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Dear Members,

County Council on Friday, 16 July 2021: Urgent Action Procedure to confirm indicative votes

Following the informal virtual meeting of the County Council on Friday, 16 July 2021, I am writing to seek your agreement under Standing Order 3.45, as set out below, to an officer taking the decisions in accordance with indicative votes taken at the meeting.

Items 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11a and 11b

County Chairman (see details of decisions set out below)

Item 11a

Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing (see details of decision set out below)

Item 11a

Chairman of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (see details of decision set out below)

Having been considered by the County Council at an informal meeting, these decisions are being taken using the urgent action procedure as they would otherwise be delayed by the fact that the next formal meeting of the Council is not due to take place until October 2021.

Details of the decisions are included at the end of this letter. The reports and other documents considered, the text of the motions debated and any interests declared are all listed on the meeting webpage.

If you agree with an officer authorising the decisions set out below, I should be grateful if you would kindly send your confirmation to me by email.

The decisions will be reported to the next meeting of the Council and through The Bulletin in the usual way.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Kershaw". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a light grey rectangular box.

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Minutes (Item No. 3)

Following consideration of the draft minutes of the Annual Meeting of the County Council held on 21 May 2021 and in consultation with the Chairman of the Council **it is decided:**

That, subject to the addition of a new minute 10.3 as set out below, the minutes be approved as a correct record:

'10.3 The Liberal Democrat Group Leader stated that the Group was not supportive of the addition of a Cabinet Member post without explanation.'

Appointments (Item No. 4)

Following consideration of the nominations and in consultation with the Chairman of the Council **it is decided:**

That the appointments as set out below be approved.

Committee	Change
Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Evans to fill Conservative substitute vacancy
Environment and Communities Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Baldwin in place of Cllr Payne
Fire and Rescue Service Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Albury to fill Conservative substitute vacancy
Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Payne to fill vacancy Cllr Bence to fill Conservative substitute vacancy
Outside Body (Governance Committee appointment): South East Employers	Cllr Cherry to fill vacancy

Governance Committee: Plans for future Member Community Engagement to replace County Local Committees (Item No. 6)

Following consideration of the report and in consultation with the Chairman of the Council **it is decided:**

- (1) That County Local Committees be removed from the Constitution and decision-making arrangements for traffic regulation orders and outside body appointments be allocated to the relevant Cabinet Members in consultation with relevant local members;
- (2) That the Governance Committee be invited to consider detailed proposals at its next meeting for a trial of district/borough-based County Local Forums; and

- (3) That the arrangements be reviewed by the end March 2022, to determine future arrangements and resource requirements.

Governance Committee: Review of the Constitution (Item No. 7)

Following consideration of the report and in consultation with the Chairman of the Council **it is decided:**

That the proposed changes to the Constitution, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

Standards Committee: Code of Conduct Updates, including IT Policy (Item No. 8)

Following consideration of the report and in consultation with the Chairman of the Council **it is decided:**

- (1) That the removal of the term 'senior adviser' to Cabinet Member in paragraph 8 of the Code of Conduct be approved; and
- (2) That the proposed changes to the IT Policy, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

Motion on Mental Health (Item No. 11a)

Following consideration of the text of the motion, the content and outcome of the debate and in consultation with the Chairman of the Council, the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing and the Chairman of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee it is decided that the Cabinet be asked to:

- (1) Ensure that access to mental health services will remain a priority both whilst public health restrictions remain in place and beyond;
- (2) Consider the potential impact on the mental health of residents when taking decisions for the foreseeable future ; and
- (3) Express its thanks for the collaborative working of partner organisations in delivering mental health services and their commitment to continue working together on this very important topic.

Motion on Emergency Services (Item No. 11b)

Following consideration of the text of the motion, the content and outcome of the debate and in consultation with the Chairman of the Council it is decided that the Chairman be asked:

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