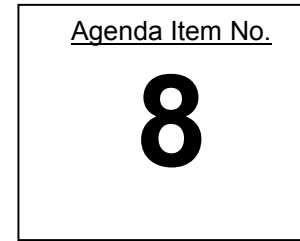


**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER AT 10.00 A.M.**

**EXECUTIVE REPORT TO COUNTY COUNCIL**

**ACTING LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**



This report is made by the Acting 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 4 Cabinet meetings (18 July 2017, 25 September, 23 October and 13 November) since the last Executive Report to County Council on 18 July 2017. There is one item of business specifically attributed to the Leader.

Cabinet – 13 November 2017

Forward plan ref: A071/17: Changes to the Constitution  
Cabinet will be invited to recommend to Council that Council approves revisions to its Constitution to allow either Development Control Committee or the Chief Executive and Director of Environment to give any planning approvals required under the High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Act 2017.

**2. Executive key decisions made under special urgency provisions**

- 2.1 The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 require the Leader of the Council to report to Council any executive key decisions taken in circumstances of special urgency, under the provisions of Regulation 11, with the agreement of the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

- 2.2 One such decision was taken as follows:-

➤ Acquisition of land at Watford Health Campus

- 2.3 The decision on this matter was reached by Cabinet at its meeting on 25 September; the minutes of that meeting are on the Council's website and can be viewed here (Forward Plan ref: A043/17; item 9 refers):-

<http://cmis.hertfordshire.gov.uk/hertfordshire/Calendarofcouncilmeetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/653/Committee/8/Default.aspx>

**3. Commitments carried out by the Leader (Robert Gordon) between Tuesday 18 July 2017 and Friday 6 October 2017:-**

➤ Tuesday 19 September – Hertfordshire Forward Strategy Group

**4. Commitments carried out by the Acting Leader (David Williams) between Monday 9 October and Monday 20 November 2017:-**

- I attended a meeting of the Hertfordshire Leaders' Group on Thursday 26 October. Key items on the agenda were presentations from the Local Enterprise Partnership regarding its recently published documents *Perfectly Planned for Business* and *Building our Industrial Strategy* and the Shiva Foundation regarding modern slavery and how it is affecting Hertfordshire. The usual strategic updates were also shared.
- On Monday 20 November I, along with other colleagues, attended the County Councils Network Conference in Marlow.
- On Friday 13 October the Chief Executive and I attended a meeting of the South East Strategic Leaders. The meeting was also attended by Tricia Hayes, Director General for Roads, Motoring and Devolution at the Department for Transport.
- As part of Local Democracy Week, I conducted assemblies at two schools in Harpenden – Manland Primary School and Crabtree Junior School on Tuesday 17 October and Thursday 19 October respectively.
- A Peer Challenge of Public Health was conducted by an Local Government Association led team in October. As well as having a telephone conversation with the lead member prior to its commencement, I also attended the initial meeting on Thursday 18 October and the outcome briefing on 20 October. Further detail regarding the review and its outcome can be found in the report of the Executive Member for Public Health, Prevention and Performance.
- On Friday 17 November I will be attending the Independent Panel of Members' Allowances.

**5. Forward Plan – November 2017**

I invite the County Council to receive the updated Forward Plan dated 6 November 2017.

[Cabinet - 18 July 2017](#)

[Cabinet - 25 September 2017](#)

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**David Williams  
Acting Leader of the Council  
November 2017**