

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

THE COUNTY COUNCIL

SUMMONS AND AGENDA

for the meeting on Thursday 12 February 2004 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	9.30 a.m.	Committee Room 'A'
Liberal Democrat Group	9.15 a.m.	Group Room

PRAYERS 10.20 a.m.

Prayers led by the Reverend John H Green, Vicar of the parishes of Flamstead and Markyate.

1. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25 November 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 has been received from Emma Nakhjavan from Hatfield who will present a petition concerning Hazelgrove School.

Report from Cabinet – 10 November 2003

6. PUBLIC ACCESS TO CABINET AND COUNCIL MEETINGS

Attached

Reports from Cabinet – 26 January 2004

7. PUBLIC INTEREST REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AUDITOR – EXPENDITURE ON STILES ON RIGHTS OF WAY

Attached

8. THE AVIATION WHITE PAPER: THE FUTURE OF AIR TRANSPORT

Attached

Reports from Cabinet – 9 February 2004

9. COUNTY COUNCIL RESOURCE BUDGET 2004/5 TO 2007/8

This matter has been considered by the Cabinet on 15 December 2003 and 26 January 2004, and by the Resources Scrutiny Committee on 22 January. The reports considered at those meetings are circulated with this agenda. The Cabinet will give this further consideration at their meeting on 9 February and that report will also be sent to all members of the Council.

The Cabinet's proposals will be circulated as soon as possible following the meeting on 9 February.

(Members are asked to bring both sets of reports to the County Council meeting.)

10. CHILDREN SCHOOLS & FAMILIES SERVICE PLAN 2004/5

This report will be sent to all members along with the Cabinet papers for 9 February. Members are asked to bring this with them to the Council meeting. Cabinet proposals will be circulated as soon as possible following the Cabinet meeting.

Reports from Scrutiny Committees

**11. REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
13 JANUARY 2004**

Sprinkler Systems Topic Group *Attached*

Reports from Officers

**12. ACTION TAKEN ON PETITIONS PRESENTED TO FULL COUNCIL
SINCE FEBRUARY 2003**

Report of the County Secretary *Attached*

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).

Other Items

14. MEMBERS ALLOWANCES 2004/5

Report of the County Secretary *Attached*

**15. ITEMS OF BUSINESS REQUESTED BY MEMBERS UNDER STANDING
ORDER 6 (2) (1)**

None notified.

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

D E Lloyd to move:-

“That the Council is seriously concerned about the increasing number of closures of post offices in both urban and rural locations across the county and the disproportionate impact that this has on the lives of our most vulnerable residents. This council will seek opportunities to oppose such closures where they adversely affect the quality of life of Hertfordshire residents”.

17. 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