

Minutes



To: All Members of the Council
Chief Executive, Chief Officers

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MINUTES of the Extraordinary Meeting of the County Council held at County Hall, Hertford, on Tuesday, 22 May 2018 at 11.30am.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

D Andrews	J M Graham	A J S Mitchell
D A Ashley	L Greensmyth	M D M Muir
S Bedford	F Guest	R G Parker
N Bell	J S Hale	S Quilty
P Bibby	D Hart	N A Quinton
J Billing	K M Hastrick	R M Roberts
S N Bloxham	C M Hayward	A F Rowlands
S J Boulton	M S Hearn	R Sangster
A P Brewster	T C Heritage	R H Smith
M Bright	D J Hewitt	A Stevenson
S Brown	F R G Hill	S J Taylor
E H Buckmaster	N A Hollinghurst	R A C Thake (Chairman)
F Button	T W Hone	R G Tindall
L A Chesterman	T Howard	M A Watkin
C Clapper	T R Hutchings	J A West
H K Crofton	S K Jarvis	C J White
T L F Douris	J R Jones	A D Williams
D S Drury	J S Kaye	J D Williams
M A Eames-Petersen	A K Khan	T J Williams
S J Featherstone	P V Mason	C B Woodward
B A Gibson	G McAndrew	C B Wyatt-Lowe
S B A F H Giles-Medhurst	R Mills	W J Wyatt-Lowe
E M Gordon	M B J Mills-Bishop	P M Zukowskyj
S Gordon		

Upon consideration of the agenda for the Extraordinary Meeting of the County Council held on 22 May 2018, as circulated, action was taken or decisions were reached as follows:-

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1. MINUTES

- 1.1 Council agreed to defer consideration of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held at 10.00am on 22 May 2018 to the next meeting of the Council on 19 July 2018.

2. PUBLIC PETITIONS - STANDING ORDER 2(3)(c)

- 2.1 There were no public petitions.

3. TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 4

- 3.1 The following motion proposed by **D A Ashley** and duly seconded by **A Stevenson** was CARRIED:-

“That Council approves the adoption of the Local Transport Plan 4 and agrees that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment, Planning and Transport, be authorised to make such make minor amendments as necessary prior to its publication.”

4. URGENT BUSINESS

- 4.1 The Chairman advised that in accordance with Standing Order 2 (3) (a) (ii) he had determined that the motion set out at 4.2 below was urgent and could be considered by Council at this meeting; he further determined that the normal rules of debate would apply.

- 4.2 The following motion proposed by **D A Ashley** and duly seconded by **S K Jarvis** was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:-

“The County Council is deeply concerned the rail industry is failing to look after the interests of Hertfordshire residents and businesses in the implementation of the Thameslink programme and the Rail Plan 20/20 timetable changes.

In particular:-

- *postponement of the fifth platform at Stevenage leading to a bus replacement between Hertford and Stevenage for a period of possibly several years. This completely undermines the County's*

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- emerging Local Transport Plan;*
- *loss of direct connections from mid-Herts to Peterborough resulting in reduced connectivity to services to the north;*
- *reduction in fast peak hour trains to and from north Herts to London;*
- *reduction in service to Brookmans Park and Welham Green;*
- *late changes and lack of consultation on peak services from Harpenden and St Albans as a result of timetable changes by East Midland Trains to London caused by Network Rail's budget overruns;*
- *delay to introducing some of the new service improvements due to the late decision to phase the introduction of the 2018 timetable;*
- *failure of the specification of the new trains to incorporate Wi-Fi, plug sockets and seat back tables;*
- *reduced seating capacity in peak periods when new trains are introduced on the Moorgate services to Hertford and Welwyn Garden City; and*
- *the failure to properly plan the introduction of the May 2018 timetable changes which has resulted in disruption to services forecast to last until 8th June.*

The County Council supports continuing engagement with the rail industry, Department for Transport and local MPs to ensure the interests of Hertfordshire residents remain paramount.”

**KATHRYN PETTITT
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

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