

# HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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## THE COUNTY COUNCIL

## SUMMONS AND AGENDA

for the meeting on Tuesday 15 July 2003 at 10.30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Hertford.

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### 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.	Group Room

### PRAYERS 10.20 a.m.

Prayers led by the Reverend Nicholas Setterfield, the Rector of Letchworth.

### 1. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 20 May 2003 (previously circulated).

### 2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 3. 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.

**4. 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 Chairman of the Authority, I H Laidlaw-Dickson). (Same procedure as Item 3).

**5. 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).

**6. 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.

Notification of intent has been received from three persons:-

Mrs Doreen Coburn from Hemel Hempstead requesting the County Council to maintain part of Mountfield Road, Hemel Hempstead.

Mrs Karen Conlon from Hemel Hempstead requesting road calming measures in Cattsdell, Hemel Hempstead.

Mr David Babb, Chairman of the Leavesden Green Action Committee opposing the proposed closure of Leavesden Green JMI School.

**Reports from Cabinet – 23 June 2003**

**7. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT**

A copy of this report was circulated to all members along with the Cabinet papers for 23 June. Members are asked to bring their copies with them to the Council Meeting.

The Cabinet proposals are as follows:-

- “(1) That the Local Transport Plan Annual Progress Report, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved for submission to the Department for Transport by 31 July 2003 including:
- (a) a new policy on Rural Transport
  - (b) a supplementary bid of £1.15 million to cover works on the existing A10 following completion of the Wadesmill Bypass.
- (2) That in consultation with the Executive Member and the Chairman of the Transport Panel, the Director of Environment be authorised to finalise the document including:
- (a) incorporating a submission from Broxbourne Council when received
  - (b) further performance indicator data that becomes available.”

**8. FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF AIR TRANSPORT IN THE SOUTH-EAST COUNTY COUNCIL’S RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION.**

The report considered by the Cabinet on 23 June 2003 is attached, together with a copy of the holding response sent to the Department of Transport.

The Cabinet proposals are as follows:-

“That the County Council:

- (a) fully endorses its initial response to the consultation made in December 2002 and accepts the attached report together with the comments of the Structure Plan and Regional Planning Panel and the Environment Scrutiny Committee as the basis for a second response to the Department for Transport.
- (b) expresses its concerns that the proposals for airport growth in the South East would have an extremely detrimental impact on the County.
- (c) strongly endorses the view that demand management should form the basis of any long-term aviation policy.
- (d) considers that if, following consideration of the issues raised by the County Council and others, further runway capacity is required in the south east, it should be provided at a new off-shore or estuarial site where noise implications can be minimised whilst allowing 24 hour operations.
- (e) asks the Department for Transport to review the alternative proposals for such a site taking full account of the positive benefits they offer, particularly in terms of noise and the impact for economic regeneration.

- (f) considers any decision on the siting of new airport capacity should only be made following a full sustainability appraisal of options and when the necessary support and infrastructure works have been fully identified, and the viability and feasibility of their provision within the timescale of the development assured.
- (g) considers that expansion of airport capacity needs to be considered in a national context and taking particular account of the regional regeneration opportunities that may exist.
- (h) continues to pursue a campaign beyond the close of the consultation period to ensure that Hertfordshire's case is maximised in future determination of aviation policy.
- (i) authorises the Director of Environment to finalise the County Council's response and submit it to the Department for Transport in consultation with the Executive Member
- (j) does not accept the case for a new hub airport in the south east."

#### **Reports from Scrutiny Committees**

#### **9. REPORT OF THE ADULT CARE AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 12 JUNE 2003**

"Investing in your Health" – Consultation Paper Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Strategic Health Authority

(attached)

#### **10. REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 17 JUNE 2003**

Withdrawal of the Traffic Warden Service in Hertfordshire

(attached)

#### **11. REPORT OF THE CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 18 JUNE 2003**

Proposals by West Herts College to discontinue certain provision on the College's Dacorum Campus

(attached)

**12. REPORT OF THE RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 19 JUNE 2003**

Public Involvement in the Democratic Process

(attached)

**Other Items**

**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. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES**

Report of the County Secretary (attached).

**15. MEMBERSHIP OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Report of the County Secretary (attached).

**Item of Business Requested by Members under Standing Order 6 (2) (1)**

**16. PROPOSED CHANGE TO STANDING ORDER 6**

(Item requested by D A Ashley, D Beatty, G D Game, R I N Gordon and M H T Janes)

To consider an item to amend Council Standing Order 6 so that questions to the Leader and Executive Members are taken at the end of the meeting.

**17. NOTICES OF MOTION - STANDING ORDER 8 (5)**

None notified.

**ANDREW LAYCOCK**  
**County Secretary**