
West Sussex County Council – Annual Meeting

5 April 2019

At the Annual Meeting of the County Council held at 10.30 am on Friday, 5 April 2019, at the County Hall, Chichester, the members present being:

Mrs Duncton (Chairman)

Mr Acraman	Mr Jupp
Mrs Arculus	Ms Kennard
Lt Cdr Atkins, RD	Mrs Kitchen
Mr Baldwin	Mr Lanzer
Mr Barling	Mr Lea
Mr Barnard	Ms Lord
Mr Barrett-Miles	Mr Markwell
Lt Col Barton, TD	Mr Marshall
Mrs Bennett	Mr McDonald
Mr Boram	Mrs Millson
Mr Bradbury	Mr Mitchell
Mr Bradford	Mr Montyn
Mrs Bridges	Mr R J Oakley
Mrs Brunsdon	Mr S J Oakley
Mr Burrett	Dr O'Kelly
Mr Catchpole	Mr Oppler
Mr Cloake	Mr Parikh
Mr Crow	Mr Patel
Mrs Dennis	Mrs Pendleton
Dr Dennis	Mr Purchase
Mr Edwards	Mrs Purnell
Mr Elkins	Mr Quinn
Mr Fitzjohn	Mrs Russell
Ms Flynn	Mr Simmons
Ms Goldsmith	Mr Smytherman
Mr High	Mrs Sparkes
Mr Hillier	Mr Turner
Mr Hunt	Mrs Urquhart
Mrs Jones, MBE	Mr Waight
Mr Jones	Dr Walsh, KStJ, RD
Mrs Jupp	

1 Election of Chairman

- 1.1 Mr Barnard, the outgoing Chairman of the Council, took the chair for the election of Chairman of the County Council.
- 1.2 The outgoing Chairman stated that he had two nominations for the office of Chairman of the Council - Mrs Janet Duncton and Mrs Morwen Millson. Following a secret ballot, Mrs Duncton was elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

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- 1.3 Mrs Duncton made the prescribed declaration of acceptance of office and took the chair.

2 Election of Vice-Chairman

- 2.1 The Chairman stated that she had one nomination for the office of Vice-Chairman of the Council, that of Mr Ashvin Patel. Mr Patel was elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.
- 2.2 Mr Patel made the prescribed declaration of acceptance of office.

3 Death of Mrs Sylvia Olliver

- 3.1 The Chairman reported the death of a former member of the Council, Mrs Sylvia Olliver, who had represented the Bersted division from 1991 to 2001.
- 3.2 Members stood for a minute's silence.

4 Apologies for Absence

- 4.1 Apologies were received from Mr Buckland, Mrs Hall, Mr Oxlade, Mr Petts, Mr Whittington and Mr Wickremaratchi. Mrs Smith was absent. Apologies for the morning session were received from Mr Mitchell. Mrs Bridges arrived at 10.45 a.m. Apologies for the afternoon session were received from Lt Col Barton, Mrs Brunsdon, Ms Flynn and Mr Lea. A number of members gave apologies and left early as follows: Mr Oppler at 10.50 a.m., Mr Simmons and Mrs Sparkes at 3.05 p.m., Mrs Dennis and Mr Hillier at 3.30 p.m. and Mr R J Oakley at 3.40 p.m. Mr Markwell was absent for the afternoon session and Mr Purchase left at 12.15 p.m. and was absent for the afternoon session. Mr Bradbury left at 3.30 p.m. and Mr Barrett-Miles at 3.50 p.m.

5 Members' Interests

- 5.1 Members declared interests as set out at Appendix 1.

6 Minutes

- 6.1 It was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the County Council held on 15 February 2019 (pages 9 to 40) be approved as a correct record.

7 Review of Proportionality

- 7.1 The County Council was reminded of its statutory duty to review the proportionality on its committees annually. A paper on the application of the proportionality rules and how they were applied was set out at pages 41 and 42 together with a table showing the number of seats on committees.

