

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, 18 October 2013** 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 19 July 2013 (pages 71 to 98).

3. [Result of By-election](#)

To receive the County Returning Officer's return of the by-election on 26 September 2013 for the county councillor for the Storrington Electoral Division (enclosed).

4. [Review of Proportionality](#)

The County Council has a statutory duty following a by-election to review the proportionality on its committees. A brief explanation of the proportionality rules and how they are applied is set out on pages 99 and 100 together with a table showing the number of seats on committees.

5. **Appointments**

Following the by-election, to consider proposed changes by the Groups to appointments. Proposals will be circulated. Changes will take effect from the end of the meeting.

10.45 a.m.* 6.

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.

7. **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 19 July 2013 (pages 101 to 108) 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)

8. **Approval of Modifications to the submitted West Sussex Waste Local Plan**

The County Council is asked to approve modifications to the submitted Waste Local Plan, in the light of the report by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport (pages 109 to 113). A schedule of the proposed modifications ([Appendix A](#)) and the modified Waste Local Plan ([Appendix B](#)) are enclosed.

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.

9. **Governance Committee: Changes to reporting of objections to Traffic Regulation Orders via County Local Committees**

The Council is asked to consider and approve changes to the process for approving Traffic Regulation Orders, in the light of a report by the Governance Committee (pages 114 to 119).

10. **Governance Committee: Filming of Executive Meetings and use of Media Devices**

The Council is asked to consider and approve amendments to Standing Orders to incorporate guidance on the filming and reporting by the public through social media of public Executive meetings, in the light of a report by the Governance Committee (pages 120 to 122).

11. [Governance Committee: Member Expenses and Allowances](#)

The Council is asked to confirm whether the suspended scheme of member allowances and expenses should be restored in the light of a report by the Governance Committee (page 123).

12. **Notice of Motion**

- (a) To consider the following motion, submitted by Mr Glennon, notice of which was given on 18 September 2013. A [briefing note](#) is now available.

'As a consequence of the enormous financial pressure placed upon the County Council by the outcomes of the spending review this Council is asked to acknowledge that there is a need to identify savings that wherever possible avoid or minimise any future cuts to front-line services.

There exists the potential for greater savings to be realised by increasing the level of collaborative working with district and borough councils. At a time when all tiers of local government will be looking to find savings and efficiencies this council is asked to build on existing working relationships with local district and borough councils in West Sussex to achieve closer collaborative working with our partners.

This council is asked to consider the savings achieved by Waste Partnerships in Somerset and Dorset and agree that engagement is undertaken with our partners to attempt to establish a similar joint working relationship in West Sussex. The two West Country partnerships have established a single arrangement for the collection and disposal of waste and have achieved significant, on-going savings. Such an arrangement in West Sussex with a single contract for the collection and disposal of waste across the two tiers of local government would result in savings and help reduce the pressure on front-line services.

Waste Authorities in West Sussex have a strong history of effective, collaborative working. I understand that discussions are on-going, between authorities across the county, regarding the potential procurement of a countywide joint clinical waste collection contract. It is recognised that arrangements for the collection of clinical waste are minor compared to household waste, however the underlying principle of collaborative working towards a single contract is encouraging. This Council is asked to consider that this principle informs and underpins the future work of the County Council in partnership with district and borough councils. This notice of motion calls for this principle to be fundamental to negotiations concerning future waste arrangements and during the

procurement of contracts for the operation of waste services.

Therefore this Council calls on the Cabinet Member for Residents' Services:

- (1) To acknowledge that financial efficiencies and savings are achievable through the establishment of a single arrangement for the collection and disposal of waste with district and borough councils;
 - (2) To recognise that such efficiencies would contribute toward savings during the term of this council and reduce the need for potential cuts to front-line services;
 - (3) To engage district and borough councils to explore potential joint arrangements for waste collection and disposal in West Sussex with the intention of realising savings from a single contract; and
 - (4) To adopt the principle of working collaboratively with district and borough councils in West Sussex with the intention of moving proactively towards the realisation of a single waste contract in West Sussex.
- (b) To consider the following motion, submitted by Dr Walsh, notice of which was given on 26 September 2013. A [briefing note](#) is now available.

'West Sussex County Council understands and accepts the need for the United Kingdom to have a secure mix of energy supplies, including renewables, [and](#) low carbon, both from imported and domestic sources.

It recognises that commercial oil and gas extraction has been taking place satisfactorily for over 20 years in West Sussex, subject to strict environmental controls.

It also recognises that shale gas deposits are said to exist in considerable quantities beneath parts of our county.

The County Council will consider giving permits for such investigation and/or extraction only after considering the following matters:

- (1) Arrangements to meet, monitor and enforce Regulations controlling pollution of water sources, methane gas emissions, sustainable use of drilling water, monitoring of seismic activity and protection of the local environment are adequate.

- (2) Local communities must be fully consulted prior to exploration and/or extraction, and adequate provision by the developer should be in place to meet compensation for any damage to the local environment.
- (3) Effective proposals are made for establishing community benefit arrangements from both exploration and/or production, along the lines proposed by the government, and including the 'right to buy-in' to projects in the local area.'

An [amendment](#) to the motion will be moved by the Conservative Group.

4.15 p.m. **County Council concludes.** Items not commenced by 4.15 p.m. will be deferred to the following meeting.

Head of Law and Governance
9 October 2013

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