



Summons to and
Agenda for a
Meeting on
**Thursday, 11th March,
2021**
at **10.00 am**



DEMOCRATIC SERVICES
SESSIONS HOUSE
MAIDSTONE

Wednesday, 3 March 2021

To: All Members of the County Council

A meeting of the County Council will be held online on Thursday, 11th March, 2021 at **10.00 am** to deal with the following business. **The meeting is scheduled to end by 4.30 pm.**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Significant Interests in items on the agenda
3. Minutes of the meetings held on 10 December 2020 and 11 February 2021 **(Pages 1 - 30)**
4. Chairman's Announcements
5. Questions
6. Report by Leader of the Council (Oral)
7. Pay Policy Statement 2021-22 **(Pages 31 - 36)**
8. Treasury Management 6 Month Review 2020/21 **(Pages 37 - 54)**
9. Covid-19 - Delivering through the Pandemic **(Pages 55 - 78)**
10. Covid-19 Local Recovery Fund **(Pages 79 - 82)**
11. Motion for Time Limited Debate

*Proposer: Ida Linfield
Seconder: Trudy Dean*

Background information

According to Kent Carers Matter, 1 in 9 adults in Kent are carers for people of all ages at any one time. This equates to over 151,000 people. 3 in 5 people in Kent will become a carer at some point in their life. A quarter of carers have reported not having had a day off for 5 years.

There are currently over 200 registered providers of respite care and short breaks across Kent. Many of these are community services available to everyone without assessment, and for those with more specialist needs, there are a range of targeted options.

Motion

This Council notes the many benefits to health and wellbeing that respite services and short breaks provide to carers. However, it is clear that even before the current pandemic many carers in the county were not accessing any support. These numbers are likely to have increased markedly, and stress levels amongst carers are known to be very high.

The Council commits to actively promoting respite breaks for all carers across Kent by launching a new publicity campaign to raise awareness to those carers who have yet to take advantage of the short break and respite services to which they are entitled.



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