

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

THE COUNTY COUNCIL

SUMMONS AND AGENDA

for the meeting to be held on Tuesday, 27 March 2018 at 10.00 a.m. in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Hertford.

GROUP MEETINGS

Conservative Group	9.00 am Tuesday, 27 March 2018	Council Chamber
Liberal Democrat Group	8.30 am Tuesday, 27 March 2018	Committee Room A
Labour Group	9.00 am Tuesday, 27 March 2018	Group Room

PRAYERS at 9.50 a.m.

Prayers led by The Venerable Janet Mackenzie, Archdeacon of Hertford

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.

PART I ('PUBLIC') AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20 February 2018 (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

4A. A petition containing more than 1000 signatures will be presented in the following terms:-

"To REDUCE the speed to 20mph on Northchurch High Street and pedestrian crossings to be added.

Make Northchurch High Street, a safer and healthier environment for all.

We are a thriving and friendly community with approximately 2500 residents. We have three social centres, two churches, a primary school, a pub, local shops and a recreation ground.

Pedestrians and cyclists in Northchurch deserve the right to travel through and around the village without fear.

The current traffic volume and speed, narrow pavements, insufficient lighting, polluted environment and lack of pedestrian crossings all contribute towards residents' grave concerns.

We demand Herts County Council implements measures to reduce the speed of traffic to 20mph, and add pedestrian crossings. To alleviate the above dangers, and in order to encourage sustainable and healthy transport, such as walking and cycling through our village.”

The report of the Chief Executive and Director of Environment on the background to the subject of the petition is attached.

5. OFFICER REPORTS RELEVANT TO EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIOS

5A. PAY POLICY 2018/19

Portfolio: Resources, Property and the Economy

Report of the Director of Resources (attached)

5B. ADDITION TO CAPITAL AND ASSET STRATEGY 2018/19

Portfolio: Resources, Property and the Economy

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 HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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

9. CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Report of the Chief Legal Officer (attached)

10. CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION: ANNEX 6

Report of the Chief Legal Officer (attached)

11. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS SEPTEMBER 2018 – JULY 2019

Report of the Chief Legal Officer (attached)

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

12A. S K Jarvis to move (seconder: S B A F H Giles-Medhurst):-

“Council believes that closer working with Town, Parish and Community Councils has the potential to improve standards of highway maintenance in parished areas at little or no cost to the County Council but notes that the current Highways Together programme has had a relatively limited take up.

It believes that the scheme should be enhanced along the lines of the those successfully introduced elsewhere which allow Parish, Town and Community Councils to perform a much wider range of highway maintenance tasks after receiving appropriate training. Such an enhanced scheme should then be actively promoted to all Parish, Town and Community Councils.”

12B. S K Jarvis to move (seconder: S B A F H Giles-Medhurst):-

“This council requests the Highways cabinet panel to review the delivery of 2017/18 Highway Locality Budget projects compared with their planned dates.”

12C. N Bell to move (seconder: S J Taylor):-

“This Council resolves that the Leader of the Council urgently writes to the Chancellor of the Exchequer demanding that the proposed changes to Universal Credit going through Parliament that would see thousands of Hertfordshire’s children lose out on free school meals be reversed. As the well-respected Childrens society has shown in its research, there are 35,100 children in poverty in our County though only 8,500 currently qualify for ‘free school meals’. As the Children’s society have pointed out in their research, many thousands more vulnerable children and their families will be forced into even more unnecessary poverty, adding to increased pressure on our children’s services and at food banks across all our district Councils if this legislation is given the green light by the Government.”



**KATHRYN PETTITT
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

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