



## 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, 20 July 2012 at County Hall, Chichester.**

## Agenda

### 1. **Members' Interests**

Members are asked to disclose any personal, prejudicial or pecuniary interests in matters appearing on the agenda.

### 2. **Minutes**

The Council is asked to confirm the minutes of the annual meeting of the County Council held on 18 May 2012 (pages 77 to 96).

### 10.45 a.m.\* 3. **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.

### 4. **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 18 May 2012 (pages 97 to 103) and any supplementary report.

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

(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. 5. **Annual Report 2011/12**

The County Council is asked to consider the Annual Report 2011/12 which includes the End of Year Performance Report, financial results, compliments, comments and complaints overview and the Annual Governance Statement, in the light of the report by the Leader (pages 104 and 105). The Council is asked to approve the End of Year Performance Report. A copy of the Annual Report 2011/12 is enclosed.

6. **Treasury Management Annual Report 2011/12**

The County Council is asked to consider and note the Treasury Management Annual Report 2011/12 and agree an amendment to the Treasury Management Strategy, in the light of the report by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources (pages 106 to 121).

7. **Annual Report of the Corporate Parenting Panel**

The County Council is asked to consider and note the Annual Report of the Corporate Parenting Panel (pages 122 to 126).

8. **Governance Committee: Sussex Police and Crime Panel**

The County Council is asked to consider and approve the terms of reference, Panel Arrangements and Rules of Procedure for the Sussex Police and Crime Panel, to come into effect from 1 November 2012, in the light of a report by the Governance Committee (pages 127 to 138).

9. **Governance Committee: Nomination of Authority Governors by County Local Committees**

The Council is asked to consider and approve changes to the arrangements for the appointment of authority school governors, to take effect from 1 September 2012, in the light of a report by the Governance Committee (pages 139 to 141).

10. **Annual Report of the Standards Committee**

The Council is asked to note a report from the Standards Committee (pages 142 to 144) on its activities over the last 12 months.

**11. Policy and Resources Select Committee: The Select Committee Work Programme 2012/13**

The Council is asked to consider and approve the Select Committee work programme for the coming year in the light of a report by the Policy and Resources Select Committee (pages 145 to 160).

**12. Notices of Motion**

- (a) To consider the following motion, submitted by Mrs Millson, which was referred to the Planning Committee and the Deputy Leader and portfolio for Communities, Environment and Enterprise at the meeting of the County Council on 18 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.'

and the report of the Planning Committee and the Deputy Leader (pages 161 and 162).

- (b) To consider the following motion, submitted by Mrs Millson, which was referred to the Cabinet Member for Children and Families at the meeting of the County Council on 18 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.'

and the report of the Cabinet Member for Children and Families (pages 163 to 165).

- (c) To consider the following motion, submitted by Mr Burrett, notice of which was given on 29 June 2012:

'This Council notes that:

- (1) It is on course to achieve the required £79m of savings during the three-year period 2011-2014, and that a total of £38m of those savings had already been delivered by the end of the 2011/12 financial year;
- (2) It has been successful in keeping the level of Council Tax increases to the absolute minimum, and has achieved Council Tax freezes during both 2011/12 and 2012/13;
- (3) During the 2011/12 financial year the Council's spending has been contained within budget, with no overspends recorded across a wide range of services, whilst at the same time a total of £15m has been earmarked for a variety of initiatives to boost the economy of West Sussex;
- (3) Throughout this period the Council has maintained a prudent level of reserves consistent with the Chief Financial Officer's statutory report on the adequacy of reserves; and
- (4) It holds £158m in earmarked reserves for financing capital investment, spreading the costs of long-term projects such as Private Finance Initiative schemes, and for the up-front investment necessary to realise longer-term savings, and that it would therefore not be prudent to use these funds for other purposes.

In the light of this, the Council therefore recognises that:

- (1) Only £18m of its reserves are available to be spent on unforeseen contingencies, such as dealing with events of flooding; and
- (2) It would be irresponsible for the Council to use such contingency reserves to selectively increase expenditure on other budget headings on a one-off basis.'

- (d) To consider the following motion, submitted by Mrs Knight, notice of which was given on 29 June 2012:

'This Council is concerned that 40% of young people nationally live in homes containing 10 books or fewer and believes children should be encouraged to develop their reading skills as early as possible and not be constrained by social or family financial limitations.

This Council values the free book gifting scheme known as 'Bookstart' in conjunction with the charity Booktrust which provides free books to children living in West Sussex and resolves to ask the Deputy Leader and portfolio for Communities, Environment and Enterprise to explore ways to enable all children starting and joining school in West Sussex to be automatically enrolled at their local library and provided with a library card.

Furthermore, this Council asks the Deputy Leader to write to the Secretary of State for Education pledging support for the Bookstart scheme and asking him to ensure sufficient funding is made available for Booktrust to continue their highly valued book gifting scheme during 2014/15 and beyond.'

- (e) To consider the following motion, submitted by Mr Deedman, notice of which was given on 3 July 2012:

'This Council recognises the detrimental effect that congestion on the A27 has on the economy of West Sussex, particularly at the three main bottlenecks around Arundel, Worthing/Lancing and Chichester. This also causes many drivers to 'rat-run' through rural villages such as Storrington to avoid the congestion on the A27.

At the present time the Department for Transport does not propose bringing forward funding to address these issues before 2015 although a feasibility study considering options for bringing private investment into the national road network is expected to be published in the autumn.

The Council resolves to ask the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport in the meantime to:

- (1) Investigate all possible options for funding improvements to the A27, including making a contribution from the County Council towards the Arundel Bypass; and
- (2) Write to the Minister for Transport, suggesting that the A27 be used as a pilot for a new owner and financial model.'

13. [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 166 and 167).

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  
11 July 2012