7.2 Resolved –

That the review of proportionality on committees be agreed.

8 Notification of Appointment of Cabinet Members, Senior Advisers and Advisers to Cabinet Members

8.1 The County Council was reminded that the Leader was required each year to give notice to the Council of her appointments to the Cabinet and allocation of Cabinet portfolios between the Cabinet Members, together with the appointment of Senior Advisers and Advisers to Cabinet Members.

8.2 The Council noted that Ms Goldsmith had given notice to the County Council of her appointments for the ensuing year, as set out on supplement pages 1 to 5.

9 Appointments

9.1 A schedule setting out the nominations for the re-appointment of the chairmen, vice-chairmen and members of Select Committees and non-Executive committees and substitutes was circulated.

9.2 The schedule was agreed, as set out at Appendix 2.

10 Motion on Climate Change

10.1 At the County Council meeting on 15 February 2019 the following motion had been moved by Mr Jones, seconded by Mr Oxlade, and referred to the Cabinet Member for Environment for consideration. A report by the Cabinet Member was included with the agenda (page 43).

‘This Council notes that humans have caused climate change, the impacts of which are being felt around the world. Global temperatures have already increased by 1 degree Celsius from pre-industrial levels. Atmospheric CO₂ levels are above 400 parts per million (ppm). This far exceeds the 350 ppm deemed to be a safe level for humanity. In order to reduce the chance of runaway Global Warming and limit the effects of Climate Breakdown, it is imperative that all countries should reduce our carbon equivalent (CO₂eq) emissions from their current 6.5 tonnes per person per year to less than 2 tonnes as soon as possible. Councils around the world are responding by declaring a ‘Climate Emergency’ and committing resources to address this.

This Council believes that all governments (national, regional and local) have a duty to limit the negative impacts of Climate Breakdown, and local governments that recognise this should not wait for their national governments to change their policies. It is important for the residents of West Sussex and the UK that cities commit to carbon neutrality as quickly as possible.

Councils like West Sussex are uniquely placed to lead the world in reducing carbon emissions – for example because of their capacity for local energy generation, such as running our own solar farms and promoting solar energy take up among local organisations and residents, supporting the greater use of electric powered vehicles both in the private and public sector and for personal use, and investing further in public transport.

West Sussex is already suffering from flooding problems, and a significant proportion of its population and a large number of its settlements are based in coastal areas which would potentially be devastated by a rise in sea levels caused by continual global warming. The consequences of global temperature rising above 1.5°C are so severe that preventing this from happening must be a number one priority, and bold climate action can deliver economic benefits in terms of new jobs, economic savings and market opportunities (as well as improved well-being for people worldwide).

This Council therefore calls on the Cabinet to:

- (1) Declare a 'Climate Emergency';
- (2) Pledge to attempt to make West Sussex carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions;
- (3) Call on the Government to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible;
- (4) Work with other councils to determine and implement best practice methods to limit Global Warming to less than 1.5°C;
- (5) Continue to work with partners across the county and region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies and plans;
- (6) Set up a Task and Finish Group to look into the matter in greater detail;
- (7) Consider whether it would be advisable to take into account climate change impacts, when considering planning applications, or taking part in consultations, commenting on reports, plans and reviews put to the Council; and
- (8) Report to full Council within six months with the actions the Cabinet and Council will take to address this emergency.'

10.2 An amendment was moved by Mr Barling and seconded by Mrs Russell as set out below:

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This Council has a strong reputation for responding positively to the challenge of climate change. Sustainability is being embedded into the day-to-day business of the Council, such as procurement, the capital programme and introducing electric vehicles into the fleet. An annual sustainability report is produced. The West Sussex Plan also has a strong focus on sustainability and includes targets for renewable energy, carbon reduction, air quality, sustainable transport, encouraging ultra-low emissions vehicles and waste reduction and recycling.

