



CABINET - THURSDAY 3 JULY 2025

ORDER PAPER

ITEM DETAILS

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. J. Boam CC.

1. MINUTES (Pages 3-4)

Proposed motion

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2025 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed.

2. MINUTES (Pages 5-8)

Proposed motion

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2025 be taken as read, confirmed and signed.

3. URGENT ITEMS

None.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Cabinet are asked to declare any interests in the business to be discussed.

5. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (Pages 9-32)

Protocol for Flying Flags at County Hall.

- *The Scrutiny Commission considered a report at its meeting on 24 June 2025 and its comments are attached to this Order Paper, marked '5'.*

Proposed motion

- a) That this special meeting of the Cabinet was called in response to the requirements of the Constitution to meet within ten working days of the Scrutiny Commission, when the scheduled meeting of the Cabinet on 15th July would have been too late;

- b) That the Cabinet regrets through the unavailability of one staff group that it was not possible for the staff groups, who wanted a collective meeting, to meet with the Leader of the Council prior to this special meeting and notes that arrangements are in hand for the requested meeting to take place;
- c) That the Scrutiny Commission and other parties be thanked for their comments on the new Protocol;
- d) That, in regard to requests from the Scrutiny Commission to consider changes to the new Protocol for Flying Flags at County Hall, it is resolved:
 - i. To fly the Union Flag from the pole in the quadrangle at all times when specific flags to mark Armed Forces Day, Commonwealth Day and Armistice Day are not being flown;
 - ii. That the flying from that pole of other specific flags be restricted to a recognition of exceptional national or international events which may arise, such flags be determined in the circumstances by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council, with the other political group leaders to be notified at the time;
 - iii. That the above be written in to the Protocol;
 - iv. That, in all other respects, the decision of the Cabinet at its meeting on 12th June 2025 to introduce a new Protocol for Flying Flags at County Hall stands; and
 - v. That the new Protocol be confirmed as follows:

Protocol for Flying Flags at County Hall

1. The Union Flag and the County Flag will fly permanently from two of the three flag poles at the front of County Hall.
2. The third flag pole at the front of County Hall will fly the St George's flag, or the Lord Lieutenant's flag (when he is present at County Hall in an official capacity).
3. In the event of a Royal Visit to County Hall, advice from the Royal Household will determine if any other flag should be flown at the front of County Hall.
4. The fourth flag pole, within the Quadrangle at County Hall, will be utilised to mark Armed Forces Day, Commonwealth Day and Armistice Day. The Union Flag will be flown from this flag pole at all times when another specific flag is not being flown.
5. The flying of other specific flags from the fourth flag pole will be restricted to a recognition of exceptional national or international events which may arise, such flags be determined in the circumstances by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council, with the other political group leaders to be notified at the time.

6. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN HAS DECIDED TO TAKE AS URGENT

None.

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