

A meeting of the **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITIES AND PARTNERSHIPS)** will be held in **CIVIC SUITE, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON PE29 3TN** on **THURSDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2024** at **7:00 PM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

AGENDA

APOLOGIES

1. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 8)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environment, Communities and Partnerships) meeting held on 4th January 2024.

Contact Officer: B Buddle 01480 388008

2. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

To receive from Members declarations as to disclosable pecuniary and other interests in relation to any Agenda item.

Contact Officer: B Buddle 01480 388008

3. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 9 - 20)

a) The Panel are to receive the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme and current Notice of Key Executive Decisions.

b) Members to discuss future planning of items for the Work Programme

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4. THE GREAT FEN

The Panel is to receive a presentation on the Great Fen Project from The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire & Northamptonshire

Contact Officer: B Buddle 01480 388008

5. FLOODING MANAGEMENT UPDATE (Pages 21 - 46)

To receive an update on Flooding Management in the District.

Contact Officer: O Morley 01480 388103

6. BUSINESS RATES DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF POLICY (Pages 47 - 80)

The Panel is invited to comment on the Business Rates Discretionary Rate Relief Policy.

Executive Councillor: S Ferguson

Contact Officer: Z Warren 01480 388461

7. UPDATE ON ALTERNATIVE LAND MANAGEMENT (Pages 81 - 240)

To receive an Update on Alternative Land Management.

Executive Councillor: L Davenport-Ray

Contact Officer: M Chudley 01480 388323

8. SUPPORT TO THE FINANCIALLY VULNERABLE (Pages 241 - 254)

To receive and comment on a report regarding support to those who are Financially Vulnerable or in Financial Crisis: Amendment to Partnership Arrangements with Citizen's Advice Rural Cambridgeshire.

Executive Councillor: B Pitt

Contact Officer: P Fox 01480 388530

24 day of January 2024

Michelle Sacks

Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service

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Please contact Mrs Beccy Buddle, Democratic Services Officer (Scrutiny), Tel No: 01480 388008/e-mail Beccy.Buddle@huntingdonshire.gov.uk if you have a general query on any Agenda Item, wish to tender your apologies for absence from the meeting, or would like information on any decision taken by the Committee/Panel.

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