



NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of the County Council to be held at County Hall, Northallerton, on **Wednesday, 20 February, 2008 at 10.30 am**, at which the following business will be transacted.

BUSINESS

1. **PRAYERS.**
2. To move that the **MINUTES of the quarterly meeting of the County Council held on 19 December 2007**, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
3. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Any correspondence, communication or other business brought forward by the direction of the Chairman of the Council.
4. **A STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**, followed by any questions arising from the statement.
5. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS.**
6. To consider the **REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE** and make decisions on them.
 - Revenue Budget 2008/09 and Medium Term Financial Strategy
 - Revision of Prudential Indicators
 - Treasury Management
 - Special Educational Needs (SEN) Policy 2007-2010
 - School Admissions Arrangements 2009/2010
 - Constitutional Issues
 - Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies
7. To consider the **REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE** .and make decisions on them.
 - Guidance for Members Serving on Outside Bodies
8. **STATEMENTS OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**, in the order set out below, **FOLLOWED BY STATEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMEN OF THE RELEVANT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**,

Executive Members:-

- (a) Corporate Services – corporate affairs, performance management, procurement, asset management and finance, e-government and communications. (County Councillor Carl Les)

- (b) Children's Services – children's services issues, SEN, special schools, youth service and Youth Offending Team. (County Councillor Caroline Patmore)
- (c) Children's Services – early years education and all school related education issues and advisory services. (County Councillor John Watson OBE)
- (d) Community Services – adult social services and library and information services. (County Councillor Chris Metcalfe)
- (e) Community Services – community planning, community safety, cultural services, economic development, public protection, and post-16 lifelong learning. (County Councillor Helen Swiers)
- (f) Environmental Services – planning, roads and traffic and archaeology. (County Councillor John Fort BEM)
- (g) Environmental Services – public rights of way, conservation, waste disposal, public passenger transport and trading standards. (County Councillor Clare Wood)

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairmen

- (h) Scrutiny Board (County Councillor Paul Richardson)
- (i) Communications Overview and Scrutiny Committee (County Councillor Ron Haigh)
- (j) Corporate Affairs Overview and Scrutiny Committee (County Councillor Margaret-Ann de Courcey-Bayley)
- (k) Economic Development and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee (County Councillor John Savage)
- (l) Environment and Heritage Overview and Scrutiny Committee (County Councillor John Blackburn)
- (m) Safe and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee (County Councillor Paul Richardson)
- (n) Scrutiny of Health Committee (County Councillor John Blackie)
- (o) Transport and Telecommunications Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee (County Councillor Eric Broadbent)
- (p) Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee (County Councillor Heather Garnett)
- (q) Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee (County Councillor Shelagh Marshall)

Each statement may be followed by any questions arising from the statement and then, subject to notice having been given by 10.00 am on 19 February, 2008, questions on matters in that portfolio not mentioned in the statement..

9. **COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 10 QUESTIONS.**

10. **MOTION – POST OFFICE CLOSURES**

County Councillor Richard Hall to move and County Councillor Bill Houlton to second:-

“North Yorkshire County Council is very concerned about the inaccuracies and misleading information that Post Office Ltd has put forward to support post office closure proposals in Craven.

It is also concerned about closure proposals within Richmond constituency area.

This has been highlighted by the recent announcement by Post Office Ltd to seek to close Aspin Lane Post Office in Knaresborough.

Council notes that:

should this closure take place, it will result in only one post office located in the town centre serving a growing population of 15,000, 20% of whom are elderly;

there is inadequate car parking in Knaresborough and already frequent long waiting times at the post office in the town centre; and

the impact of closure on the local economy of the town will be severe and the opportunity for the frail and elderly to access vital services provided by the post office will be reduced.

North Yorkshire County Council therefore demand that Post Office Ltd withdraw its proposals to close Aspin Lane Post Office.”

(The proposer and seconder of motion respectfully request that this motion be debated on the day of the meeting of the Council, as the Post Office public consultation period will end on 9 April 2008, which gives insufficient time for the matter to be referred for consultation and brought back to Council).

11. MOTION – ELECTION OF YOUNG PEOPLE’S CHAMPION AND OLDER PEOPLE’S CHAMPION

County Councillor Bill Hault to move and County Councillor Caroline Seymour to second:-

“A decision was taken by the County Council at its Quarterly meeting on the 19 December 2007 to support the recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel to award allowances to the Younger Persons and Elderly Persons Champions.

In view of the importance placed by the Government and this Council on the direct involvement of the community in the democratic process this Council agrees to pursue a system of democratic election for the holders of these posts.

To facilitate this aim and as a first step, the Council agrees that the Young Persons Champion be elected by young people organised through appropriate schools within the Council area.

The election of a County wide Elderly Persons Champion be instituted following agreement on the electorate and the electoral system.”

JOHN MARSDEN
Chief Executive Officer

STEPHEN KNIGHT,
Head of Committee Services

County Hall,
NORTHALLERTON.

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- NOTES:
- (a) Coffee will be available in the Members’ Lounge before the meeting.
 - (b) A buffet lunch will be provided in the Members’ Dining Room and the Members’ Lounge. Members taking lunch will have the appropriate amount deducted from any subsistence claim they make.
 - (c) Tea and coffee will be available in the Members’ Lounge at the conclusion of the meeting.