

To all Members of the County Council

An ordinary meeting of the County Council will be held at **10.30 am** on **Friday, 7 June 2019** at **County Hall, Chichester**.

Agenda

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Members' Interests**

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

3. **Minutes** (Pages 5 - 40)

The Council is asked to confirm the minutes of the annual meeting of the County Council held on 5 April 2019.

4. **Result of By-election** (Pages 41 - 42)

To receive the County Returning Officer's return of the by-election on 2 May 2019 for the county councillor for the Northgate & West Green Electoral Division.

5. **Review of Proportionality** (Pages 43 - 44)

The County Council has a statutory duty following a by-election to review the proportionality on its committees.

A brief explanation of the proportionality rules and how they are applied is set out in the attached report together with a table showing the number of seats on committees.

6. **Appointments**

10.45 am

(a) **Appointments**

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

(b) **West Sussex Independent Remuneration Panel**

Dr Neil Beer (Chairman of the Panel) and Mr John Donaldson were first appointed to the Panel in October 2015 for a four-year term.

The Council is invited to appoint them for a second term, to run from October 2019 to October 2023.

7. **Address by a Cabinet Member (To Follow)**

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.

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People will make a statement on the Council's improvement plan in relation to the actions and proposals to address the requirements arising from the recent Ofsted report into Children's Services. A report will be provided to members ahead of the Council meeting. Members may ask questions of the Cabinet Member in accordance with Standing Order 2.33.

8. **Notices of Motion**

(a) **Motion on Ofsted inspection of Children's Services**

To consider the following motion, notice of which was given on 20 May 2019 by Mr Jones.

'In light of the recent Ofsted inspection of Children's Social Care Services which rated all elements of the service inadequate and the acknowledgement of the Executive that it has failed to provide adequate funding to prevent substantial service decline, this Council:

- (a) Calls on the Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People to arrange a Member Day at the earliest opportunity so all members can understand how the political and corporate leadership enabled services to decline so severely since the last inspection and, given that all members have corporate parenting responsibilities, to provide an update on the improvement programme and receive assurances that all the children and young people the County Council is responsible for are receiving adequate support;
- (b) Pledges to do everything necessary to improve services for those children and families who need support as directed by the Commissioner (soon to be appointed) and the Independent Improvement Board;
- (c) Calls on the Leader to ensure that improving these services is the County Council's top priority and that any funding deemed necessary to turn these services around is made available, and that no savings targets are allocated to Children's Social Care; and

- (d) Calls for oversight, scrutiny and challenge to be more robust and independent minded, by enabling all of the Select Committees to nominate their own Chairman and Vice-Chairman, one of which should be drawn from the minority groups. Such nominations to be conducted by secret ballot, in line with recent national scrutiny guidance, and to be implemented as soon as possible.'

(b) **Motion on Night-time Economy**

To consider the following motion, notice of which was given on 20 May 2019 by Mr Jones.

'This Council is aware that High Streets across West Sussex are struggling, with many well-known retail stores disappearing from our towns at an alarming rate. Whilst proposals to enhance the West Sussex experience are evident in the Economic Growth Plan 2018-23, this Council considers that the night-time economy has an important role to play in diversifying our town and city centres, ensuring that they are inclusive, diverse, safe and accessible – for all residents and visitors, young and old.

This Council acknowledges that the night-time economy is the fifth largest industry in the UK and considers that West Sussex is not currently maximising the opportunities that exist which could transform our high streets and towns, particularly those with a University presence, which could ultimately encourage more young people to study, live and work in the county, as well as providing more opportunities for existing residents to enjoy themselves locally.

This Council therefore calls on the Leader to reflect the importance of the night-time economy within West Sussex by setting up an officer working-group with partners from the district and borough councils, the food and drink industry and those with expertise in events to explore the benefits that an enhanced night-time economy could deliver across the county and report its findings to the Environment, Communities and Fire Select Committee with an interim report on progress in six months, and a final report with conclusions and recommendations in 12 months' time.'

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

9. **Question Time** (Pages 45 - 48)

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 report covers relevant Council business or developments in respect of portfolios arising since the meeting of the Council on 5 April 2019. A supplementary report may be published.

(2 hours is allocated for Question Time)

10. **Governance Committee: Select Committee Business
Planning Group Membership/Webcasting Criteria**
(Pages 49 - 54)

To consider a proposal that the membership of Business Planning Groups should be amended to include the Vice-Chairman of the relevant Select Committee and suggested criteria for webcasting meetings, in the light of a report by the Governance Committee.

County Council concludes

Items not commenced by 4.15 p.m. will be deferred to the following meeting.

Director of Law and Assurance
29 May 2019

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