

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

THE COUNTY COUNCIL

SUMMONS AND AGENDA

for the meeting to be held on Tuesday, 23 February 2016 at 10.00 a.m. in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Hertford.

GROUP MEETINGS

Conservative Group	9.00a.m.	Council Chamber
Liberal Democrat Group	8.30 a.m.	Group Room
Labour Group	9.00 a.m.	Group Room

PRAYERS at 9.50 a.m.

Prayers led by The Reverend John Green of Rosedale Community Church

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

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10 November 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.

- 4A. Mike Jackson** will present a petition containing more 1000 signatures on the following matter:-

“We the undersigned are appalled by the threat by the Conservative controlled Hertfordshire County Council to withdraw all funding for the well-used 142 and 258 bus routes from Watford to Brent Cross and to South Harrow respectively. These cuts would threaten the very existence of these services from March 2016. We call upon the County Council to withdraw the threat of cuts to these bus services and to reach an agreement with Transport for London to guarantee the continuation of these routes.”

The report of the Chief Executive and Director of Environment 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 <http://www.hertsdirect.org/your-council/>

The Council's arrangements for the receipt of petitions are set out in [Annex 22 - Petitions Scheme](#) 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

5A. INTEGRATED PLAN 2016/17 – 2019/20 (incorporating Strategic Direction and Financial Consequences and the Treasury Management Strategy)

Portfolio: Resources and Performance

Reports of the Assistant Director Finance, Resources & Performance **(circulated separately to Members of the Council)** as follows:

- (i) Comments and Conclusions of the Council's Cabinet Panels on the Integrated Plan Proposals 2016/17 – 2019/20**
- (ii) Scrutiny of the Integrated Plan Proposals 2016/17 – 2019/20: Report of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee**
- (iii) Integrated Plan 2016/17 – 2019/20 (incorporating Strategic Direction and Financial Consequences and the Treasury Management Strategy)**

Members are asked to also bring the following reports to the meeting. These were previously circulated to all Members of the County Council as indicated below:

‘Public Engagement and Consultation on the 2016/17– 2019/20 Integrated Plan Proposals’ (circulated as Item 4(i) for the Cabinet meeting of 18 January 2016); and

‘INTEGRATED PLAN 2016/17 – 2019/20 (incorporating Strategic Direction and Financial Consequences and the Treasury Management Strategy)’ (circulated as Item 4(ii) for the Cabinet meeting of 18 January 2016).

5B. MEMBERS’ ALLOWANCES 2016/17 – Report of the Independent Panel on Members’ Allowances

Portfolio: Resources and Performance

Report from the Independent Panel on Members’ Allowances (attached)

5C. SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2017/18

Portfolio: Enterprise, Education and Skills

Report of the Director of Children’s Services (circulated separately to Members of the Council)

6. THE EXECUTIVE REPORT

Group Leaders have agreed that the Executive Report be deferred to the meeting of Council on 22 March 2016.

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. COUNCIL MEETING – EXECUTIVE REPORT

Report of the Chief Legal Officer
(attached)

11. CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL'S PETITION SCHEME

Report of the Chief Legal Officer
(attached)

12. NOTICES OF MOTION – STANDING ORDER 9 (6)

None notified.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KATHRYN PETTITT', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

**KATHRYN PETTITT
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

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