

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

An ordinary meeting of the County Council will be held at **10.30 am** on **Friday, 14 October 2022** at **County Hall, Chichester PO19 1RQ**.

### **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 - 28)

The Council is asked to confirm the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the County Council held on 15 July 2022.

4. **Result of By-election** (Pages 29 - 30)

To receive the County Returning Officer's return of the by-election held on 8 September 2022 for the Felpham electoral division.

5. **Review of Proportionality** (Pages 31 - 32)

The County Council must, following a by-election, review the proportionality on its committees. An explanation of the proportionality rules and how they are applied together with a table showing the number of seats on committees is attached.

6. **Appointments**

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

7. **Designation of Section 151 Officer** (Pages 33 - 34)

The County Council is asked to approve arrangements for the designation of the Section 151 Officer in the light of a report by the Director of Law and Assurance.

8. **Address by a Cabinet Member**

At the discretion of the Chairman, to receive an 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. **Governance Committee: Review of County Local Forums**  
(Pages 35 - 38)

The Council is asked to consider the discontinuance of County Local Forums, following a one-year trial, in the light of a report by the Governance Committee.

10. **Governance Committee: Constitutional Matters** (Pages 39 - 58)

The Council is asked to consider a number of constitutional matters. These include the recommended continuance of the Fire & Rescue Service Scrutiny Committee, the term of office of members of the Independent Remuneration Panel, the governance arrangements of the Property Joint Venture Partnership, matters relating to the Pension Advisory Board and the Pensions Committee, the description of urgent and short notice decisions in Standing Orders and proposals relating to stopping up orders, in the light of a report by the Governance Committee.

11. **Armed Forces Covenant Annual Report** (Pages 59 - 60)

The Council is asked to note the Armed Forces Covenant Annual Report 2021/22.

12. **Report of Urgent Action** (Pages 61 - 62)

To note urgent action taken under regulation 11 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

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

Questions to the Leader and Cabinet Members on matters in the Cabinet report, written questions and any other questions relevant to their portfolios. Members may also ask questions of the Leader on anything current, relevant to the County Council. The report covers portfolio-related business since the meeting of the Council on 15 July 2022. A supplementary report may be published.

(2 hours is allocated for Question Time)

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

14. **Notices of Motion**

(a) **Motion on Oil and Gas**

To debate the following motion, submitted by Cllr Lord, notice of which was given on 27 September 2022.

'Following the Government's announcement that they will lift

the moratorium on shale gas production and potential changes to planning for hydrocarbons, this Council:

- (1) Requests that any changes to national policy are kept under review to ensure that West Sussex County Council maintains the tightest possible controls on oil and gas exploration and production within West Sussex;
- (2) Asks the Leader to write to our MPs and relevant ministers to remind them of this Council's position, agreed in 2018, that all planning applications for oil and gas exploration and production should remain with local authorities; and
- (3) Affirms that, while all planning applications will continue to be treated on their individual merits, it believes the future for West Sussex is in renewable energy production not oil and gas.'

(b) **Motion on Adult Social Care Funding**

To debate the following motion, submitted by Cllr Duncton, notice of which was given on 28 June 2022.

'The financial implications of the Government's social care reforms which are due to be implemented next year will be significant for West Sussex County Council. With the recent changes in government, this Council requests that the Leader and Cabinet Member for Adults Services lobby the Government for confirmation of the timetable for these reforms and for adequate funding to enable the Council to implement the changes equitably and with minimum impact on the Council's budget.'

**County Council concludes**

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

Director of Law and Assurance  
Clare Jones 5 October 2022

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