

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

THE COUNTY COUNCIL

SUMMONS AND AGENDA

for the meeting to be held on **TUESDAY, 19 MAY 2020 AT 10.00a.m.**
THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD ELECTRONICALLY

GROUP MEETINGS

Conservative Group	10.00am 13 May 2020 (held electronically)
Liberal Democrat Group	9.00am 7 May 2020 & 2.00pm 13 May 2020 (held electronically)
Labour Group	2.30pm 17 May 2020 (held electronically)

Covid 19 – Attendance at This Meeting

Following the Government announcing that the UK has now moved into the 'delay' phase of the response to the coronavirus pandemic, the Council will be holding this meeting electronically in accordance with the relevant Regulations. If you wish to attend this meeting in an electronic capacity, please go here where there will be a link to the meeting in due course:
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/watchmeetings

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. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

To elect a Chairman of the Council to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council next following.

2. ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

To elect a Vice-Chairman of the Council to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council next following.

3. MINUTES

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25 February 2020 (attached)

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 – SECTION 85: PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RELATING TO COVID 19 (CORONAVIRUS) – FAILURE BY MEMBERS TO ATTEND MEETINGS

Report of the Chief Legal Officer (attached)

6. POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY ON THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S ORDINARY COMMITTEES & SUB-COMMITTEES - LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989: REVIEW OF ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO PARTY GROUPS

Report of the Chief Legal Officer (attached)

Please Note: The report contains a proposal for the disapplication of the political balance rules set out in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and for the approval of alternative arrangements in relation to the Council's Overview and Scrutiny and Health Scrutiny Committees, their Sub-Committees and Topic Groups. If Council wishes to adopt these alternative arrangements it will need to agree to do so at the meeting with no member voting against.

7. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

The Council is asked to appoint County Councillor members to serve on the following Committees for the ensuing year (save as mentioned below):

- Audit (10 [6:3:1])
- Development Control (10 [7:2:1]) – *and Substitute Members*
- Employment (5 [3:1:1])
- Health & Wellbeing Board (*Leader of the Council's nominations*)
- Health Scrutiny (11 [7:2:1:1])* (*Note (1)*)
- Overview and Scrutiny (10 [7:2:1])* (*Note (2)*)
- Impact of Scrutiny Advisory Committee (5 [3:2:1])
- Pensions (10 [7:2:1])
- Standards (5 [3:1:1])

(members to remain in office unless there is a resolution to the contrary at a future Annual Meeting of the Council)

**Political Proportionality to be waived*

[Notes: (1) *In addition the Committee comprises 10 District Councillors nominated by the Hertfordshire Leaders Group and [subject to Council approval at item 6 of the agenda] 1 Independent County Councillor*

(2) *In addition the Committee comprises 2 Parent Governor and 2 Church Representatives who are only able to vote on any question which relates to any education functions which are the responsibility of the Executive].*

8. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

To appoint the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the following Committees for the ensuing year:

- Audit
- Development Control
- Employment
- Health & Wellbeing Board (*appointment of Chairman only, Vice-Chairman is appointed by the Board*)
- Health Scrutiny
- Overview and Scrutiny
- Impact of Scrutiny Advisory Committee
- Pensions
- Standards

9. APPOINTMENT TO JOINT COMMITTEES

To appoint a representative to serve on:

- The Hertfordshire Police and Crime Panel
- The Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Access Joint Committee

10. REPRESENTATION ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION AND COUNTY COUNCIL'S NETWORK

To appoint four representatives to serve on the Local Government Association General Assembly and four representatives to serve on the County Council's Network until the Annual Meeting of the Council next following and to determine the allocation of votes between them.

11. URGENT CHANGES TO THE OFFICER SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Report of the Chief Legal Officer (attached)

12. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS SEPTEMBER 2020 - JULY 2021

Report of the Chief Legal Officer (attached)

13. PAY POLICY 2020/21

Report of the Director of Resources (attached)

Quentin Baker

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CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

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<https://emocracy.hertfordshire.gov.uk/mglListCommittees.aspx?bcr=1>