

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, 18 JULY AT 10.00 A.M.**

Agenda Item No.

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EXECUTIVE REPORT TO COUNTY COUNCIL

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

This report is made by the Leader of the Council and, together with separate reports from each member of Cabinet, comprises the report under Standing Order 7.

1. Cabinet decisions since the last meeting of County Council

- 1.1 There will have been four Cabinet meetings (10 April 2017, 23 May 2017, 26 June 2017 and 10 July 2017) since the last Executive Report to County Council on 21 March 2017. The only item of business specifically attributed to me was:-

➤ Cabinet Panels - establishment

2. Employment Committee

- 2.1 On Monday 10 July, I will chair the Employment Committee the only agenda item being:

➤ Annual update report on Local Government Pension Scheme and Firefighter Pension Schemes employer discretions usage

3. Committee of the Regions

- 3.1 I have participated in Plenary and Commission meetings of the Committee of the Regions. No matters particularly relevant to Hertfordshire have arisen but an e-newsletter on recent activities is available at:
<http://cor.europa.eu/en/news/Pages/enewsletter.aspx>

4. Devolution: Local Collaboration

- 4.1 I have continued to be involved in a number of conversations which seek to identify the best way forward for Hertfordshire particularly with the lack of clarity at national level regarding formal devolution on two-tier, shire areas. Nonetheless, there seems to be sustained local interest in working better together.
- 4.2 As part of this work, I chaired the third Public Sector Leaders' Partnership event which took place on Thursday 23 March. It was attended by almost 100 people representing over 26 organisations from across the Public Sector in Hertfordshire and provided an opportunity for attendees to be given an update on the strands of work within the Hertfordshire Public Sector Action Plan. The workshops that followed enabled each organisation to comment on how they could contribute further to the progression of this work.
- 4.3 On Tuesday 4 April, I chaired a meeting of the Hertfordshire Public Sector Leaders' Steering Group. Membership of this group includes representatives from

the Hertfordshire Leaders' Group, Hertfordshire LEP, the Police and Crime Commissioner, Hertfordshire Partnership Foundation Trust, Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group and myself. Discussion took place regarding the Hertfordshire Public Sector Action Plan, along with feedback from the event mentioned above.

5. National Commentary

- 5.1 Along with other colleagues, I will attend the annual LGA Conference in Birmingham on 4 - 6 July.

6. Local / Internal events

- 6.1 The annual County Show took place over the weekend of 27/28 May. The event was well attended and a resounding success. I would like to thank colleagues, members of staff, partners, volunteers and performers, all of whom helped to ensure our marquee was lively, interesting and full of energy all weekend.
- 6.2 On Thursday 15 June I took part in a Q&A session at a senior staff political management training session to help them better understand the interrelation of their roles and those of elected members.

7. Hertfordshire Forward

- 7.1 I chaired meetings of the Hertfordshire Forward Strategy Group on Tuesday 4 April and Tuesday 27 June. The key items for discussion were scams and frauds, the Criminal Justice Board, the annual Hertfordshire Forward Conference, an update on the Strategic Transformation Plan, and the future governance of Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue service; along with the usual strategic updates.
- 7.2 The annual Hertfordshire Forward Conference took place on Wednesday 21 June. Around 100 people attended on the day with representation from local government, other local public services and voluntary sector organisations. The key focus of the agenda was on prevention and demand management.

8. Forward Plan – July 2017

- 8.1 I invite the County Council to receive the updated Forward Plan dated 5 July 2017.

9. Cabinet

- 9.1 The matters discussed at the Cabinet meetings held since the last Executive Report to Council can be found at the following locations:

[Cabinet - 10 April 2017](#)

[Cabinet - 23 May 2017](#)

[Cabinet - 26 June 2017](#)

[Cabinet - 10 July 2017](#)

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Leader of the Council
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