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 - (2) Pledge to attempt to make West Sussex **County Council** carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions;
 - (3) Call on the Government to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible;
 - (4) **Continue to work with the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and other councils to determine and implement best practice methods to limit Global Warming to less than 1.5°C;**
 - (5) Continue to work with partners across the county and region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies, and plans **and by encouraging behaviour change, including separation of food waste for collection and processing for energy generation;**
 - (6) **Support the officers working group which is investigating ways of taking into account climate change impacts in all of the Council's policies and operations** Set up a Task and Finish Group to look into the matter in greater detail; **and**
 - ~~(7) Consider whether it would be advisable to take into account climate change impacts, when considering planning applications, or taking part in consultations, commenting on reports, plans and reviews put to the Council; and~~
 - ~~(78) **Revise the Council's reporting framework to highlight annually to full Council the actions taken by the Council to mitigate climate change and its wider environmental impact** Report to full Council within six months with the actions the Cabinet and Council will take to address this emergency.'~~

10.3 The amendment was carried.

10.4 An amendment was moved by Ms Lord and seconded by Mrs Millson as set out below:

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industrial levels. Atmospheric CO₂ levels are above 400 parts per million (ppm). This far exceeds the 350 ppm deemed to be a safe level for humanity. In order to reduce the chance of runaway Global Warming and limit the effects of Climate Breakdown, it is imperative that all countries should reduce our carbon equivalent (CO₂eq) emissions from their current 6.5 tonnes per person per year to less than 2 tonnes as soon as possible. Councils around the world are responding by declaring a 'Climate Emergency' and committing resources to address this.

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- (6) Set up a Task and Finish Group to look into the matter in greater detail;
- (7) Consider the creation of a Voluntary Organisation Forum and a Citizens Assembly to examine and assess policy options and to facilitate and enable actions within our communities and by residents to contribute towards these goals; and**
- ~~(87) Consider whether it would be advisable to take into account **Incorporate** climate change impacts **assessments into all decision and officer reports, plans and reviews put to the Council, including**, when considering planning applications, or taking part in consultations, commenting on reports, plans and reviews put to the Council;~~
- (9) Incorporate responsibility for delivering against these goals into the portfolios of each Cabinet Member and Executive Director; and**
- ~~(108) Report to full Council within six months with the actions the Cabinet and Council will take to address this emergency **and provide a progress report at six-monthly intervals thereafter.**~~

10.5 The amendment was lost.

10.6 The amended motion, as set out below, was agreed.

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 - (7) Revise the Council's reporting framework to highlight annually to full Council the actions taken by the Council to mitigate climate change and its wider environmental impact.'

11 Motion on Government Cuts to the Public Health Budget

11.1 At the County Council meeting on 15 February 2019 the following motion had been moved by Dr Walsh, seconded by Dr O'Kelly, and referred to the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health for consideration. A report by the Cabinet Member was included with the agenda (pages 45 and 46).

'The Council notes the vital role played by Public Health, including our hugely successful vaccination and immunisation programmes, support for those wanting to stop smoking, and otherwise helping West Sussex residents to lead healthier lives by avoiding diseases and unplanned pregnancies; and notes with grave concern the announcement of a further £85m cut to the Public Health Budget, as one of 12 ministerial statements published by the Government on the last day of the 2018 parliamentary term before Christmas, only weeks after the Secretary of State for Health described 'prevention' as his priority.

The Council further notes the comments of the Health Foundation, who described these cuts as a false economy and who have calculated that an additional £3bn a year is required to reverse the impact of the Government's cuts to the Public Health Grant to date and have called for this increased budget to be allocated according to need; and the warnings from the King's Fund that such cuts could put pressure on councils to cut non-statutory sexual health prevention services, which could lead to more sexually transmitted infections and unplanned pregnancies.

This Council believes that our Public Health team perform vital work to help keep the residents of West Sussex healthy and to avoid more costly admissions to hospitals and other interventions by our NHS, and that this should be properly funded by central government.

