

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

THE COUNTY COUNCIL

SUMMONS AND AGENDA

for the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, 19 May 1998 at 10.30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Hertford.

PRAYERS 10.20 a.m. Led by the Reverend Norman Richards, Vicar of St Peters, Buntingford.

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 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 17 February 1998 and of the Extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 3 April 1998 (previously circulated).

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. QUESTIONS : HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY (STANDING ORDER 7(3))

To deal with questions under Standing Order 7(3) on the discharge of the functions of the Hertfordshire Police Authority, directed to a person so nominated by that Authority (the Chairman of the Authority, Mr P Holland). All such questions shall have been notified to the County Secretary at least 7 clear days before the meeting and will be answered in order of receipt.

6. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

To appoint a Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.

7. REVIEW OF PROPORTIONALITY AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

7.1 Under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 the Council is required annually to review the proportionality of places on Committees and Sub-Committees.

7.2 To consider whether to make appointments to Committees. In the absence of a resolution to the contrary, existing committee members will remain in office for the ensuing year. (Standing Order C.1).

8. TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS TO JULY 1999

To note the timetable of meeting to July 1999, circulated herewith.

9. PUBLIC PETITIONS (STANDING ORDER 15)

Standing Order 15 gives 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 with which the Council is concerned, containing 100 or more signatures of residents or business ratepayers of Hertfordshire.

See Item 14 for notice of petitions relating to an item on the agenda.

10. REPRESENTATION ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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

Current representatives and voting allocations are:

J T Metcalf	4 votes
R J M Ellis	2 votes
I E M Tarry	2 votes
C J White	2 votes

11. REPRESENTATION ON THE HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

To appoint nine representatives to serve on the Hertfordshire Police Authority until the Annual Meeting of the Council next following.

(Current representatives: F Button, A R Choudhrey, R J M Ellis, K F Emsall,
B P Hall, I H Laidlaw-Dickson, R Sanderson,
I E M Tarry, C J White)

12. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

To receive, consider and approve the Reports of the Policy Committee meetings, held on 29 January and 30 April 1998 and the Recommendations contained therein.

(The following Committees have also met, but resolved not to report any items to the Council:-

Social Services	-	26 March
Education	-	1 April
Community Services	-	2 April
Environment	-	7 April).

13. THAMES LINK 2000 PROJECT

To consider the attached report from the County Secretary.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

14.1 Admission Rules for County Secondary Schools

Notification of intent to present a petition has been received from the following persons, in accordance with Standing Order 15:-

- Mrs G Randall representing the Secondary Transfer Action Group, Hertfordshire (North Herts)
- Mrs T Smith representing the Secondary Transfer Action Group, Hertfordshire (South Herts)
- Mrs L King representing the Secondary Transfer Action Group, Hertfordshire (Markyate/Redbourn)

(a) **R J M Ellis** to move:-

“That the Council

- (i) recognises the strength of feeling in the county against the proposed new rules for admission to county secondary schools in September 1999
- (ii) notes the Government’s intention to publish a Code of Practice on Admissions under the Schools Standards and Framework Bill which will be effective from September 2000 and which will have significant implications for schools and admitting authorities, and
- (iii) determines that:
 - the decision of the Education Committee on 1 April 1998 to adopt new rules for admission to county co-educational secondary schools in September 1999 be rescinded;
 - the consultation exercise in relation to proposed new rules for admission to county single sex secondary schools in September 1999 be discontinued; and
 - the current rules for admission to county secondary schools continue to be applied until the Education Committee have been able to consider the implications of the new legislation.”

(b) **J T Metcalf** to move:-

“That the Council endorses the decisions taken by the Education Committee in respect of admissions rules for county secondary schools at their meeting on 1 April 1998 and in particular:-

- (i) that the rules for county co-educational schools as adopted by the Committee be confirmed; and
- (ii) that the rules for county single sex schools be determined by the Committee at their meeting on 17 June 1998 following consideration of responses to the consultation exercise.”

ANDREW LAYCOCK
County Secretary