

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, 18 MAY 2010 at 10.00 am** to transact the following business.

1. **To elect a Chairman of the County Council**
2. **To appoint a Vice-Chairman**
3. **Minutes of meeting held on 30 March 2010 (page 1)**
4. **Apologies for absence**
5. **Chairman's business**
6. **The Cabinet**

To note the appointments to the Cabinet made by the Leader and reported to the County Council in June 2009.

Portfolio	Appointment
Strategic Management and Economic Development	Councillor Peter Jones
Corporate Resources	Councillor Tony Reid
Community Services	Councillor Bob Tidy
Children's and Adults' Services	Councillor Keith Glazier
Learning and School Effectiveness	Councillor David Elkin
Children and Families	Councillor Meg Stroude
Adult Social Care	Councillor Bill Bentley
Transport and Environment	Councillor Matthew Lock
Economic Development Projects	Councillor Carl Maynard

7. **To allocate places on the following committees to political groups in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and appoint members to those committees in line with the allocations:**
 - (a) Scrutiny Committees:
 - Adult Social Care
 - Audit and Best Value
 - Children's Services
 - Community Services

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Health Overview and Scrutiny Transport and Environment

- (b) Governance Committee
- (c) Regulatory Committee
- (d) Planning Committee
- (e) Standards Committee

[Note 1: The political balance provisions do not apply to the Standards Committee.]

[Note 2: The committee memberships proposed by the political groups will be circulated to members in advance of the meeting]

[Note 3: In accordance with the statutory provisions, the allocation of places to political groups is set out at the end of the agenda]

8. In the light of decisions of the Council on the allocation of places to political groups, to appoint members to the Committees and Panels set out below:

- (a) East Sussex Music Service Management Committee (5 members of the County Council)
- (b) County Joint Consultative Committee (5 members of the County Council)
- (c) Pension Fund Investment Panel (3 members of the County Council)
- (d) Governors Panel (7 members of the County Council)
- (e) Education Standards Panel (5 members: 3 drawn from the appropriate Scrutiny Committee, the Lead Cabinet Member with responsibility for Education and one other member)
- (f) County Consultative Committee (Governors) (5 members of the County Council)
- (g) Joint Advisory Committee (Schools) (5 members of the County Council)
- (h) Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (5 members of the County Council)
- (i) Corporate Parenting Panel (7 members of the County Council)

[The memberships proposed by the political groups will be circulated to members in advance of the meeting]

9. To agree (with no member voting against) that the political balance provisions shall not apply to the membership of the Transport and Student Support Panel (3 members of the Regulatory Committee) and to appoint members to serve for the ensuing year.

[The membership of the Panel, proposed by political groups will be circulated to members in advance of the meeting]

10. To confirm the continuation of the following bodies that have a fixed membership or to which members are appointed by the Director of Governance and Community Services as the need arises and to agree (with no member voting against) that the political balance provisions shall not apply to the Panels:

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Approved Marriage Premises Review Panel
Employment Appeal Panel
Recruitment Panel (Chief Executive, Directors and Deputies)
Commons and Village Green Registration Panel

[The composition of these bodies is set out in the Constitution]

11. To appoint:

- (a) Chairman of the Regulatory Committee
- (b) Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Scrutiny Committees
- (c) Chairman of the Governance Committee
- (d) Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee
- (e) Chairman of the Pension Fund Investment Panel

12. Questions from members of the public (if any)

13. Cabinet's priorities for the forthcoming year

14. Report of the Cabinet (page 13)

15. Report of the Governance Committee (page 21)

16. Report of the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (page 27)

17. Questions from County Councillors

- (a) oral questions to Cabinet Members
- (b) written questions of which notice has been given pursuant to Standing Order 44

18. Report of the Sussex Police Authority (page 29)

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 The Rt Revd Wallace Benn, Bishop of Lewes. The Chairman would be delighted to be joined by any members of staff and Councillors who wish to attend.

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10 May 2010

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Allocation of Places on Committees : Political Balance Provisions

1. In allocating places on ordinary committees the Council is required to follow the principles set out below unless it agrees (with no member voting against) that the political proportionality rules shall not apply:

- (a) the first principle to apply is that not all of the seats on the body can be allocated to the same political group;
- (b) the second principle to apply is that where more than half the members of the Council belong to one political group, that group shall have a majority on all committees, sub-committees, etc;
- (c) subject to (a) and (b) above, the third principle to apply is that the total number of seats on the ordinary committees (including sub-committees) allocated to a political group reflects that group's proportion of the members of the Council;
- (d) subject to (a) to (c) above, the fourth principle to apply is that the number of seats on each body allocated to a political group reflects the proportion of the seats on the Council held by the group.

2. Under the calculation in (c) above, the entitlement of each political group is as follows:

Conservative Group	44 places
Liberal Democrat Group	20 places
Labour Group	6 places
Independent Group	3 places
Independent	1 place

3. The Council agreed in June 2009 the allocation of places to its Committees as follows:

COMMITTEE	Conservative 29 Councillors Number of seats	Liberal Democrat 13 Councillors Number of seats	Labour 4 Councillors Number of seats	Independent Group 2 Councillors	Independent 1 Councillor
Regulatory (18)	10.6 (11)	4.9 (5)	1.4 (1)	0.7 (1)	0.4 (0)
Planning (7)	4.1 (4)	1.9 (2)	0.6 (1)	0.3 (0)	0.1 (0)
Governance (5)	2.9 (3)	1.4 (1)	0.4 (1)	0.2 (0)	0.1 (0)
Scrutiny Committees:					
Audit and Best Value (7)	4.1 (4)	1.9 (2)	0.6 (1)	0.3 (0)	0.1 (0)
Children's Services (9)	5.3 (5)	2.4 (2)	0.7 (1)	0.4 (1)	0.2 (0)
Health Overview & Scrutiny (7)	4.1 (4)	1.9 (2)	0.6 (0)	0.3 (0)	0.1 (1)
Adult Social Care (7)	4.1 (4)	1.9 (2)	0.6 (1)	0.3 (0)	0.1 (0)
Transport and Environment (7)	4.1 (4)	1.9 (2)	0.6 (1)	0.3 (0)	0.1 (0)
Community Services (7)	4.1 (4)	1.9 (2)	0.6 (0)	0.3 (1)	0.1 (0)
TOTALS (74)	(43)	(20)	(7)	(3)	(1)