

To all Members of the County Council

An ordinary meeting of the County Council will be held at **10.30 a.m.** on **Friday, 19 February 2016** 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 11 December 2015 (pages 437 to 459).

10.45 a.m.* 3. **Appointments and Term of Office**

(a) **Committee Appointments**

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

(b) **Capita Partnership Board Appointment**

The Council is asked to note that the Cabinet Member for Finance, in consultation with the Leader, has appointed Dr Walsh to the Capita Partnership Board.

(c) **Governance Committee: Members of the Independent Remuneration Panel – Term of Office**

The Council is asked to consider a report from the Governance Committee on a further extension of the term of office of two members of the Independent Remuneration Panel (page 460).

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. [Future West Sussex Plan 2015-19 and Draft Budget 2016/17 to 2019/20 and Treasury Management Strategy 2016/17](#)

The County Council is asked to consider and approve the refreshed [Future West Sussex Plan 2015-19](#) and draft [Budget 2016/17 to 2019/20](#) in the light of a [report](#) by the Leader and the Cabinet Member for Finance (pages 461 to 465). Copies of the Future West Sussex Plan ([Appendix 1](#)) and the Budget Pack ([Appendix 2](#)) are enclosed with the agenda. The Council is also asked to consider and approve the Treasury Management Strategy 2016/17 in the light of a report by the Cabinet Member for Finance ([Appendix 3](#) enclosed with the agenda). There is also a [statement](#) with amended recommendations and table 1 of Appendix 2.

6. **Notices of Motion**

- (a) To consider the following motion, submitted by Mr M G Jones, notice of which was given on 1 February 2016. A [briefing note](#) is now available.

'This Council notes the on-going work that is being undertaken by the County Council leadership on setting up new devolved arrangements based on a 'three counties' model.

While acknowledging the potential benefits of devolution for residents, this Council expresses its concern that unless this is done correctly, there is a risk of just putting in another tier of local government without sufficient benefits to the county and risks just becoming another 'talking shop'. This Council also expresses its concern that there has been very little member involvement so far in the debate on what devolution would look like locally, its governance structure and how a new authority would operate.

This Council believes that county councillors should be given the opportunity to scrutinise and contribute to the shape of any devolution as it would affect West Sussex, as part of the democratic process and from members' perspective as local representatives for their communities before any deal is made with the Government. The Council therefore requests the Leader of the Council ensures that any decision to formally endorse the proposed '3SC' devolution bid or its proposed governance arrangements would only occur after a debate of the full County Council, followed by an affirmative vote from the majority of councillors.'

- (b) To consider the following motion, submitted by Mr Sheldon, notice of which was given on 1 February 2016. A [briefing note](#) is now available.

'This Council expresses its concern that current proposals under the Housing and Planning Bill 2015 will have a significant impact on some of the most vulnerable residents of West Sussex and may, as a

result, have serious implications for the County Council's social care services. The proposal to limit the level of housing benefit available to all tenants of social housing to the Local Housing Allowance will put the supported housing services currently offered by a number of organisations at a risk and mean that those with higher levels of need may no longer be able to receive the support they need.

The Council calls upon the Cabinet to work with leaders and cabinets of the West Sussex district and borough councils to make these concerns known to Ministers and local MPs and to seek a delay in any implementation of these proposals until such a time as their full impact has been understood and methods of ensuring the future funding for provision of supported housing services have been developed.'

1.00 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.

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 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 11 December 2015 (pages 466 to 476). 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 11 December 2015 (page 477). A supplementary report may be published.

(15 minutes is allocated for questions to the Leader)

8. **Governance Committee: Corporate Leadership**

The Council is asked to approve the re-establishment of the post of Chief Executive as Head of the Paid Service in the light of a report from the Governance Committee (pages 478 to 481).

9. **Governance Committee: Pay Policy Statement 2016/17**

The Council is asked to approve the Pay Policy Statement 2016/17 in the light of a report from the Governance Committee (pages 482 to 495).

10. **Governance Committee: Changes to the Constitution**

The County Council is asked to consider changes to the Constitution in relation to clarification of the include of reports on significant work of Select Committees in Cabinet Member Question Time and increased flexibility in the way members receive the summons and agendas for meetings, in the light of the report by the Governance Committee (pages 496 to 500).

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
10 February 2016

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