

To all Members of the County Council

The Annual meeting of the County Council will be held at **10.30 am** on **Friday, 26 May 2023** at **County Hall, Chichester PO19 1RQ**.

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. **Apologies for Absence**

4. **Members' Interests**

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

5. **Minutes** (Pages 7 - 20)

The Council is asked to confirm the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the County Council held on 17 February 2023.

6. **Result of By-election** (Pages 21 - 22)

To receive the County Returning Officer's return of the by-election held on 4 May 2023 for the East Grinstead Meridian electoral division.

7. **Review of Proportionality** (Pages 23 - 24)

The County Council has a statutory duty to review the proportionality on its committees each year and must do so following the recent by-election. An explanation of the proportionality rules and how they are applied is attached. A table showing the number of seats on committees will follow.

8. **Notification of Appointment of Cabinet Members and Advisers to Cabinet Members** (Pages 25 - 30)

The Leader is required each year to give notice to the Council of his appointments to the Cabinet and allocation of Cabinet portfolios between the cabinet members, together with the appointment of advisers to cabinet members.

9. **Appointments**

(a) **Appointments to Committees**

Following the review of proportionality and in the light of the Leader's notification at item 8, to appoint members of non-Executive committees, to appoint the chairmen, vice-chairmen, panels and substitutes of those committees in accordance Standing Order 2.10 and to appoint the members of scrutiny committees (the chairmen and vice-chairmen will be appointed at the next meeting of each scrutiny committee). The appointments will take effect from the end of the meeting.

(b) **Appointment of an Independent Member to the Independent Remuneration Panel** (To Follow)

The Council is asked to approve an appointment to fill a vacancy for an independent member on the Independent Remuneration Panel, in the light of a report by the Chairman of the Standards Committee.

10. **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.

11. **West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan: Five-yearly Assessment** (Pages 31 - 32)

The Council is asked to consider the outcome of the five-yearly assessment of the Joint Minerals Local Plan and agree that a formal review, either in whole or in part, is not required, in the light of a report by the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change.

12. **Ofsted Inspection of Local Authority Children Services Judgement of the County Council's Children's Services 11 May 2023** (Pages 33 - 60)

The Council is asked to consider and comment on the recently published Inspecting Local Authority Children's Services Report, in the light of a report by the Leader and the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Learning and Skills.

13. **Governance Committee: Review of Webcasting** (Pages 61 - 62)

Following a one-year trial, the Council is asked to consider adding Health and Wellbeing Board meetings to the list of meetings in Standing Orders where there is a presumption that they will be webcast, in the light of a report by the Governance Committee.

14. **Report of Urgent Action** (Pages 63 - 64)

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

15. **Question Time** (Pages 65 - 72)

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 17 February 2023. 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.)

16. **Motion on Defibrillators**

To debate the following motion, submitted by Cllr Greenway, notice of which was given on 9 May 2023.

'West Sussex County Council recognises the importance of making defibrillators accessible and having them registered, especially in public places, sports grounds and Government-funded facilities.

This Council understands the role that it has in facilitating the delivery of new defibrillators across West Sussex.

The Council supports and welcomes the planned rollout of defibrillators by the Government to all state-funded schools that currently do not have one, with over 20,000 expected to be delivered to 18,000 schools by the end of the academic year.

This Council asks the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing to:

- (1) Commit to working with the local community to find suitable places to place defibrillators, acknowledging that they are most effective within three minutes of a person collapsing, and to support finding funding for defibrillators in public places and community spaces;
- (2) Seek to register defibrillators held within County Council facilities with 'The Circuit', The National Defibrillator Network, supported by the British Heart Foundation;
- (3) Encourage schools to also register their government-funded defibrillator; and
- (4) Promote via the Council's publications (including on social media) the benefits of having a defibrillator in the community and explaining how they can be used in an emergency situation.'

County Council concludes

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

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