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County Council (virtual meetings from July 2020 due to Coronavirus) Wednesday 5 May 2021 10.00 am Virtual Meeting



SUPPLEMENT TO THE AGENDA

To: The Members of the County Council (virtual meetings from July 2020 due to Coronavirus)

We are now able to enclose the following information which was unavailable when the agenda was published:

Item 6	Chair of Council's announcements (Pages 3 - 10)
	Chair's Schedule.

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CHAIR'S SCHEDULE AND MEETING BUSINESS PLAN

County Council Meeting – Wednesday 5 May 2021 (10.00am)

The Monitoring Officer of the Council, Mr Wooldridge, to welcome everyone to the virtual ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the County Council and remind those present that:

- It is only the County Councillors present that are taking the decisions at the meeting others in attendance are there to provide advice to the Council.
- The agenda and papers have been published on the council's website in advance of the meeting.
- The Council will be making an audio recording of the meeting and this will be published on the Council's website in due course.

The Monitoring Officer to further highlight the following virtual meeting good practice:

- Please use the meeting chat function only for purposes of the meeting, primarily to indicate that you wish to speak.
- Please only speak at the Chairs invitation.
- Please say you name before speaking.
- The importance of turning off microphones and cameras when not speaking (with the exception of the meeting chair).
- Members and Officers are invited to switch on their cameras when they speak.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

The Monitoring Officer will call for nominations and seconders for the election of Chair of Council to serve until the next Annual General Meeting in May 2022. The member elected to the position will read and sign the formal Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

The Chair will call for nominations and seconders for the election of Vice Chair of Council to serve until the next Annual General Meeting in May 2022. The member appointed to the position will read and sign the formal Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr John Clarke

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The County Solicitor will read out any prejudicial interests that have been declared by Members. All personal interest forms will be displayed in the chamber.

Members are reminded that if any business of the Council relates to or affects a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest which you have declared you should disclose it at the meeting not later than the start of the consideration of the business in which you have an interest or (if later) the item at which the interest becomes apparent to you and you should leave the room whilst the business is being considered.

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5. MINUTES Guide Time: 10.12am

To confirm the accuracy of the Minutes together with the Appendix attached of the Council meeting held on 17 February 2021, and if agreed, the Chair will sign the Minutes as a correct record.

6. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair of Council will invite the meeting to observe a period of silence following the death of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh.

The Chair of Council will ask the meeting to note the Chair's Information Sheet (Number 11) published with the agenda pack.

7. APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL Guide Time: 10.20am

Since the current appointment expires during May 2021, the Chair of Council will invite nominations for the appointment of the Leader of Council to serve until the post-election Annual General Meeting.

8. STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

To receive a statement from the Leader of Council.

9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public Questions / Statements

Note: The questions / statements / public petitions submitted by each member of the public are detailed in **Annex A to this Schedule**.

Chair to then invite all public speakers registered to address the Council and highlight that there will be a 15 second delay before speakers address the meeting. Each speaker reminded that they have up to 3 minutes to make any key points and to try and not repeat points made by other speakers on the same matter.

Chair to highlight that every member has access to the statements and questions that have been submitted and therefore speakers may wish to summarise their key points and focus their available time to put their question(s) to the Council.

Members are reminded that there will be no debate on Public Questions

Invite Public Speakers in the following order: Joey Barrington – reply Cllr Fothergill and Cllr Woodman Catherine Cannon – reply Cllr Purbrick Chris Waddilove – reply Cllr Woodman

10. REPORT OF THE JOINT INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL Guide Time: 11.00am

Chair of the Council to invite Scott Wooldridge (Monitoring Officer) and Mr John Thomson (Chair of the Panel) to set out the Panel's report and recommendations. The recommendations are set out at paragraph 2.1 of the report on Page 51 and they relate to the Scheme of Members' Allowances.

