 1 July 2012.

## 15. Notices of Motion

- (a) To consider the following motion, submitted by Mrs Millson, notice of which was given on 1 May 2012:

'This Council acknowledges the significant public concern about the possible impact of hydraulic fracturing (fracking) in the county and resolves that:

- (1) the Planning Committee be invited to consider that the County Council takes the precautionary principle in considering applications for planning permission for exploration which may lead to fracking, so that if there is a risk of harm to people or the environment or an absence of clear evidence to discount such risks the application should be refused; and
- (2) the Deputy Leader and portfolio for Communities, Environment and Enterprise be asked to write to the Government to express the Council's continuing concern about the potential impact of fracking in the county.'

- (b) To consider the following motion, submitted by Mrs Millson, notice of which was given on 1 May 2012:

'This Council supports the coalition Government's troubled families programme which will provide funding to this authority in order to provide support to families that meet the eligibility criteria and resolves to ask the Cabinet Member for Children and Families to:

- (1) Provide support to young people in order to encourage them to remain in education, employment or training and not to become involved in crime or anti-social behaviour; and
- (2) Consider putting measures in place to identify young people between the ages of 14 and 16 at risk of meeting the troubled families criteria in future in order to minimise the level of intervention required at a later stage.'

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  
9 May 2012