

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

THE COUNTY COUNCIL

SUMMONS AND AGENDA

for the meeting on Tuesday 16 September 2003 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. | Group Room |

PRAYERS 10.20 a.m.

Prayers led Rabbi Meir Salasnik of the Bushey United Synagogue

1. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 15 July 2003 (previously circulated).

2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. 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).

4. 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.

5. 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:-

Marion Baker from Berkhamsted, asking the Council to:

- request the Secretary of State for Agriculture and the European Commission to provide legal protection for Hertfordshire from specific GM crops
- ensure that no GM crops are grown on Hertfordshire County Council land
- adopt a GM-free policy for all Hertfordshire County Council goods and services

Reports from Cabinet – 8 September 2003

6. MINERALS LOCAL PLAN REVIEW TO 2016 – 2nd DEPOSIT DRAFT FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

This report was circulated to members along with the Cabinet papers for 8 September. To avoid unnecessary duplication members are asked to bring that copy with them to the meeting. The Cabinet proposal will be reported to the Council meeting and on the Anticipated Order of Business.

Reports from Officers

7. ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2002/03

Report of the Finance Director (attached).

8. 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).

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

9. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME

(Item requested by R Ellis, P Ruffles, D Beatty, D A Ashley, R I N Gordon)

To consider payments of Special Responsibility Allowances in light of recent changes to the memberships of the political groups.

See attached report from the County Secretary.

Other Items

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

None notified.

11. 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.

ANDREW LAYCOCK
County Secretary