

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

MONDAY, 16 MAY 2016 AT 2.00 PM

COUNTY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 17 MAY 2016 AT 10.00 AM

COUNTY COUNCIL – EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

TUESDAY, 17 MAY 2016 AT 10.30 AM or on the rising of the Annual General Meeting of the County Council whichever is the later

Agenda Item No.

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PROPOSED REVISIONS TO STANDING ORDERS FOR COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS ON 17 MAY 2016

Report of the Chief Legal Officer

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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To obtain Council's approval (a) to vary Standing Order 6(1) of Annex 6 of the Constitution for the Annual Meeting of Council on 17 May 2016 so as to allow consideration of a Report on proposed revisions to the Council's Petitions Scheme and (b) to suspend Standing Order 2(3)(e) of Annex 6 of the Constitution for the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 17 May 2016 so as to permit motions to be considered that are submitted after the meeting of Cabinet on 16 May 2016.

2. Summary and Background

- 2.1 Group Leaders have agreed that a report on Proposed Revisions to the Council's Petitions Scheme will be considered at the Annual Meeting of Council. Standing Order 6(1) of Annex 6 to the Constitution specifies the order of business for the Annual Meeting. This Standing Order will need to be varied to allow the report on Proposed Revisions to the Council's Petitions Scheme to be considered at that Meeting.
- 2.2 An Extraordinary Meeting of the Council is to be held on Tuesday, 17 May 2016 at 10.30a.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 a proposal to authorise a petition to the House of Lords opposing the High Speed Rail (London- West Midlands) Bill.

- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 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 first item of business should be to consider any motion that may be moved to suspend Standing Order 2(3)(e).
- 2.5 The Constitution provides that changes to Standing Orders for Council can only be varied after consideration of a report from Cabinet.

3. Recommendations

That Cabinet supports any motions that may be moved that Council:

- 3.1 Varies Standing Order 6(1) of Annex 6 of the Constitution for the Annual Meeting of Council on 17 May 2016 so as to allow for consideration of a report on amending the Council's Petitions Scheme;
- 3.2 Suspends Cabinet Standing Order 2(3)(e) of Annex 6 of the Constitution for the Council Extraordinary Meeting on 17 May 2016 so as to permit:
- (a) a motion relating to an item considered by the Executive at its meeting on 17 May 2016 and relating to the High Speed 2 (HS2) – Formal Response of Hertfordshire County Council 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