



Summons to and
Agenda for a
Meeting on
**Thursday, 8th
December, 2016**
at **10.00 am**



DEMOCRATIC SERVICES
SESSIONS HOUSE
MAIDSTONE

Wednesday, 30 November 2016

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, 8 December 2016 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 20 October 2016 and, if in order, to **(Pages 7 - 16)** be approved as a correct record
4. Chairman's Announcements
5. Questions

6. Report by Leader of the Council (Oral)
7. Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report April 2015 - March 2016 **(Pages 17 - 72)**
8. Kent Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Report 2015-2016 **(Pages 73 - 92)**
9. Your Life, Your Well - Being - A vision and strategy for Adult Social Care 2016 - 2021 **(Pages 93 - 132)**
10. Appointment of External Auditors for the 2018/19 accounts and beyond **(Pages 133 - 144)**
11. Motion for Time Limited Debate

British Deaf Association's Charter of British Sign Language

To be proposed by Mr Burgess and seconded by Mr Baldock

"This Council fully supports the aspirations behind the British Deaf Association's Charter of British Sign Language (BSL), and agrees to sign up to the Charter and to implement their five pledges to improve access and rights for Deaf BSL users. Further, we request the appropriate Cabinet Members to submit a report to County Council in 12 months' time on progress made with implementing the pledges.

1. Ensure access for Deaf people to information and services

Pledge: Deaf people will get the same quality of provision, information and standards and the same right to be consulted as everyone else.

2. Promote learning and high quality teaching of British Sign Language (BSL)

Pledge: Family members, guardians and carers of deaf children and Deaf young people and local authority/public service employees will have access to BSL lessons from suitably qualified teachers.

3. Support Deaf children and families

Pledge: At the point of diagnosis of deafness, health and education providers will offer parents genuinely informed choices, including a bilingual/bicultural approach.

4. Ensure staff working with Deaf people can communicate effectively in BSL

Pledge: Customer-facing staff will have basic BSL skills. Specialist staff will have higher-level BSL skills so they can

deliver good services to Deaf people without needing interpreters.

5. Consult with the local Deaf community on a regular basis

Pledge: Deaf people should have the right to be consulted on services or changes to services that affect them and to have input into consultations alongside other forums and user groups.”

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Lynch', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Lynch,
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