

# HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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## THE COUNTY COUNCIL

## SUMMONS AND AGENDA

for the meeting to be held on Tuesday, 20 February 2018 at 10.00 a.m. in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Hertford.

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### GROUP MEETINGS

**Conservative Group** 9.00 am Tuesday, 20 February 2018 Council Chamber  
**Liberal Democrat Group** 8.30 am Tuesday, 20 February 2018 Committee Room A  
**Labour Group** 9.00 am Tuesday, 20 February 2018 Group Room

PRAYERS at 9.50 a.m.

Prayers led by Reverend Mark Hammond of High Street Methodist Church, Harpenden and Batford Methodist Church.

**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. If a member has a Declarable Interest they should consider whether they should participate in consideration and vote on the matter.

Members are reminded that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 provides that if a Member is in arrears of council tax for two months or more and they are present at a meeting where the Council's budget or the precept is being considered then they should declare this and any such Member must not vote on any matter relating to the setting of the Council's budget or the precept.

### PART I ('PUBLIC') AGENDA

#### 1. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 21 November 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.

## 4. PUBLIC PETITIONS - STANDING ORDER 15

The opportunity for any member of the public, being resident in or a registered local government elector of Hertfordshire to present a petition relating to a matter over which the County Council has control, containing 1,000 or more signatures of residents or business ratepayers of 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.hertsdirect.org/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)

**Notice of intent to present a petition containing more than 1000 signatures has been received. The subject matter of the petition relates to item 5A of the agenda and will be presented immediately before consideration of that item of business.**

## 5. OFFICER REPORTS RELEVANT TO EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIOS

### 5A INTEGRATED PLAN 2018/19 - 2021/22 (incorporating the Strategic Direction and Financial Consequences and the Treasury Management Strategy)

Portfolio: Resources, Property and the Economy

**Prior to consideration of this item of business a public petition will be presented.**

**Norman Phillips** will present a petition containing more than 1000 signatures on the following matter.

*“Increase to charges for social care*

*Reject the proposals to increase charges for social care for severely disabled people who are being supported to live in their own homes, either alone or with family, as we believe that such increases will impact negatively upon:*

- *the quality of their lives and consequently on their health and well-being,*
- *the health and well-being of their family carers leading to potential carer breakdown,*
- *the sustainability of their home placement resulting in higher costs across the health and social care system.*

*We note the additional monies provided by Government and raised through the social care precept but we recognise the ongoing pressure on social care budgets and welcome the announcement that a Green Paper will be published this summer 2018. However, we consider that these proposals if enacted would cause hardship and stress to the most severely disabled people in our community and their families. We therefore call upon the County Council to reject them.”*

Reports of the Director of Resources  
(circulated separately to Members of the Council) as follows:

- (i) **Comments and Conclusions of the Council’s Cabinet Panels on the Integrated Plan Proposals 2018/19 – 2021/22**
- (ii) **Scrutiny of the Integrated Plan Proposals 2018/19 – 2021/22: Report of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee**
- (iii) **Integrated Plan 2018/19 - 2021/22 (incorporating the Strategic Direction and Financial Consequences and the Treasury Management Strategy)**

**Members are asked to also bring the following reports to the meeting.** These were previously circulated to all Members of the County Council as indicated below:

**‘Public Engagement on the 2018/19 – 2021/22 Integrated Plan’**  
(circulated as Item 4(i) for the Cabinet meeting of 22 January 2018); and

**‘INTEGRATED PLAN 2018/19 - 2021/22 (incorporating the Strategic Direction and Financial Consequences and the Treasury Management Strategy)**  
(circulated as Item 4(ii) for the Cabinet meeting of 22 January 2018).

**5B. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES 2018/19 – Report of the Independent Panel on Members' Allowances**

Portfolio: Resources, Property and the Economy

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

**6. QUESTIONS TO EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

To deal with questions from Members of the Council to the Leader of the Council and Executive Members.

**7. REPORT FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Report of the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (attached)

**8. REPORT FROM THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Report of the Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Committee (attached)

**9. CONSTITUTION: UPDATE**

Report of the Chief Legal Officer (attached)

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

**10A. J D Williams to move (seconder: S B A F H Giles-Medhurst):-**

*“This Council is dismayed at the decision of the Mayor of London to withdraw support for the project being led by Transport for London (TfL) to extend the Metropolitan Line to Watford Junction (MLX) on the basis that it cannot accept future cost risk.*

*In partnership with the Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership, Watford Borough Council and local MP Richard Harrington, the Council secured a commitment from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) for infrastructure funding of £73.4m to meet the project's revised budget. The local partners, Department for Transport and MHCLG consider that TfL should have sufficient confidence to stand behind their plan and revised budget to now deliver the project including any future cost risk.*

*The Mayor of London's decision comes during the public consultation for the draft London Plan and undermines the policy commitments towards wider collaboration across the Wider South East and a strategic, sustainable approach to transport.*

*The project is crucial to supporting modal shift to sustainable public transport, the regeneration of Watford and the delivery of 6777 planned new homes by 2031. This Council reaffirms its commitment to the project, urges the Mayor of London to consider how the project contributes to the London Plan and asks the Leader of the Council and Officers to continue to work with the Council's partners and Government and to secure delivery of the MLX."*



**KATHRYN PETTITT**  
**CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

Full copies of all reports may be found on the internet at  
<http://cmis.hertfordshire.gov.uk/hertfordshire/CabinetandCommittees.aspx>