

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

To the Members of the County Council

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL to be held at County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, on **TUESDAY 10 February 2009 at 10.00 am** to transact the following business.

1. **Minutes of meeting held on 9 December 2008** (page 3)
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Chairman's business**
4. **Questions from members of the public**
5. **Report of the Cabinet** (page 9)
6. **Report of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee** (page 21)
7. **Questions from County Councillors**
 - (a) oral questions to Cabinet Members
 - (b) written questions of which notice has been given pursuant to Standing Order 44
8. **Report of the Sussex Police Authority** (page 23)
9. **Reports of the East Sussex Fire Authority** (page 27)
10. **Notice of Motion**
 - a) The Chairman has directed under Standing Order 36.9 that the following Notice of motion by Councillor Rogers shall stand referred to the County Council:

Sustainable Communities Act

East Sussex County Council

(i) supports the bottom up process in the Sustainable Communities Act, designed to allow local authorities and their communities to drive the action and assistance that central government gives in promoting thriving, sustainable communities

(ii) notes that the Act gives local authorities the power to

- make proposals to government on the action and assistance government must take or give to promote sustainable communities, and that
- those proposals can be for a transfer of public money and function from central to local control;

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(iii) notes that the Act defines sustainable communities broadly, including

- the improvement of the local economy
- protection of the environment
- promotion of social inclusion and
- participation in civic and political activity

(iv) notes that reasons for a local authority choosing to use the Act include gaining new assistance from government, determining that assistance, transferring public monies from central to local control and involving citizens in democracy

(v) resolves to use the Act by preparing and submitting proposals on how central government can help by 31st July 2009 and

(vi) further resolves to inform all East Sussex MPs and the local media of this decision

- b) The Chairman has directed under Standing Order 36.9 that the following Notice of motion by Councillor Rogers shall stand referred to the County Council:

New Nuclear Facilities at Dungeness

East Sussex County Council notes that British Energy intends to nominate the Dungeness site, close to the county's border with Kent, under the Government's Strategic Siting Assessment for new nuclear facilities. The council does not believe that there should be a "next generation" of nuclear power stations built in this country, at Dungeness or elsewhere, given that safety and long-term waste storage issues remain unresolved.

Note: There will be a period for collective prayers and quiet reflection in the Council Chamber from 9.30 am to 9.45 am. The prayers will be led by Major David Squirrell, of the Salvation Army, Eastbourne. The Chairman would be delighted to be joined by any members of staff and councillors who wish to attend.

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