Council is recommended to:

- (a) Consider the Panel's nine recommendations set out in the Panel's report attached as the Annex to the report and set out in paragraph 6.6 (a proposed SRA banding system is shown at Appendix C) and decide accordingly.
- (b) Authorise the Monitoring Officer to make any amendments to the Scheme of Members' Allowances for 2021-22 required as a result of the Council's decisions in (a) above.

An amendment to the recommendations is to be proposed by Cllr Fothergill seconded by Cllr Lock and voted upon as detailed below.

Council is recommended to:

To thank the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel for its comprehensive work ahead of what was the scheduled elections in May 2021 and to kindly request that the Panel report back to the Council following the elections to be held in May 2022 and in the meantime for the Council to agree to maintain the current scheme of members allowances for 2021/22.

11. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

Chair to request that the Council consider the report by the Monitoring Officer (starting from page 81) that sets out proposals for decisions on appointments and constitutional matters required to be made by the County Council at its annual meeting. Chair to invite the Monitoring Officer to present the key points and recommendations.

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The recommendations to be proposed by Cllr Fothergill, seconded by Cllr Redman and voted upon as detailed below.

Council is recommended to:-

- (1) Note the election and appointment of the Chair of the Council, Vice Chair of the Council and Leader of the Council agreed at this Annual General Meeting prior to this agenda item.
- (2) Approve the County Council Appointments Schedule as set out in Appendix A for the Council and its committees up to the next Annual General Meeting see section 3.1 for more detail.
- (3) Approve the appointments to Internal, Partnership and Outside Bodies up to the next Annual General Meeting as set out in Appendix B
- (4) Approve the revised Constitution as set out in Appendix C, summarised in Appendix D and note the further work to be undertaken during 2021 as set out in section 3.2.
- (5) To agree the dates for the ordinary meetings of the County Council (full council) for 2021 and 2022 up to the next Annual General Meeting in May 2022 as set out in section 3.3.

CHAIR TO ADVISE OF A SHORT 5 MINUTE COMFORT BREAK ADJOURNMENT

12. COVID-19 UPDATE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH Guide Time: 11.50pm

Chair to invite the Chief Executive and Director of Public Health to provide the Council with an update regarding the Council's response to the Covid-19 emergency.

13. REPORT OF THE LEADER AND CABINET-ITEM FOR INFORMATION

(Pages 201 - 250) - to be introduced by Cllr David Fothergill – Leader of the Council.

Member Questions (set out in Annex A) to the Leader and Cabinet Members will be taken under this item in the following order:

- Cllr David Fothergill (to respond to questions and present his annual report and answer any questions regarding his area of responsibilities)
- Cllr Mandy Chilcott (to present her annual report and answer any questions regarding her area of responsibilities)
- Cllr John Woodman
- Cllr Frances Nicholson
- Cllr Christine Lawrence (to present her annual report and answer any questions regarding her area of responsibilities)
- Cllr David Hall
- Cllr David Huxtable
- Cllr Faye Purbrick
- Cllr Clare Paul (to respond to Cllr Munt's question)

Following debate, the Council will be asked by the Chair to note the Leader and Cabinet's report, the Leader of the Council's Annual Report, the Cabinet Member for Resources Annual Report and the Cabinet Member for Customers and Communities Annual Report for information.

CHAIR TO ADVISE OF ADJOURNMENT FOR 1/2 hour LUNCH BREAK

14. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HEALTH & WELL-BEING & BOARD

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Page 215 and invite Cllr Clare Paul to introduce the Board's report. The Council is asked to note the report.

15. REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY FOR POLICIES, ADULTS AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

Page 257 and invite Cllr Hazel Prior-Sankey to introduce the Committee's report. The Council is asked to note the report.

16. REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE

Page 267 and invite Cllr Leigh Redman to introduce the Committee's report. The Council is asked to note the report.

17. REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY FOR POLICIES, POLICIES AND PLACE COMMITTEE

Page 275 and invite Cllr Anna Groskop to introduce the Committee's report. The Council is asked to note the report.

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Finish 2.15pm

