



Summons to and
Agenda for a
Meeting on
**Thursday, 19th
October, 2017**
at **10.00 am**



DEMOCRATIC SERVICES
SESSIONS HOUSE
MAIDSTONE

Wednesday, 11 October 2017

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 October 2017 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.

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Significant Interests in items on the agenda
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2017 and, if in order, to be **(Pages 7 - 16)** approved as a correct record
4. Chairman's Announcements
5. Questions
6. Report by Leader of the Council (Oral)
7. Autumn Budget Statement **(Pages 17 - 28)**

8. Kent Safeguarding Children Board – 2016/17 Annual Report **(Pages 29 - 88)**
9. Increasing Opportunities, Improving Outcomes - Strategic Statement Annual Report **(Pages 89 - 120)**
10. Treasury Management Annual Review 2016/17 **(Pages 121 - 132)**
11. Motion for Time Limited Debate
Kent, the Customs Union and Free Flowing Trade

Proposed by Mr Hook and seconded by Mr Bird

“This Council notes:

1. The high importance of cross Channel trade for Kent's economy, a major part of which is around 11,000 lorries travelling through Dover and other Kent Ports, to or from other member states of the European Union;
2. The observations made by the Chancellor of Exchequer to the House of Lords Economic Affairs Committee on 12 September that Dover “operates as a flow-through port and volumes of trade at Dover could not be accommodated if goods had to be held for inspection even, I suspect, if they were held for minutes, it would still impede the operation of the port.”
3. The finding that a lorry from within the EU typically takes 2 minutes to clear Customs at Dover and a lorry from outside the EU takes 20 minutes.
4. Whenever there is a problem with the free flow of freight through Dover and other Kent ports, serious disruption results to the travel and lives of residents all over the county.

This Council therefore believes that it is essential to the economic and social well-being of the people of Kent for our county to continue to enjoy free flowing trade across the Channel, at least as seamlessly as present due to the UK's membership of the Single Market and Customs Union.

This Council calls for:

- a. The UK government to take all necessary steps to ensure the continued free flow of cross channel freight between Kent and continental Europe, at least as seamlessly as present;
- b. Parliament to consider all legal possibilities for Kent and the UK outside the EU, including retaining membership of the Single Market and/or Customs Union;
- c. The Leader to write to the Prime Minister and Kent MPs setting out the action requested in this motion.”

John Lynch,
Head of Democratic Services

