

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

An ordinary meeting of the County Council will be held at **10.30 a.m.** on **Friday, 8 June 2018** at **County Hall, Chichester**.

### **Agenda**

1. **Appointment of Vice-Chairman for the meeting**

To appoint a Vice-Chairman for the meeting.

2. **Members' Interests**

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

3. **Minutes**

The Council is asked to confirm the minutes of the annual meeting of the County Council held on 20 April 2018 (pages 49 to 74).

10.45 a.m.\* 4.

**Appointments**

To consider any proposed changes by the Groups to appointments. Any proposals will be circulated and changes will take effect from the end of the meeting.

5. **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.

6. **Notices of Motion**

- (a) To consider the following motion, submitted by Mrs Millson, which was referred to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People at the meeting of the County Council on 20 April 2018:

‘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.'

and the [report](#) of the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People (pages 75 and 76).

- (b) To consider the following motion, submitted by Mr Turner, notice of which was given on 22 May 2018. A [briefing note](#) is now available.

'This Council is committed to ensuring that people living with disabilities – of any kind - and those who are caring for them, should be treated with respect and provided with timely information, preventive services, and access to care and support when and where they require it.

As part of this commitment, this Council agrees it should join other local authorities in adopting the Charter of the Motor Neurone Disease Association, which provides a statement of respect, care and support that people living with Motor Neurone Disease and their carers should expect. The five points of the Charter are:

- (1) The right to an early diagnosis and information;
- (2) The right to access quality care and treatments;
- (3) The right to be treated as individuals and with dignity and respect;
- (4) The right to maximise their quality of life; and that
- (5) Carers of people with motor neurone disease have the right to be valued, respected, listened to, and well-supported.

This Council therefore calls on the Cabinet Member for Adults' and Health to formally adopt this Charter, as a policy of the County Council, to ensure its aims are widely understood and followed.'

- (c) To consider the following motion, submitted by Mr Jones, notice of which was given on 22 May 2018. A [briefing note](#) is now available.

'This Council is extremely concerned about the current situation at Thomas Bennett Community College, a secondary school in Crawley which became an Academy in 2012 under the control of the Kemnal Academies Trust (TKAT). It is understood that TKAT are proposing to cut £987k from the school's budget, a move that the National Education Union (NEU) has said would see at least 22 teachers and support staff lose their jobs, including 6 teachers from the Special Educational Needs structure.

This Council therefore calls upon the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills to:

- (1) Pursue options to renegotiate or extend the terms of the PFI contract, and seek an agreement from the Kemnal Academies Trust that they will put their plans for any proposed re-structure or staffing cuts on hold until such time as negotiations have concluded and to work with this authority regarding any future such proposals; and
- (2) Formally alert the Regional Schools Commissioner to this Council's concerns about the safety of pupils and staff in light of the proposed staffing re-structure and request a meeting with him to see what action can be taken to safeguard the future education of the pupils in light of these proposed cuts, including ascertaining whether there is any scope for the Thomas Bennett Community College being returned to local authority control.'

7. **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 20 April 2018 (pages 77 to 88). A supplementary report may be published.

(2 hours is allocated for question time)

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.

8. **Notices of Motion**

- (a) To consider the following motion, submitted by Ms Lord, which was referred to the Governance Committee via the Member Development Group at the meeting of the County Council on 16 February 2018:

'On 6 February 1918, the Representation of the People Act which extended the franchise to women for the first time, received its Royal Assent. One hundred years on, we have a woman Prime Minister, a woman First Minister of Scotland and a woman Leader of West Sussex County Council with a Cabinet containing three women colleagues.

Yet still women's representation in local and central government lags behind that of men. Nationally, just one in three local councillors is a woman and, with the slow pace of change, 50:50 representation is not expected until 2065. Only 23 of West Sussex's 70 councillors are women, and we are one of the 96% of councils that do not have a maternity leave, parental leave or carers' policy for councillors.

This Council has an opportunity over the next three years to work to increase the number of women who stand for election as county councillor and to become a leading Council nationally on this issue.

In this anniversary year, this Council agrees to undertake a project to explore the barriers that exist for women wanting to become councillors in West Sussex and make recommendations on how to increase the number of women who stand in the 2021 elections, and to implement its recommendations.'

and the [report](#) of the Governance Committee (pages 89 and 90).

- (b) To consider the following motion, submitted by Dr Walsh, notice of which was given on 11 May 2018. A [briefing note](#) is now available.

'West Sussex County Council believes:

- (1) That there is mounting and indisputable evidence of damage that a 'hard Brexit' would cause both to the national economy and to our regional economy.
- (2) The damage to our international relationships, the reducing influence with other states and the complete loss of say and control over the rules of the European Single Market and Customs Union, the largest market in the world will be very severe.
- (3) That the Government has totally mismanaged the Brexit negotiations and has failed to work closely with Scotland/Wales/regions and local authorities and listen to our concerns.
- (4) That businesses within our region, like those elsewhere in the UK, are reconsidering investment plans in new production and new jobs while they await the Brexit deal.
- (5) That the current rights of EU citizens living in the UK should always be fully protected and not used as a bargaining chip by the UK Government.

The Council notes:

- (1) The increasing problems that the NHS is having in recruiting nurses and doctors since the decision to leave the European Union was made and that this is having a real impact on the health of local residents.
- (2) With concern, the potential impact of Brexit both on our local economy and on established mutually beneficial partnerships and links with European businesses.
- (3) That the UK economy is now the slowest growing economy in Europe, reducing the prosperity of the UK and our local residents.
- (4) That new investment in the region is being jeopardised and new job opportunities are being lost.
- (5) That Inflation caused by Brexit-related depreciation of the pound is driving up living costs for all our residents, and a further squeezing on living standards.
- (6) That Bristol, Brighton & Hove and

Hammersmith & Fulham councils have already passed motions that back a vote on the final deal with an option to stay within the European Union.

West Sussex County Council resolves to:

- (1) Request the Leader of the Council to write to our local Members of Parliament and James Brokenshire, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, expressing this Council's strong desire for a public referendum on the final deal, including the option to maintain full EU membership; and
- (2) Request the Leader of the Council to write to all Leaders of local authorities and/or the Local Government Association urging them to also adopt a policy calling for a public referendum on the final deal including an option to maintain full EU membership.'

9. **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 (page 91).

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  
30 May 2018

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