



DEMOCRATIC SERVICES
SESSIONS HOUSE
MAIDSTONE

Tuesday, 2 December 2008

To: All Members of the County Council

Please attend the meeting of the County Council in the Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Thursday, 11 December 2008 at **10.00 am** to deal with the following business. **The meeting is scheduled to end by 4.30 pm.**

1. Declarations of Interest
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2008 and if in order, to be approved as a correct record. (Pages 1 - 6)
3. Chairman's Announcements
4. Questions
5. Report by Leader of the Council
6. Select Committee Report - Accessing Democracy (Pages 7 - 14)
7. Member Development Policy (Pages 15 - 22)
8. IMG Report on Member Information (Pages 23 - 32)
9. Update on Localism (Pages 33 - 36)
10. Preparing the County Council for Future Challenges (Pages 37 - 54)
11. Proposed Amendments to the Constitution (Pages 55 - 82)
 - (a) Corporate Governance Audit Report – Responsibilities of Statutory Chief Officers
 - (b) Executive Leadership – Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007
 - (c) CFE Policy Overview Committee – New Sub-Committee and revised Terms of Reference for Children's Champions Board
 - (d) Publicising and Launching Select Committee Topic Review Reports
 - (e) Overview and Scrutiny
12. Urgent Decision Item - Quarterly Report (Pages 83 - 84)

13. Motion for Time Limited Debate - Dr M Eddy will move, Mr M Fittock will second:

That this Council, following the recommendation of the NSPCC, requires its Children, Families & Education Directorate to:

- (a) carry out an urgent review of Kent's Child Protection framework and procedures; and
- (b) carry out a specific review of its child protection plans, identifying those children at risk of the most serious harm examining especially closely those cases where decisions not to take legal proceedings have followed significant recorded dissent between professionals and/or managers, where children are on interim care orders and are still at home and where children are subject of an unfinished police investigation into maltreatment.

This Council also requires the results of these reviews to be compiled and circulated in a written report to all Members by the end of January 2009, with any personal data anonymised as necessary.

14. Motion for Time Limited Debate - Mr I Chittenden will move, Mr D Daley will second:

That this Council reviews the PIPKIN system of assessing road investment programmes

- (a) to prioritise safety over other issues; and
- (b) in the spirit of localism to include an opportunity for local Members as representatives of their local Divisions and areas to support prioritisation of schemes in those areas as part of the assessment.

15. Minutes for Information

Planning Applications Committee – 7 October and 4 November 2008.

(Pages 85 - 94)



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