

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

MONDAY, 18 MAY 2015 AT 2.00 PM

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TUESDAY, 19 MAY 2015 AT 11.00 AM

Agenda Item No.

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SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 2(3)(e) ANNEX 6

Report of the Chief Legal Officer

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1. Purpose of report

1.1 To obtain Council's approval to suspend Standing Order 2(3)(e) of Annex 6 of the Constitution for the Council meeting on 19 May 2015 so as to permit:

(a) a motion relating to an item considered by the Executive at its meeting on 18 May 2015 and relating to the Outcome of the Bus Consultation to be moved and discussed notwithstanding that notice of the motion has not been lodged in accordance with the time and date specified under Standing Order 2(3)(e), provided that notice in writing of the motion has been lodged in accordance with Standing Order 9(4); and

(b) an amendment to any such motion to be moved and discussed provided that notice in writing of the proposed amendment has been lodged in accordance with Standing Order 10(3)(b).

2. Summary and Background

2.1.1 The Chairman of the Council has decided under Standing Order 2(1) of Annex 6 to the Constitution to call an extraordinary meeting of the Council, to be held on Tuesday, 19 May 2015 at 11.00a.m or immediately after the end of the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held on that day, whichever is the later. The purpose of the extraordinary meeting will be to consider whether to support the decisions of the Cabinet taken at its meeting the previous day and relating to the Outcome of the Bus Consultation/Bus Strategy.

2.2 Standing Order 2(3)(e), which governs the calling of extraordinary meetings of the Council, requires that when the summons for the Extraordinary Meeting is sent notification should be given to Members of the time and date

by which written notice of motions in relation to the business to be transacted at the extraordinary meeting shall be lodged with the Chief Legal Officer. However, that time and date shall be no later than 5pm on the second day before the extraordinary meeting.

- 2.3 As the decisions of Cabinet which are to be considered by the Extraordinary meeting of the Council will not be available until after the time period specified in Standing Order 2(3)(e), in calling the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council the Chairman has specified that the first item of business should be to consider any motion that may be moved to suspend Standing Order 2(3)(e).
- 2.4 The Constitution provides that changes to Standing Orders for Council can only be varied after consideration of a report from Cabinet.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That Cabinet supports any motion that may be moved that Council suspends Standing Order 2(3)(e) of Annex 6 of the Constitution for the Council meeting on 19 May 2015 so as to permit:
- (a) a motion relating to an item considered by the Executive at its meeting on 18 May 2015 and relating to the Outcome of the Bus Consultation to be moved and discussed notwithstanding that notice of the motion has not been lodged in accordance with the time and date specified under Standing Order 2(3)(e), provided that notice in writing of the motion has been lodged in accordance with Standing Order 9(4); and
 - (b) an amendment to any such motion to be moved and discussed provided that notice in writing of the proposed amendment has been lodged in accordance with Standing Order 10(3)(b).

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 None arising from this Report.

Background Information

None