

AGENDA for a meeting of the COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE to be held in Committee Room 'B', County Hall, Hertford on Tuesday, 29 October 2002 at 10.30 a.m.

MEMBER MEETINGS (FOR MEMBERS ONLY)

Conservative	10.30am	18 October	Committee Room B
Opposition	3.30pm	16 October	Committee Room C

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE (10) - QUORUM 3

N E Agar, P T J Channell, M D Colne, K F Emsall (Vice-Chairman), B N W Hammond, J A Hobday (Chairman), D R McManus, M H O'Neill, P A Ruffles, J W A Usher

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AUDIO SYSTEM

Committee Room 'B' has an audio system to assist those with hearing impairment. Anyone who wishes to use this should contact main (front) reception.

PART 1 (PUBLIC) AGENDA

Meetings of the Committee are open to the public (this includes the press) and attendance is welcomed. However, there may be occasions when the public are excluded from the meeting for particular items of business. Any such items are taken at the end of the public part of the meeting and are listed under "Part II ('closed') business".

MINUTES [SC.8]

To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting of the Community Information and Protection Scrutiny Committee held on 11 June 2002 (previously circulated).

PUBLIC PETITIONS [SC.11]

Any member of the public, (who is a resident in Hertfordshire or is on the electoral register for Hertfordshire) may present a petition to the Committee. An authorised representative of any Hertfordshire parish or town council subscribing to a parish charter approved by the County Council may also present a petition to the Committee in relation to matters within that parish. The subject of the petition must be appropriate for the Committee and must be signed by at least 100 residents or business ratepayers of Hertfordshire.

Notification of intent to present a petition must be given in writing to the County Secretary, (County Hall, Hertford, SG13 8DE) at least **fourteen clear days** before the meeting where an item relating to the subject matter of the petition does not appear on the agenda for the meeting and at least **three clear days** before where the item is the subject of a report.

If you have any queries about the procedure please contact Nicola Hayden, on telephone no. (01992) 555560.

[No notice of petitions had been received at the time of agenda despatch.]

QUESTIONS [SC.9(4)]

Members are able to question the Executive Member(s) on matters which are not the subject of reports on the agenda. A member who wishes to ask a question shall give written notice of it to the County Secretary at least **five clear working days** before the meeting, stating to whom the question is to be put. Written copies of the questions and answers shall be available at the meeting. Questions shall be answered orally at the meeting in the order in which notice has been received. The member asking the question may ask one supplementary question. The person responding may choose to answer such a supplementary question, or promise a written reply within seven days. The period of time allocated for questions shall not exceed **ten minutes**. Any questions remaining after that period has elapsed shall be answered in writing within seven days. The Chairman may, however, accept questions without notice if satisfied they are urgent. Such questions shall not count towards the allocated time limit of ten minutes and shall be answered orally at the meeting or in writing within seven days.

Questions relating to matters on the agenda shall be asked when that matter is discussed and may be addressed to the Chairman or to an officer, who may answer orally or may undertake to provide a written reply within seven days.

Tanis Kent will ask the Executive Member, **Derrick Ashley**, the following questions:

1. *"Why do we ask for two proofs of residence before a person can join a library in Hertfordshire?"*
2. *"What efforts do local libraries make to stock books that meet the need of students at local colleges?"*

Nigel Agar will ask the Executive Member, **Derrick Ashley**, the following question:

3. *"In view of the declining quality of our increasingly dated book stocks could we be assured that the amount spent on the libraries' materials fund can be brought up to the highest standards?"*

The Executive Member for item 1 is Derrick Ashley.

The Executive Member for items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 is Gerald Game.

The following reports are attached to this agenda: -

Scrutiny Items

Reports of the Director of Community Information

1. **HERTFORDSHIRE ARCHIVES AND LOCAL STUDIES (HALS)
ACCOMMODATION - PROGRESS REPORT**

Reports of the County Secretary

2. **CIVIL NAMING**
3. **RE-AFFIRMATION OF VOWS**
4. **CIVIL FUNERALS**
5. **PARTNERSHIP CEREMONIES**

Reports of the Chief Fire Officer

6. **FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE - PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) - OPERATIONAL UNIFORM**
7. **UPDATE ON PERFORMANCE AGAINST TARGETS FOR THE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF WOMEN AND PEOPLE FROM ETHNIC MINORITY BACKGROUNDS AND A PROFILE OF THE NON-UNIFORMED WORKFORCE**

ITEM FOR REPORT TO THE COUNCIL [SC.7(2)]

At a committee meeting the Leader of the Opposition or a spokesman nominated by that Leader may require one identified item to be reported from that meeting to the Council.

PART II ('CLOSED') AGENDA

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There are no items of Part II (Confidential) business on this agenda but if items are notified the Chairman will move: -

"That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) ... of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the said Act."

Please note that full papers have been despatched to Committee members only. All other members have been sent the front sheets of each report.

If you require a copy of any of the reports mentioned above or require further information about this agenda please contact Nicola Hayden, Committee Services, County Secretary's Department, on telephone no. (01992) 555560 or fax. 01992 555518.