



Summons to and
Agenda for a
Meeting on
**Thursday, 18th July,
2013**
at **10.00 am**



DEMOCRATIC SERVICES
SESSIONS HOUSE
MAIDSTONE

Tuesday, 9 July 2013

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, 18 July 2013 at **10.00 am** to deal with the following business. **The meeting is scheduled to end by 4.30 pm.**

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A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Significant Interests
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2013 and, if in order, to be approved as a correct record **(Pages 1 - 6)**
4. Chairman's Announcements
5. Questions
6. Report by Leader of the Council (Oral)
7. Kent Safeguarding Children Board - 2012/13 Annual Report **(Pages 7 - 38)**
8. Facing the Challenge: Whole-Council Transformation **(Pages 39 - 54)**
9. Members' Travel Expenses **(Pages 55 - 62)**

10. Committee Membership

(Pages 63 - 64)

11. Petition Scheme Debate - Extend the Freedom Pass

(Pages 65 - 74)

12. Motions for Time Limited Debate

Motion 1: Mr G Cowan will propose, Mr W Scobie will second that:

This Council recognises that reform of the Crown Post Office Network is necessary and long overdue. This Council also welcomes progress being made to this end, with losses reduced by up to £14m, to around £37m, in the past three years.

Nevertheless, proposed reforms have the potential to disproportionately impact on Kent people – as part of a plan to close or franchise 76 Crown Post Offices nationwide – two are located in Kent: Margate and Whitstable Crown Offices.

Despite only representing 3% of the postal network, Crown Post Offices employ 4000 people and are responsible for 20% of all Post Office business. Crown Post Offices also process 40% of financial services mail and are therefore a crucial component of Kent's economy.

Post Offices not only provide essential services to the public that are not available anywhere else, but they are also central to the local economies in which they are located. This Council is concerned at the potential adverse impacts on Post Office accessibility for Kent's population and the business community.

This Council therefore calls on the Leader of Council to:

- write to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State with responsibility for Post Offices, informing them of the concerns raised by the Council about the franchising of the two of Kent's Crown Post Offices; Margate & Whitstable (if they were both to go to a franchise, neither would be able to provide all the current services and the nearest Crown Post Office available would be either Ashford or Faversham. This would not be in the best interest of our communities);
- request that Under-Secretary undertake to conduct a broader social and economic assessment of the proposed franchising, focussing on the impact on customers; and
- seek assurances from the Under-Secretary that successful franchisees for Crown Post Offices will be strongly encouraged to pay their staff the current rate for the job and guarantee the community would be able to receive all services provided by the Crown Post Office.

Motion 2: Mrs T Dean will propose, Mr M Vye will second that:

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13. Minutes for Information

(Pages 75 - 90)

Planning Applications Committee – 23 May and 7 June 2013

Regulation Committee – 23 May and 18 June 2013

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Sass', written in a cursive style.

Peter Sass
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