

## SUMMONS



Hampshire  
County Council

To the Members of the County Council.

**You are hereby summoned to attend the Extraordinary Meeting of the County Council to be held at The Castle, Winchester at 10.00am on Tuesday 26 April 2011 to consider and resolve upon the business set out in the agenda below.**

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### AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

All Members who believe they have a personal or prejudicial interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting must declare that interest and, having regard to the circumstances described in paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the County Council's Code of Conduct, consider whether to leave the meeting whilst the matter is discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with paragraph 12 of the Code. The declaration should be made at the time of the relevant debate.

3. **CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSAL**

To receive a proposal from the Chairman of the Council to set aside the relevant Standing Order to allow the Council to receive deputations and a Notice of Motion in respect of the purpose of the meeting.

4. **DEPUTATIONS RELATING TO THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING**

To receive deputations relating to Children's Centres. Requests received to date:

- Peter Rees – Chairman of the Partnership Board, Carroll Children's Centre
- Rebecca Frost – local resident

Extraordinarily and subject to a resolution of the Council, the deadline for the receipt of deputations has been set at midnight on Tuesday 19 April 2011.

5. **LEADER'S STATEMENT**

To receive a statement from the Leader of the Council relating to the purpose of the Extraordinary Meeting.

6. **CHILDREN'S CENTRES BRIEFING NOTE**

To consider a briefing note of the Director of Children's Services on children's centres, their background and purpose, and the process of consultation to date.

7. **PETITION**

To consider a petition on Children's Centres subject to a qualifying petition being received in accordance with the requirements of the County Council's Petitions Scheme.

**Part I - Matters for decision**

8. **NOTICE OF MOTION – CHILDREN'S CENTRES**

To receive a Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Jackie Porter, seconded by Councillor Chris Thomas, as follows:

"This Council recognises the importance of early years provision provided by Surestart and applauds the measurable, positive impact on the lives of children and families. The Council acknowledges the consequent strength of support for the existing Surestart Children's Centre provision in Hampshire and notes that the intended changes to the service by the County Council are at odds with the will of a large number of the residents. Further, it acknowledges the range of people helped by Surestart Children's Centres, from any parents who are terrified at the prospect of parenthood or are suffering from post natal depression to parents struggling to bring up children who have been diagnosed as having SEN or who are disabled.

Furthermore, this Council acknowledges that a child of four who is well adjusted socially and well developed in language, behavioural and social skills is more likely to be successful in later formal education and in the world of work after education. Investment in Early Years Intervention, using the intervention grant, we believe will reduce the burgeoning liabilities for child protection.

Therefore, this Council resolves to retain and promote the range and take up of services from pre-natal through to school entry in its Children's Centres.

Specifically:-

1. To reverse the intention of taking £6m out of the Surestart Children's Centres budget.
2. Calls for a proper internal review of staffing levels now that the service is just settling down before any final decisions are made.
3. To continue to integrate the services in Surestart Children's Centres with health and formal schooling and bring in further local partnerships with wider services aimed at supporting families with young children."

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**14 April 2011**