

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

THE COUNTY COUNCIL

SUMMONS AND AGENDA

for the Annual Meeting on Tuesday 21st May 2002 at 10.30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Hertford.

GROUP MEETINGS

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| Conservative Group | 9.15 a.m. | Committee Room 'B' |
| Labour Group | 9.15 a.m. | Committee Room 'A' |
| Liberal Democrat Group | 9.15 a.m. | Committee Room 'C' |

PRAYERS 10.20 a.m.

Prayers led by the Reverend Philip Law, Parish Priest at St Thomas More, Knebworth.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

To elect a Chairman of the Council to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the 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 26 March 2002 (previously circulated).

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 7(1)

To deal with any questions directed to the Leader of the Council and Executive Members about the discharge of their responsibilities. All such questions shall have been notified to the County Secretary at least 10 clear days before the meeting.

At the end of each reply the questioner may put one supplementary question to the person to whom the original question was put, who may reply orally or may undertake to reply in writing within 7 days.

The period allocated to questions shall not exceed 30 minutes. Any remaining after that period has elapsed shall be answered in writing within 7 days.

6. QUESTIONS: HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY - STANDING ORDER 7(6)

To deal with any questions from Members of the Council on the discharge of the functions of the Hertfordshire Police Authority, directed to a person so nominated by that Authority (the Vice-Chairman of the Authority, I H Laidlaw-Dickson). (Same procedure as Item 3).

7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS - STANDING ORDER 7(10)

To deal with any 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 any matter over which the Council has power, or which directly affects the county. (Same procedure as Item 3).

8. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES / PROPORTIONALITY

Report of the County Secretary

Members of the Committees remain in place for the ensuing year unless there is a resolution to the contrary.

The Council is required to review proportionality on Committees at this meeting, to see if any changes are required.

The proportionality rules do not require any changes to be made at this meeting.

9. PUBLIC PETITIONS - STANDING ORDER 14

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.

Notification of intent to present a petition must have been given to the County Secretary at least 14 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 3 clear days where the item is the subject of a report.

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 (10) between them.

(Current representatives: R J M Ellis, M H T Janes, J M Pitman, R Mays.)

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: D E Billing, R J M Ellis, R I N Gordon, I H Laidlaw-Dickson, D B Lloyd, R Sanderson, R H Smith, J Taunton, C J White.)

12. MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Report of the County Secretary

A vacancy has arisen on the Standards Committee due to one of the independent members, Yasmin Batliwala, no longer being able to continue, upon becoming a member of the Hertfordshire Police Authority on 1 May 2002.

The Council are invited to appoint a panel of three independent persons to interview for the vacancy and make a recommendation to the next Council meeting.

13. KEY DECISIONS/FORWARD PLAN

To note the position of Key Decisions in the decision-making process shown in the current edition of the Forward Plan (circulated separately).

14. ITEMS OF BUSINESS REQUESTED BY MEMBERS

The following items of business have been requested by five Members of the Council under Standing Order 6 (2) (1).

14.1. DATE OF THE NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING

To consider moving the next Council meeting forward from 16 July to 18 June 2002, so that it can consider the proposals for review of the Structure Plan, within a time frame which is convenient for District Councils, and which has regard to the need for the County Council to advise the Inspector on whether it wishes to pursue the holding objection to the Stevenage Local Plan in the context of its emerging Structure Plan Development Strategy

(Item requested by R J M Ellis, K J Coleman, M H T Janes, D E Lloyd and D Beatty).

14.2. REPORT ON E-GOVERNMENT

(Item requested by A M R Searing, N K Brook, F J Escott, D B Lloyd and J W A Usher.)

Paper to follow.

15. NOTICES OF MOTION - STANDING ORDER 8 (5)

None notified.

ANDREW LAYCOCK
County Secretary