

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

The Annual meeting of the County Council will be held at **10.30 a.m.** on **Friday, 20 April 2018** 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 16 February 2018 (pages 3 to 25).

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 26 and 27).

6. **Notification of Appointment of Cabinet Members, Senior Advisers and Advisers 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 Senior Advisers and Advisers to Cabinet Members (to follow).

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. Proposed changes by the Groups will be circulated. The appointments will take effect from the end of the meeting.

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. **Report of the Corporate Parenting Panel**

The County Council is asked to consider and note the report of the Corporate Parenting Panel (pages 28 and 29).

10. **Notices of Motion**

- (a) To consider the following motion, submitted by Mrs Pendleton, notice of which was given on 3 April 2018. A [briefing note](#) is now available.

'This Council recognises the excellent work that has been achieved over the lifetime of our Think Family programme. It has brought partners together to make a very real difference to some of our most vulnerable families whilst reducing demand on high cost specialist services. It not only realises a financial saving across numerous public services in the county, it also fully embraces our ambition give children the Best Start in Life. It also enhances economic productivity and social mobility.

This Council recognises with regret that the central government funding for this programme is due to finish in the 2019/20 financial year. In a time of severe cost pressures this puts at risk the important preventative work undertaken with families to reduce the generational issue evidenced in Social work. Therefore this Council calls upon the Leader and the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People to:

- (1) Lobby national government to continue funding this kind of focused preventative work around vulnerable families for at least another five years; and
- (2) Also ask the Government to ensure that any scheme retains the aspect of payment by results, in order to ensure the quality of the work and the ring-fencing of the funding in local authority budgets.'

- (b) To consider the following motion, submitted by Mrs Millson, notice of which was given on 3 April 2018. A [briefing note](#) is now available.

'This Council notes that:

- (a) 105 - 110 young people (aged 16 or over) leave the care of West Sussex County Council every year, and begin the difficult transition out of care and into adulthood.
- (b) Research from The Centre for Social Justice found that over half (57%) of young people leaving care have difficulty managing their money and avoiding debt when leaving care.
- (c) This Council has statutory corporate parenting responsibilities towards young people who have left care up until the age of 25.
- (d) The Children and Social Work Act 2017 places corporate parenting responsibilities on district and borough councils for the first time, requiring them to have regard to children in care and care leavers when carrying out their functions.

This Council believes that:

- (1) To ensure that the transition from care to adult life is as smooth as possible, and to mitigate the chances of care leavers falling into debt as they begin to manage their own finances, the burden of council tax should be relieved until they are 25; and
- (2) Care leavers are a particularly vulnerable group for council tax debt.

This Council, therefore, resolves to ask the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People to use the County Council's convening powers and expertise in corporate parenting to work with all district and borough councils in West Sussex to explore the options for relieving the council tax burden for all care leavers in the county up to the age of 25, sharing any arising costs proportionately, and to provide other such support as may be agreed.'

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.)**

11. [Question Time](#)

Questions to the Leader and Cabinet Members on matters contained within the Cabinet report, [written questions](#) and any other questions relevant to their portfolios. Members may also ask questions of the Leader on anything that is currently relevant to the County Council. The attached report covers

relevant Council business or developments in respect of portfolios arising since the meeting of the Council on 16 February 2018 (pages 30 to 43). A supplementary report may be published.

(2 hours is allocated for question time)

12. **Waiver of Standing Orders re submission of review of the Constitution to Council**

The Council is invited to note that a technical review of the Constitution is underway, with oversight by the Governance Committee. It is expected that a revised Constitution text will be submitted to the Council in July for approval, on the recommendation of the Governance and Standards Committees. The technical review is intended to make the Constitution easier to understand and to reduce duplication.

No material changes to political governance arrangements are being considered. As the material is substantial and the changes technical, the Council is asked to agree to waive Standing Order 6(2) for this item, so that the draft revised Constitution be issued electronically for Council in July, but would be available in hard copy on request. A report will set out the main changes being proposed.

13. **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 44 and 45).

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 and Assurance  
11 April 2018

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

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