



Summons to and
Agenda for a
Meeting on
**Thursday, 17th May,
2018**
at **10.00 am**



DEMOCRATIC SERVICES
SESSIONS HOUSE
MAIDSTONE

Wednesday, 9 May 2018

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, 17 May 2018 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. 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 meeting held on 15 March 2018 and, if in order, to **(Pages 7 - 14)** be approved as a correct record
6. Chairman's Announcements

7. Questions
8. Report by Leader of the Council (Oral)
9. Annual Report on the Implementation of the Armed Forces Covenant in Kent **(Pages 15 - 20)**
10. Revenue Budget 2018-19 update **(Pages 21 - 22)**
11. Proposed changes to Financial Regulations **(Pages 23 - 66)**
12. Proposed changes to Top Tier posts in the Children, Young People and Education Directorate **(Pages 67 - 84)**
13. Motions for Time Limited Debate
 1. Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Proposed by Mr Hook and seconded by Mr Bird

“This council calls for:

1. Government and manufacturers to continue to work to make electric vehicles more affordable for ordinary working families and small businesses, and to support alternatives to car use altogether,
2. Kent to lead the UK in conversion to greener technology, such as electric vehicles, over the years ahead,
3. The Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, Transport and Waste to amend the Kent Design Guide, a Supplementary Planning Document, to refer to the incorporation of charging and other facilities in all new car parking for all forms of public and commercial development; and new homes to be built with a presumption in favour of having car charging points,
4. An Action Plan to be drawn up to support and encourage the conversion to electric vehicles in Kent, in particular creating access to charging points for existing homes without off-street parking. “

Background information provided by Mr Hook and Mr Bird in support of the motion

1. The UK Government and the EU is committed to reduce polluting vehicle emissions and, in particular the UK Government will end the sale of new diesel and petrol cars in England by 2040.
2. There was an 11% increase in UK electric car sales in 2017, many of them being taken up by people in Kent.
3. Many more people in Kent want, and will want in future, to move to cleaner electric vehicles but feel prevented from doing so by cost and lack of infrastructure, especially residents who do not have off-street parking.
4. Air Quality is a serious danger to the lives and health of residents across Kent with many Air Quality Management Plans in place and Air Quality found to be

above legal limits in several areas of Kent.

5. In January 2018 it was reported to the Environment & Transport Cabinet Committee that:

“1,000 early deaths [per year] across Kent and Medway [were] attributed to poor air quality in 2013.”

And

“transport emissions remain stubbornly static and are currently the same as they were in 2009. Emerging digital technologies and the growth in the use of electric vehicles present Kent with an exciting opportunity to lead [change].”

The National Planning Policy Framework, states:

‘Plans should protect and exploit opportunities for the use of sustainable transport modes for the movement of goods or people. Therefore, developments should be located and designed where practical to:

- *incorporate facilities for charging plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles’*

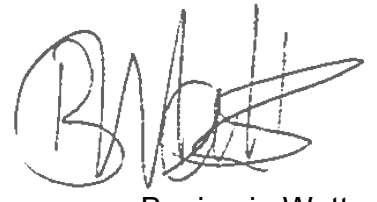
2. Pollinator Action Plan

Proposed by Mr Whybrow and seconded by Mr Holden

“This council supports the setting up of a cross-party working group to work with officers to produce a Pollinator Action Plan for submission to the County Council for approval in six months’ time. The council recognises the vital importance to Kent’s rural economy of pollinators and the fact that local authorities are well placed to make a significant contribution to reversing their decline, including through land and verge management, development control, and leadership and education across local communities.

Among areas for consideration would be using the planning system to protect and increase pollinator-friendly habitat; managing council-owned and council-managed land to benefit bees and other pollinators including more pollinator-friendly cutting cycles; reduced use of bee-harming pesticides; and planting more wildflowers and other bee-friendly plants in our country parks and community spaces.

This would directly align with our Kent Environment Strategy and with national legislation under which local authorities have a duty to conserve biodiversity.”

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Watts', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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