

Summons to and Agenda for a Meeting on Thursday, 23rd October, 2014 at 10.00 am



DEMOCRATIC SERVICES SESSIONS HOUSE MAIDSTONE

Wednesday, 15 October 2014

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, 23 October 2014 at 10.00 am to deal with the following business. The meeting is scheduled to end by 4.30 pm.

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**20 seconds** are allowed for electronic voting to take place and the Chairman will announce that the vote has closed and the result.

#### AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for Absence
- 2. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Significant Interests
- 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2014 and, if in order, (Pages 5 28) to be approved as a correct record
- 4. Chairman's Announcements

5. Questions (Pages 29 - 40)

- 6. Report by Leader of the Council (Oral)
- 7. A collaborative approach to Member involvement in (Pages 41 50) Commissioning Report of the Member Working Group
- 8. Motions for Time Limited Debate

# a) Devolution

Miss Carey will propose and Mr Marsh will second:

"Kent County Council calls upon central government to devolve more powers and money not just to Scotland but to existing levels of local government at County, district and parish level. We also call for a transfer of powers from unelected and remote quangos to existing democratically elected bodies."

## b) Reduction in the voting age

Mr Clark will propose and Mr Bird will second,

"This Council supports reducing the voting age to 16 and believe that encouraging participation in the political process is a valuable means of engaging young people in modern society.

We recognise the important contribution of 16 and 17 year olds to the recent Scottish Independence referendum and believe that the young people of Kent should also play a role in determining the future of their county and country.

Therefore, we propose that the Chairman should write an open letter to the Prime Minister urging him to introduce legislation to reduce the voting age to 16."

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