

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

An ordinary meeting of the County Council will be held at **10.30 a.m.** on **Friday, 24 July 2015** 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 22 May 2015 (pages 135 to 144).

10.45 a.m.\* 3. **Appointments**

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

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. **Notices of Motion**

- (a) To consider the following motion, submitted by Mrs Millson, which was referred to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Relations at the meeting of the County Council on 27 March 2015:

'This Council aims to be recognised by the residents and business community of West Sussex as a Council that actively supports and promotes the concept of Fairtrade, ensuring that producers from developing countries get a fair price for their goods and labour.

Noting that there are already a number of Fairtrade

councils within West Sussex, West Sussex County Council resolves to ask the Cabinet Member for Corporate Relations to:

- (1) Promote awareness of Fairtrade issues by making publicity and educational information available to local people, regarding the worldwide impact of unfair trade, and the opportunities that Fairtrade provides to promote sustainable development;
- (2) Investigate the Council's purchasing policies regarding items that Fairtrade produces and encourage the purchase of Fairtrade items whenever possible, in particular to make Fairtrade tea and coffee available wherever refreshments are provided; and
- (3) Work with the West Sussex Fairtrade Steering Committee to promote Fairtrade issues and practices amongst local businesses and commercial and other organisations.'

and the report of the Cabinet Member for Corporate Relations ([pages 145 and 146](#)).

- (b) To consider the following motion, submitted by Mrs Jupp, notice of which was given on 7 July 2015:

'This County Council celebrates and values our older population, which currently comprises 183,965 people over retirement age, of whom more than 13,000 are living with dementia, and it acknowledges that this figure is likely to increase to 237,000 by 2034.

However, the Council rightly expresses concern about the implications of the growth of this section of our community and their needs in later life. In 2013 a West Sussex Older People Loneliness Survey was carried out which revealed that 24% of respondents indicated that they were moderately or severely lonely. Those living in more deprived areas were 30% more likely to be lonely than those living in other parts of the county. Sadly these statistics are likely to rise.

The Council is therefore cognisant of the need to support and provide information to our older residents in a meaningful and coherent manner and to raise awareness of the issue of social isolation amongst older people. In response to this important issue, the Council resolves to ask the Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health to initiate a Campaign for better connections with Older People.'

A [briefing note](#) on factual background information is now available.

6. **Council Annual Report 2014/15**

The County Council is asked to consider the Council Annual Report 2014/15 which includes the End of Year Performance Report, financial results and the Annual Governance Statement, in the light of the report by the Leader (page 147). The Council is asked to approve the End of Year Performance Report. A copy of the Council [Annual Report 2014/15](#) is enclosed.

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.

1 p.m.

**Lunch (In the event that the morning business is finished before lunch the afternoon business will be brought forward as appropriate.)**

2.00 p.m.

(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 22 May 2015 (pages 148 to 162). 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 22 May 2015 (page 163). A supplementary report may be published.

*(15 minutes is allocated for questions to the Leader)*

8. **Electoral Review Panel: Boundary Review**

As part of the current review by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, the County Council is asked to note progress on detailed proposals for electoral division boundaries prior to final approval by the Governance Committee on 24 August 2015 (pages 164 to 166). An [appendix pack](#) containing draft proposals and maps for divisions is enclosed. Details for Crawley and Horsham divisions are included in a [second appendix pack](#) together with revisions to the proposals for Arun.

9. **Governance Committee: Deputies to Cabinet Members and Champions**

The Council is asked to consider proposals including changes to the role and name of Deputies to Cabinet Members and to the role of Champions, in the light of a report from the Governance Committee (pages 167 to 176).

10. **Governance Committee: Changes to the Constitution - Member Development Group: Future Focus and Purpose and County Local Committees: Changes to Governor Appointment Process**

The Council is asked to consider changes to the current structure and function of the Member Development Group and to the role of County Local Committees in the appointment of authority governors to maintained schools, in the light of a report from the Governance Committee (pages 177 to 185).

11. **Standards Committee: Review of the Confidential Reporting Policy ('whistleblowing')**

The Council is asked to consider changes to the Confidential Reporting Policy in the light of a report by the Standards Committee (pages 186 to 196).

12. **Performance and Finance Select Committee: The Select Committee Work Programme July to December 2015**

The Council is asked to consider and approve the Select Committee work programme for July to December 2015 in the light of a report by the Performance and Finance Select Committee (pages 197 to 207).

13. **Treasury Management Annual Report 2014/15**

The County Council is asked to consider and note the Treasury Management Annual Report 2014/15 in the light of the report by the Cabinet Member for Finance (pages 208 to 231).

14. **Other Annual Reports**

(a) **Report of the Adult Safeguarding Panel**

The County Council is asked to consider and note the Annual Report of the Adult Safeguarding Panel (page 232) and enclosed [newsletter](#).

(b) **Report of the Corporate Parenting Panel**

The County Council is asked to consider and note the Annual Report of the Corporate Parenting Panel (pages 233 to 242).

(c) **Annual Champions' Report**

The County Council is asked to consider and note the Annual Champions' Report (pages 243 to 251).

15. **Standards Committee Annual Report**

The Council is asked to note a report from the Standards Committee (pages 252 to 261) on its activities over the last 12 months, which includes the compliments, comments and complaints overview.

16. **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 262 and 263).

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  
15 July 2015

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