

Summons to and Agenda for a Meeting on Thursday, 19th May, 2016 at 10.10 am,or on the rising of the County Council whichever is the later.



DEMOCRATIC SERVICES SESSIONS HOUSE MAIDSTONE

Wednesday, 11 May 2016

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, 19 May 2016 at 10.10 am, or on the rising of the County Council whichever is the later, 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. Election of Chairman
- 2. Election of Vice-Chairman
- 3. Apologies for Absence
- 4. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Significant Interests in items on the agenda

- 5. Minutes of the meetings held on 24 March 2016 and, if in order, to (Pages 7 20) be approved as a correct record
- 6. Chairman's Announcements
- 7. Questions
- 8. Report by Leader of the Council (Oral)
- 9. Select Committee Energy Security (Pages 21 34)
- 10. Members' Allowances Scheme 2016/17 (Pages 35 40)
- 11. Updated Financial Regulations (Pages 41 82)
- 12. Request for Extended Leave of Absence (Pages 83 84)
- 13. Motions for Time Limited Debate
  - (a) <u>Compulsory Academisation of schools</u>

Proposed by Mr Vye and seconded by Mr Bird

"This Council welcomes the Government's decision to withdraw the proposed compulsory academisation of schools, a proposition which has been widely condemned by school staff, parents and councillors in Kent.

This council recognises the hard work and dedication of school staff in raising educational standards across the county and the vital role of parent governors in supporting schools management and also making schools locally accountable.

This council is determined to provide all children in Kent with a good education and reaffirms its commitment to supporting schools through the county council's Schools Improvement unit."

# (b) KCC Headquarters – security and public access

Proposed by Mr Heale and seconded by Mr Latchford

"This Council believes it is time to review the levels of security and public access to KCC Headquarters at County Hall in the interests of greater safety for both KCC officers and members and requests the Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services to initiate this review."

#### (c) School and community energy schemes

Proposed by Mr Wedgbury seconded by Mr Parry

"KCC asks the Chairman of the Council to contact the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change to ask her to consider supporting Community and Schools energy projects through targeted financial help. In particular we ask

the Secretary of State to look again at the support available for community renewable energy schemes including the discontinuation of tax relief (SITR) for community energy schemes and the absence of a higher specific FIT tariff to encourage the deployment of school and community energy schemes. We believe targeted support will provide a number of important environmental and social benefits as well as reducing energy bills. It would also enable community buildings to play a role in developing local energy economies and continue to provide much needed local services by utilising the income generation from renewable energy."

Peter Sass

**Head of Democratic Services**