



Summons to and
Agenda for a
Meeting on
**Thursday, 12th
September, 2019**
at **10.00 am**



DEMOCRATIC SERVICES
SESSIONS HOUSE
MAIDSTONE

Wednesday, 4 September 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, 12 September 2019 at **10.00 am** to deal with the following business. **The meeting is scheduled to end by 4.30pm.**

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Before a vote is taken the Chairman will announce that a vote is to be taken and the division bell shall be rung for 60 seconds unless the Chairman is satisfied that all Members are present in the Chamber.

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 11 July 2019 and, if in order, to be **(Pages 7 - 14)** approved as a correct record
4. Chairman's Announcements
5. Questions

6. Report by Leader of the Council (Oral)
7. Brexit Preparedness - Kent County Council Update (Pages 15 - 36)
8. Reform of the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP) (Pages 37 - 62)
9. Treasury Management Annual Review 2018/19 (Pages 63 - 76)
10. Motion for Time Limited Debate

Removal of peak time restrictions to the Disabled Person's Bus Pass

Proposer: Ian Chittenden Seconder: Ida Linfield

Background information

At present, holders of the Disabled Person's Bus Pass in Kent are restricted to being able to travel between 9:30am and 11:00pm on weekdays (off-peak). However, in Wales, Scotland and some parts of England, such restrictions do not apply. Research by the charity Scope shows that those living with a disability face additional costs of £583 per month on average, and that disabled people are more than twice as likely to be unemployed. See note 1 below. By removing the current peak time restrictions within Kent, it would make it more affordable for people with disabilities to travel for work or medical appointments, while promoting use of public transport.

Motion

“The Council requests that the Head of Public Transport enter into negotiations with the bus operating companies with a view to removing the peak time restrictions under the terms and conditions of the English National Concessionary Travel Scheme (ENCTS) for both the Disabled Person's Bus Pass and Disabled Person + Companion Pass in Kent.

The Council supports removing restrictions on disabled travel and asks the Cabinet Member to put the necessary measures in place with effect from April 2020, subject to approval of the necessary budget implications at the County Council meeting in February and satisfactory outcomes from negotiations with bus operating companies.” (See note 2 below.)

Footnotes:

1. Disability Price Tag policy report 2019:
<https://www.scope.org.uk/campaigns/extra-costs/disability-price-tag/>
2. The annual cost to Kent CC would be dependent on take-up and negotiation with the bus operators. Based on the analysis of West Sussex CC and Surrey CC, this is estimated to range between £330k and £500k.

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11. Corporate Parenting Panel - minutes for noting
Minutes of the meeting held on 29 May.

(Pages 77 - 86)

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

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