

# **HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

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## **THE COUNTY COUNCIL**

## **SUMMONS AND AGENDA**

for the meeting to be held on Tuesday, 19 July 2016 at 10.00a.m. in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Hertford.

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### **GROUP MEETINGS**

<b>Conservative Group</b>	<b>10.00am Monday, 18 July 2016</b>	<b>Council Chamber</b>
<b>Liberal Democrat Group</b>	<b>8.30 am Tuesday, 19 July 2016</b>	<b>Group Room</b>
<b>Labour Group</b>	<b>9.00 am Tuesday, 19 July 2016</b>	<b>Group Room</b>

PRAYERS at 9.50 a.m.

Prayers led by Srutidharma Das, Temple President, Bhaktivedanta Manor Temple, Watford

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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**

- (a) To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held at 10.00am on 17 May 2016 (circulated separately); and
- (b) To confirm the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held at 10.30am on 17 May 2016 (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 Hertfordshire, to present a petition relating to a matter over which the

County Council has control, containing 1,000 or more signatories who are either resident in or who work in 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.

[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.hertfordshire.gov.uk/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](mailto:elaine.shell@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

- 4A.** A petition containing more 1000 signatures will be presented on the following matter:-

*"Hertfordshire County Council Day Services*

*In May 2016, many Hertfordshire residents with a learning disability and their family carers received letters from the Health and Community Services department at County Hall telling them about major changes to their day services from 31 October 2016 onwards. The letters explained that because of reductions in central government funding, the County Council would have to reduce their day services and that this is likely to include:*

- fewer paid staff working in the service*
- fewer activities for people to take part in*
- a reduction in the number of days the service is open*
- fewer day service premises*
- hot lunches no longer cooked on-site*

*We the under-signed believe that these reductions in frontline services will lead to a real reduction in the quality of life of the people who rely on them. We wish to make the point that they need these services and are referred to them because their level of disability and their consequent vulnerability means that they are not able to access universal or mainstream services without appropriately trained support. We also believe that these reductions will result in extra pressure on their family carers with the potential for carer breakdown and extra pressure on the staff working in residential or supported living settings. This is likely to lead to additional problems in others areas of health and social care provision and even greater costs being incurred.*

*We therefore call upon Hertfordshire County Council to withdraw these proposals.”*

The report of the Director Health and Community Services on the background to the subject of the petition is attached.

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

None.

**6. EXECUTIVE REPORT TO COUNTY COUNCIL**

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. ALLOCATION OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS**

Report of the Chief Legal Officer (attached)

**11. NOTICES OF MOTION – STANDING ORDER 9 (6)**

**11A. S B A F H Giles-Medhurst** to move (seconder: ):-

*“In the light of the recent racism, xenophobia and hate crimes that have taken place in the Country, the Council is proud that here in Hertfordshire we live in a diverse and tolerant society.*

*Here in Hertfordshire we are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our Country.*

*The Council wants to reassure all people living in Hertfordshire, irrespective of their origins, race, religion, beliefs, nationality or ethnic*

*origins that they are valued members of our community contributing to our diverse and vibrant area and are welcomed.*

*Therefore this Council:-*

- (a) publicly condemns all and any such attacks on any person or persons and this Council pledges to continue, in partnership with others, to tackle racist, xenophobic and criminal behaviour; and*
- (b) urges the Cabinet to work to ensure local bodies and programmes have support and resources needed to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia.”*



**KATHRYN PETTITT  
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

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