

To all Members of the County Council

A virtual informal ordinary meeting of the County Council will be held at **10.30 am on Friday, 16 July 2021.**

Note: Due to the current public health restrictions, this meeting will be held virtually with members in remote attendance. Public access is via webcasting. Any decisions endorsed by the Council will be confirmed and approved after the meeting using the urgent action procedure set out in Standing Order 3.45.

The meeting will be available to watch live via the Internet at this address:

<http://www.westsussex.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

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 - 16)

The Council is asked to confirm the minutes of the annual meeting of the County Council held on 21 May 2021.

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.

The Cabinet Member for Adults Services will make a statement on Social Care and Health integration. Members may ask questions of the Cabinet Member in accordance with Standing Order 2.33.

6. **Governance Committee: Plans for future Member Community Engagement to replace County Local**

Committees (Pages 17 - 20)

The Council is asked to consider a proposal that County Local Committees be replaced by more informal local community engagement forums, in the light of a report by the Governance Committee.

7. **Governance Committee: Review of the Constitution** (Pages 21 - 54)

The Council is asked to consider a number of minor changes to the Constitution, in the light of a report by the Governance Committee.

8. **Standards Committee: Code of Conduct Updates, including IT Policy** (Pages 55 - 60)

The Council is asked to consider proposed minor changes to the Code of Conduct in the Constitution, in the light of a report by the Standards Committee.

9. **Standards Committee Annual Report** (Pages 61 - 62)

The Council is asked to note a report from the Standards Committee on its activities for the period from April 2020 to March 2021.

10. **Question Time** (Pages 63 - 68)

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 21 May 2021. A supplementary report may be published.

(2 hours is allocated for Question Time)

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

11. **Notices of Motion**

(a) **Motion on Mental Health**

To consider and debate the following motion, submitted by Cllr Oxlade, notice of which was given on 24 June 2021.

'Although the coronavirus pandemic has impacted everyone in West Sussex, not everyone will have experienced its consequences in the same way. The effects of social distancing, lockdown, the loss of loved ones to the virus and

stress-inducing media reports has had a huge impact on the mental health and wellbeing of a large number of our residents and will continue to have lasting effects long after lockdown is over. West Sussex County Council has a vital role to play in ensuring that residents of West Sussex experiencing mental health issues have access to the support they need. This Council therefore asks the Cabinet to:

- (1) Ensure that access to mental health services will remain a priority both whilst public health restrictions remain in place and beyond; and
- (2) Consider the potential impact on the mental health of residents when taking decisions for the foreseeable future.'

(b) **Motion on Emergency Services**

To consider and debate the following motion, submitted by Cllr Boram, notice of which was given on 24 June 2021.

'This Council supports the campaign to build the UK's first 'Emergency Services Cenotaph', dedicated to all who have served and volunteered in the NHS and all the emergency services, including Fire and Rescue - whom we are very proud to have as part of West Sussex County Council.

Additionally, this Council records its support for the UK's annual national 'Emergency Services Day' which is held on 9 September and which is supported by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II; and that this Council places on record its sincere appreciation for the two million people who work and volunteer in the NHS and emergency services, especially throughout the COVID-19 pandemic when the demands placed upon our emergency services have significantly increased.

In recognition of Emergency Services Day, this Council asks the Chairman to agree to fly the official flag of the 'Emergency Services Day' at County Hall on 9 September each year.'

(c) **Motion on 20mph Speed Limits**

To consider the following motion, submitted by Cllr O'Kelly, notice of which was given on 25 June 2021. **Note:** The Chairman has indicated he intends to refer the motion to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport for consideration. It will therefore not be debated at this meeting.

'This Council believes that 20mph as a speed limit in built up, residential areas including our villages, is desirable in

terms of safety and noise, particularly around shopping centres and schools or on roads handling primarily local traffic.

This Council believes that promoting active travel is a priority and encouraging take up of a 20mph speed limit, where appropriate, will increase the number of journeys taken on foot or cycle.

This Council calls upon the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport to introduce a more flexible policy on speed reduction including the 20mph limit – and calls on her to work with residents and partners to implement a change in speed limit reducing it to 20mph if:

- (1) it is demonstrated that there is clear community support for the reduction
- (2) the road is in a residential area
- (3) the road is not an A road or major through route.'

(d) **Motion on Land Use**

To consider the following motion, submitted by Cllr Milne, notice of which was given on 29 June 2021. **Note:** The Chairman has indicated he intends to refer the motion to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Property for consideration. It will therefore not be debated at this meeting.

'This Council calls upon the Cabinet Member for Finance and Property to put in place a clear process, such that any currently-owned Council land will always be first considered for possible social, community or environmental use, particularly where this complements the Council's ambitions relating to climate change, prior to deeming it surplus to requirements, which could see it allocated for development within West Sussex County Council's Joint Venture development company.'

County Council concludes

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