The Council resolves to:

- (1) Thank our Director of Public Health and her team for the great work they do across West Sussex despite continued financial challenges;
- (2) Condemn the timing just before the Christmas break to 'sneak out' announcements such as this;

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- (3) Call on the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health to consider carefully how best to implement the required cuts to services which will result from continued government cuts to the budget; and
 - (4) Ask the Leader and Cabinet Member to write to the Secretary of State for Health, calling on the Government to deliver increased investment in Public Health and to support a sustainable health and social care system by taking a 'prevention first' approach, and fair and equitable funding for West Sussex.'

11.2 An amendment was moved by the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health and seconded by Mrs Jones as set out below:

'The Council notes the vital role played by Public Health, including our hugely successful vaccination and immunisation programmes, support for those wanting to stop smoking, and otherwise helping West Sussex residents to lead healthier lives by avoiding diseases and unplanned pregnancies,~~;~~ and notes with grave concern ~~the~~ the announcement of a further £85 million cut to the Public Health Budget **in 2019/20**, as one of 12 ministerial statements published by the Government on the last day of the 2018 parliamentary term before Christmas, **was in line with national cuts to local government public health functions over the last five consecutive years. This is particularly challenging in West Sussex due to its vast geography, scale and range of deprivation across the county** only weeks after the Secretary of State for Health described 'prevention' as his priority.

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This was endorsed by the Chief Executive of Public Health England, Duncan Selbie, following his visit to West Sussex on 21 January 2019, when he said: "It is frankly inspiring to hear of the positioning of the public's health and community engagement at the heart of everything you do – the Council,

Boroughs and NHS together, with public health expertise embedded across the whole of the Council”.

The Council resolves to:

- (1) Thank our Director of Public Health and her team for the great work they do across West Sussex despite **the** continued financial challenges;
- (2) **Express disappointment at** ~~Condemn~~ the timing just before the Christmas break to ‘sneak-out’ announcements such as this;
- (3) Call on the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health to consider carefully how best to implement **any necessary changes** ~~the required cuts~~ to services which will result from continued government cuts to the budget; and
- (4) Ask the Leader and Cabinet Member to write to the Secretary of State for Health, calling on the Government to deliver increased investment in Public Health and to support a sustainable health and social care system by taking a ‘prevention first’ approach, and fair and equitable funding for West Sussex.’

11.3 The amendment was accepted and was carried.

11.4 The amended motion, as set out below, was agreed.

‘The Council notes the vital role played by Public Health, including our hugely successful vaccination and immunisation programmes, support for those wanting to stop smoking, and otherwise helping West Sussex residents to lead healthier lives by avoiding diseases and unplanned pregnancies. The announcement of a further £85 million cut to the Public Health Budget in 2019/20, as one of 12 ministerial statements published by the Government on the last day of the 2018 parliamentary term before Christmas was in line with national cuts to local government public health functions over the last five consecutive years. This is particularly challenging in West Sussex due to its vast geography, scale and range of deprivation across the county.

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12 Motion on extending the vote to 16 and 17-year-olds in local and national elections

12.1 The following motion was moved by Dr Walsh and seconded by Mr Jones.

'This Council believes that young people at the age of 16 and 17 are well equipped to engage and participate in all elections across the UK as endorsed by the majority of County Councillors and Youth Cabinet members who took part in a debate on lowering the voting age in September 2018. Every 16-year-old receiving school education will have completed citizenship classes. Therefore, lowering the voting age to 16, combined with strong citizenship education, empowers young people to better engage in society and influence decisions that will define their future.

