



Summons to and
Agenda for a
Meeting on
**Thursday, 23rd May,
2019**
at 10.00 am



DEMOCRATIC SERVICES
SESSIONS HOUSE
MAIDSTONE

Wednesday, 15 May 2019

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 May 2019 at **10.00 am** to deal with the following business. **The meeting is scheduled to end by 4.30pm.**

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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 21 March 2019 and, if in order, to **(Pages 7 - 22)** be approved as a correct record

6. Chairman's Announcements
7. Questions
8. Report by Leader of the Council (Oral)
9. Kent and Medway Integrated Care System update **(Pages 23 - 32)**
10. Select Committee Monitoring Process and Topic Review Update - May 2015 - March 2019 **(Pages 33 - 72)**
11. Members' Allowances Scheme - 2019/20 **(Pages 73 - 78)**
12. Proportionality and Appointments to committees and other bodies **(Pages 79 - 84)**
13. Motions for Time Limited Debate

A - Climate Emergency

Proposer: Mr Whybrow - Seconder: Mr Bird

Background information

While Kent County Council has shown leadership when it comes to carbon reduction and addressing climate breakdown, there needs to be greater urgency, more focus, ambitious performance targets and reporting.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C described the enormous harm that a 2°C rise is likely to cause compared to a 1.5°C rise. It concluded that limiting global warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and local authorities, civil society, the private sector, indigenous peoples and local communities.

Prime exposures to climate change for Kent's residents include the effects of more severe weather events and coastal flooding, and the rapid loss of biodiversity, which is occurring at "a rate seen only during mass extinctions" according to the World Wide Fund for Nature¹.

Individuals cannot be expected to make this reduction on their own. Society needs to change its laws, taxation, infrastructure (including electric vehicle charging) etc., to make low carbon living easier and the new norm².

Bold climate action can deliver economic benefits in terms of new jobs, economic savings and market opportunities, as well as improved well-being for people worldwide. The Government and the Committee on Climate Change believe the shift to a very low carbon energy future represents the best course for the country's economic development while also lowering the risk of fuel poverty and reducing air pollution.

Motion

“In terms of achievements to date, the significant reduction in carbon emissions from the roll-out of LED streetlights across the county was an excellent step forward by KCC and there is also important work within the Kent Environment Strategy and other initiatives such as the Active Travel Strategy and emerging Energy and Low Emissions Strategy.

Building on this:

1. KCC recognises the Climate Emergency and will commit resources and will align its policies to address this.
2. KCC will set a target of carbon neutrality from its activities and those of its trading companies by 2030 using the Carbon Trust framework, with an Action Plan for achieving this.
3. KCC will report annually at full council on its progress towards the target.
4. KCC will work with partners and contract providers and will investigate all possible sources of external funding and match funding to support this commitment as well as writing to central government with respect to the emergency to request funding to implement swift appropriate actions in response.”

Footnotes:

1. The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) has called for government leadership to make the changes necessary to reduce carbon emissions. According to the WWF Living Planet Report 2018, “*Earth is losing biodiversity at a rate seen only during mass extinctions*”. The losses in vertebrate species - mammals, fish, birds, amphibians and reptiles - averaged 60% between 1970 and 2014.

2 To reduce the chance of runaway global warming and limit the effects of climate breakdown, it is imperative that we as a species reduce our CO₂eq (carbon equivalent) emissions from the current 6.5 tonnes per person per year to less than 2 tonnes as soon as possible - Fossil CO₂ & GHG emissions of all world countries, 2017:

<http://edgar.jrc.ec.europa.eu/overview.php?v=CO2andGHG1970-2016&dst=GHGpc>

B – Council tax exemptions for young care leavers

Proposer: Ida Linfield Seconder: Mrs Dean

Background information

Kent County Council currently provides a package of support to care leavers up to the age of 25 through the Care Leavers 18+ service which includes a package of financial assistance and support. However, those care leavers who are living independently

find themselves handing back a portion of their income through their council tax contributions. A 2015 report by the Children's Society entitled, 'The Wolf at the Door - how council tax debt collection is harming children,' identified that care leavers are a particularly vulnerable group for council tax debt.

From April 2019, young people leaving the care system in Wales were made exempt from paying Council tax up to the age of 25. This follows the lead of Scotland which implemented a similar policy one year earlier. In England, several local authorities including Manchester City Council, Southwark Council and Nottingham County Council have already put in place exemptions for young care leavers.

Motion

"The council notes the disadvantage that care leavers have when transitioning into adult life and therefore resolves to engage with each of Kent's twelve district councils and ask for their relevant committees to consider and agree to provide a 100% council tax discount to care leavers who meet the following criteria:

- Have been in the care of Kent County Council (as Corporate Parent) for a period of at least 13 weeks since the age of 14
- Are under the age of 25
- Reside within Kent "

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

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