

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

THE COUNTY COUNCIL

SUMMONS AND AGENDA

for the meeting to be held on Tuesday, 18 July 2017 at 10.00 a.m. in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Hertford.

GROUP MEETINGS

Conservative Group	10.00am Monday, 17 July 2017 Council Chamber
Liberal Democrat Group	8.30 am Tuesday, 18 July 2017 Committee Room C
Labour Group	9.00 am Tuesday, 18 July 2017 Group Room

PRAYERS at 9.50 a.m.

Prayers led by Canon Terence Phipps, The Immaculate Conception & St Joseph, Hertford Parish

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.

Members are reminded that:

- (1) if they consider that they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting they must declare that interest and must not participate in or vote on that matter unless a dispensation has been granted by the Standards Committee;
- (2) if they consider that they have a Declarable Interest (as defined in paragraph 5.3 of the Code of Conduct for Members) in any matter to be considered at the meeting they must declare the existence and nature of that interest but they can speak and vote on the matter.

PART I (PUBLIC) AGENDA

1. MINUTES

- (a) To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held at 10.00am on 23 May 2017 (circulated separately); and
- (b) To confirm the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held at 2.00pm on 23 May 2017 (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.

3A. **David Josephs** to ask **Teresa Heritage, the Executive Member for Children's Services**, the following question:-

"In light of Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group's decision to withdraw funding from Nascot Lawn from 31st October and, in light of the unrealistic timescale given to Herts County Council to make assessments and make alternative provision when at the time of writing, despite claims to the contrary, only 7 out of 22 families who responded had even been contacted to say an assessment would be arranged, that

- a) *Herts County Council works with Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group and Herts Community Trust to ensure funding is maintained until at least 31st March 2018; and*
- b) *for Herts County Council to consider use of part of its reserve/underspend to ease the risk of a serious health and safeguarding issue resulting from this threatened withdrawal of funding."*

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

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

“SAVE NHS Nascot Lawn Children's Respite Services

On Friday 16th June, many families across Hertfordshire received the devastating news that due to NHS budget cuts funding for Nascot Lawn Children's Respite Service will be no more. Nascot Lawn will therefore close on 31st October 2017.

Nascot Lawn Respite Services provide regular overnight respite and care for children and young adults with severe learning and physical disabilities with additional complex medical needs. A day care service for children under 5 is also provided.

Nascot Lawn allows parents and carers to take a much needed break, confident in the knowledge that their child is receiving the highest standard of care by familiar staff. The staff are made up of an experienced team of qualified Learning Disability and Sick Children Nurses and trained Health Care Support Workers. The staff strive to meet all children's and young adults emotional and physical care needs along provided them with activities that they enjoy. Many of the Parents and Carers see the staff as an extension of their families. Nascot Lawn is described as 'Home from Home'. It deeply saddens us that the well-loved staff face losing their jobs also.

Looking after a loved one can be enormously rewarding, But it can also be both utterly physically and mentally exhausting. Without vital breaks provided by Nascot Lawn Respite Services, carers can often reach breaking point where they can no longer continue and their own physical and mental health deteriorates as a result.

On the NHS Nascot Lawn website itself they quote “This care enables families to continue to look after children with very complex needs in their own home”.

What is more vital than that?

Trust us, we understand how strained the NHS is at the moment. We have first-hand experience of this. BUT how can it be right to cut vital services from the most vulnerable of society.”

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

5. OFFICER REPORTS RELEVANT TO EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIOS

5A. COUNTY COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN 2017 - 2021

Portfolio: Leader of the Council

Report of the Director of Resources (attached)

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. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES 2017/18 – Report of the Independent Panel on Members' Allowances

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

11. CHANGES TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

Report of the Chief Legal Officer (attached)

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

12A. M A Watkin to move (seconder: S Jarvis):-

“This Council notes that Headteachers in Hertfordshire were amongst the 4000 across England who recently wrote to parents highlighting the growing crisis in school funding and that the government’s current proposals will lead to a real terms cut in per pupil funding over the next

five years. It supports these efforts by Hertfordshire Headteachers to secure adequate funding for their schools and resolves that the Executive Member for Education, Libraries and Localism write to the Secretary of State for Education expressing this view.”

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Pettitt', with a stylized, cursive script.

KATHRYN PETTITT
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER

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<https://cmis.hertfordshire.gov.uk/hertfordshire/CabinetandCommittees.aspx>