

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

THE COUNTY COUNCIL

SUMMONS AND AGENDA

for the Meeting on Thursday 13 February 2003 at 10.30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Hertford.

GROUP MEETINGS

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 Right Reverend Christopher Foster, Bishop of Hertford.

1. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 17 December 2002 (previously circulated).

2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE ADULT CARE AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Council is asked to appoint a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Adult Care and Health Scrutiny Committee, constituted by the Council in November 2002.

This Committee has replaced the Adult Care Services Scrutiny Committee, whose Chairman and Vice-Chairman were R Mills and K J Coleman respectively.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman will serve until the Annual Meeting of the Council on 20 May 2003, at which time the re-appointment of all Scrutiny Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen will take place.

4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 – SECTION 85

Under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, if a member of a local authority fails throughout a period of 6 consecutive months to attend a meeting of the authority, as defined in the Act, they cease to be a member, unless the

failure is due to reason approved by the authority before the expiry of the 6 month period.

County Councillor Janet Anderson is unfortunately unwell, and this has meant that she has not been able to attend any meetings since September. She has now written to the County Secretary formally requesting that the Council approve her reason for non-attendance on medical grounds. The Council is invited to approve her reason for non-attendance, before the six month deadline is reached on 3 March 2003.

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 5 clear working 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). All such questions shall have been notified to the County Secretary at least 10 clear days before the meeting. (Same procedure as Item 5).

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. All such questions shall have been notified to the County Secretary at least 10 clear days before the meeting. (Same procedure as Item 5).

8. 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.

9. MEMBERS ALLOWANCES 2003/4 (to be taken together with item 10)

Report of the Independent Panel (attached)

Reports from Cabinet – 27 January 2003

To consider the following reports which will have been considered by the Cabinet on 27 January, and their proposals which will be circulated prior to the Council meeting:-

10. COUNTY COUNCIL RESOURCE BUDGET 2003/4 TO 2006/7

11. ANNUAL LIBRARY PLAN 2002/2005

12. CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES SERVICE PLAN 2003/4

13. PROTOCOL FOR NEWS RELEASES

Reports from the Cabinet – 10 February 2003

To consider the following reports which will have been considered by the Cabinet on 10 February and their proposals which will be circulated prior to the Council meeting:-

**14. HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY STRUCTURE PLAN ALTERATIONS
2001 – 2016: DEPOSIT VERSION**

**15. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY INC BORROWING
STRATEGY**

16. REGIONAL ASSEMBLIES (PREPARATIONS) BILL

[Note: Items 10 to 13 will have been considered by the Cabinet on 27 January, and items 14, 15 and 16 by the Cabinet on 10 February. The outcome of the Cabinet's deliberations will be reported to the Council. Copies of items 11,14, 15 and 16 will have been circulated to all members of the Council as part of the Cabinet distribution. To avoid unnecessary reprinting members are asked to bring these copies with them to the Council meeting.]

Reports from Scrutiny Committees

**17. REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND
PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 14 FEBRUARY 2003
(attached)**

**18. REPORT OF THE CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 22 JANUARY 2003 (attached)**

Reports from Officers

**19. ACTION TAKEN ON PETITIONS PRESENTED TO FULL COUNCIL
SINCE FEBRUARY 2002**

Report of the County Secretary (attached)

20. 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).

Item 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):-

**21. COUNTY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO LUTON AIRPORT
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

(Item requested by R J M Ellis, D Beatty, D B Lloyd, G D Game and M H T Janes.)

**22. PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS
TO REPRESENT THE COUNTY COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE BODIES –
AS SET OUT IN ANNEX 20 TO THE CONSTITUTION**

(Item requested by R J M Ellis, D Beatty, D B Lloyd, G D Game and M H T Janes.)

23. ALLOCATION OF PLACES ON COMMITTEES

To consider the allocation of places on Committees to the Labour and Liberal Democrat Groups.

(Item requested by C J White, A Lee, G R Churchard, P V Goggins and D T F Scudder.)

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

None notified.

ANDREW LAYCOCK
County Secretary