16 and 17-year-olds have been denied the chance to influence decisions made by politicians about issues that massively affect their lives, such as tuition fees, the EU referendum, transport and the living wage. Also, the impact that many local services have on young people are provided by local government, such as education, social care and leisure. As a starting point, we would like to see the voting age lowered in West Sussex elections first, followed by national elections. We believe that allowing 16 and 17-year-olds to vote in selected parts of the UK and not others is unjustified. The Scottish Government passed the Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill, which allows all 16 and 17-year-olds to vote in all Scottish elections from May 2016. Young people's participation in the Scottish Referendum demonstrates that they are eager to engage as 75% of 16 and 17-year-olds turned out to vote.

Lowering the voting age to 16 complement the law as, at 16, the law allows a person to:

- Give full consent to medical treatment
- Pay income tax and National Insurance
- Obtain tax credits and welfare benefits in their own right
- Consent to sexual relationships
- Get married or enter a civil partnership, with parental consent
- Change their name by deed poll
- Become a director of a company
- Serve in the armed forces but not deployed on the front line

The Council therefore calls on the Governance Committee to:

- (1) Support the proposals to allow 16 and 17-year-olds to vote in local West Sussex elections, followed at a future time by national elections; and
- (2) Ask local MPs and the Government to support the proposals to allow 16 and 17-year-olds to vote in local West Sussex elections, followed at a future time by national elections.

12.2 The motion was put to a recorded vote under Standing Order 35.5.

(a) For the motion – 29

Mr Acraman, Mr Baldwin, Mr Barling, Mr Boram, Mr Catchpole, Dr Dennis, Mrs Duncton, Mr Elkins, Ms Goldsmith, Mr Hillier, Mrs Jones, Mr Jones, Mrs Jupp, Mr Jupp, Ms Lord, Mr Marshall, Mrs Millson, Mr Mitchell, Mr R J Oakley, Dr O'Kelly, Mr Patel, Mrs Pendleton, Mrs Purnell, Mr Quinn, Mrs Russell, Mr Smytherman, Mrs Urquhart, Mr Waight and Dr Walsh.

(b) Against the motion – 24

Mrs Arculus, Lt Cdr Atkins, Mr Barrett-Miles, Mrs Bennett, Mr Bradbury, Mr Bradford, Mrs Bridges, Mr Burrett, Mr Cloake, Mr Crow, Mrs Dennis, Mr Fitzjohn, Mr High, Mr Hunt, Ms Kennard,

Mrs Kitchen, Mr Lanzer, Mr McDonald, Mr Montyn, Mr S J Oakley, Mr Parikh, Mr Simmons, Mrs Sparkes and Mr Turner.

(c) Abstentions – 2

Mr Barnard and Mr Edwards.

12.3 The motion was carried.

13 Governance Committee: Corporate Parenting Panel Terms of Reference

13.1 The Council considered changes to the terms of reference of the Corporate Parenting Panel, in the light of a report from the Governance Committee (pages 47 to 52).

13.2 The Chairman explained that the anticipated Ofsted report into Children's Services and the outcome of consultation with other partners might lead to a need to make some adjustments and she therefore sought Council's agreement to allow the Director of Children and Family Services to make any necessary amendments to the Panel's terms of reference in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People. Any changes would be reported in the Members' Information Service newsletter.

13.3 Resolved –

(1) That the new terms of reference and membership of the Corporate Parenting Panel, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved; and

(2) That the Director of Children and Family Services be authorised to make any necessary amendments to the Panel's terms of reference as a result of the recent Ofsted inspection, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, any such changes to be reported in the Members' Information Service newsletter.

14 Question Time

14.1 Members asked questions of members of the Cabinet on matters relevant to their portfolios and asked questions of chairmen, as set out at Appendix 4. This included questions on those matters contained within the Cabinet report (pages 53 to 56) and a supplementary report (supplement page 1) and written questions and answers pursuant to Standing Order 2.38 (set out at Appendix 3).

15 West Sussex Armed Forces Covenant

15.1 The Council considered a report by the Cabinet Member for Safer, Stronger Communities on the West Sussex Armed Forces Covenant (pages 57 and 58).

15.2 Resolved –

That the report be noted.

Chairman

The Council rose at 4.30 pm