#### HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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#### **SUMMONS AND AGENDA**

for the meeting to be held on Tuesday, 21 July 2015 at 10.00 a.m. in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Hertford.

#### **GROUP MEETINGS**

Conservative Group 10.00a.m. Monday, 20 July Council Chamber Liberal Democrat Group 8.30 a.m. Tuesday, 21 July Group Room Labour Group 9.00 a.m. Tuesday, 21 July Group Room

PRAYERS at 9.50 a.m.

Prayers led by The Reverend Anthony Giles from the parish of High Wych and Gilston with Eastwick.

Members are reminded that all equalities implications and equalities impact assessments undertaken in relation to any matter on this agenda must be rigorously considered prior to any decision being reached on that matter.

## PART I (PUBLIC) AGENDA

#### 1. MINUTES

- (i) To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Council held at 10.00am on 19 May 2015 (circulated separately).
- (ii) To confirm the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held at 11.00am on 19 May 2015 (circulated separately).

#### 2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS - STANDING ORDER 8(10)

To deal with questions from any member of the public being resident in or a registered local government elector of Hertfordshire, to the Leader of the Council and Executive Members about the policies and /or strategic priorities of the Council or about any matter over which the Council has power or which directly affects the county.

## 4. PUBLIC PETITIONS - STANDING ORDER 15

The opportunity for any member of the public, being resident in or a registered local government elector of Hertfordshire to present a petition relating to a matter over which the County Council has control,

containing 1,000 or more signatures of residents or business ratepayers of Hertfordshire.

Notification of intent to present a petition must have been given to the Chief Legal Officer at least 20 clear days before the meeting where an item relating to the subject matter of the petition does not appear in the agenda, or at least 5 clear days where the item is the subject of a report already on the agenda.

**A. Emma Power** will present a petition containing more 1000 signatures on the following matter:-

## **Open Tender Process For The Home-Visiting Service 2015**

"Ensure that the service currently provided by Home-Start to meet the needs of families facing social isolation, mental health problems, disabilities and other issues that prevent them accessing other statutory services is tendered openly in 2015. County are currently recommending that no funding is made available for a 'Home-Visiting service' meaning many families in Hertfordshire will go unsupported. The recommendation is that the families currently supported by Home-Start and Home-Start volunteers will be absorbed by current statutory services such as Children Centres and Health Visitors who are already working to full capacity. To stop Hertfordshire from losing this vital Home-Visiting service please show your support by signing below."

The report of the Director of Children's Services on the background to the subject of the petition is attached.

[Members of the public who are considering raising an issue of concern via a petition are advised to contact their local County Councillor <a href="http://www.hertsdirect.org/your-council/">http://www.hertsdirect.org/your-council/</a>

The Council's arrangements for the receipt of petitions are set out in <u>Annex 22 - Petitions Scheme</u> of the Constitution.]

If you have any queries about the petitions procedure for this meeting please contact Elaine Shell, Democratic Services Manager, by telephone on (01992) 555565 or by email to elaine.shell@hertfordshire.gov.uk

#### 5. OFFICER REPORTS RELEVANT TO EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIOS

A. APPROVAL TO UNDERTAKE AN INITIAL PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR THE MINERALS LOCAL PLAN REVIEW DOCUMENT TOGETHER WITH THE PROPOSED SITE SELECTION METHODOLOGY

Portfolio: Environment, Planning & Transport

Report of the Chief Executive and Director of Environment (circulated separately to Members of the Council)

#### **B. COUNTY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15**

Portfolio: Resources & Performance

Report of the Chief Executive and Director of Environment (circulated separately to Members of the Council)

#### 6. THE EXECUTIVE REPORT

Report of the Executive (attached).

## 7. QUESTIONS TO EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

To deal with questions from Members of the Council to the Leader of the Council and Executive Members.

#### 8. REPORT FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Report of the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (attached)

### 9. REPORT FROM THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Report of the Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Committee (attached)

#### 10. CHANGES TO THE OFFICER EMPLOYMENT PROCEDURE RULES

Report of the Chief Legal Officer

## 11. DESIGNATION OF CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER (\$151 OFFICER)

Joint Report of the Chief Executive & Director of Environment and the Chief Legal Officer

# 12. FIREFIGHTERS PENSION SCHEME – CREATION OF LOCAL PENSION BOARDS

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (attached)

# 13. APPOINTMENT TO THE INDEPENDENT PANEL ON MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

Report of the Chief Legal Officer (attached)

## 14. NOTICES OF MOTION - STANDING ORDER 9 (6)

None notified.



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