

A meeting of the **ELECTIONS PANEL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, PATHEFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON, PE29 3TN** on **WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY 2005** at the **conclusion of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Planning and Finance)** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

## **APOLOGIES**

### **1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

To elect a Chairman of the Panel.

### **2. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 2)**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2004.

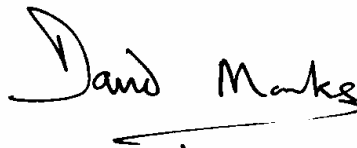
### **3. MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

To receive from Members declarations as to personal and/or prejudicial interests and the nature of those interests in relation to any Agenda item. Please see Notes 1 and 2 below.

### **4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

To appoint a Vice-Chairman of the Panel.

Dated this 10th day of May 2005



Chief Executive

## **Notes**

1. *A personal interest exists where a decision on a matter would affect to a greater extent than other people in the District –*
  - (a) *the well-being, financial position, employment or business of the Councillor, a partner, relatives or close friends;*
  - (b) *a body employing those persons, any firm in which they are a partner and any company of which they are directors;*

- (c) *any corporate body in which those persons have a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £5,000; or*
  - (d) *the Councillor's registerable financial and other interests.*
2. *A personal interest becomes a prejudicial interest where a member of the public (who has knowledge of the circumstances) would reasonably regard the Member's personal interest as being so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.*

Please contact Ms C Deller, Democratic Services Manager, Tel No. 01480 388007/e-mail: Christine Deller@huntsdc.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 Panel.

Agenda and enclosures can be viewed on the District Council's website – [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk) (under *Councils and Democracy*).

If you would like a translation of Agenda/Minutes/Reports or would like a large text version or an audio version please contact the Democratic Services Manager and we will try to accommodate your needs.

#### ***Emergency Procedure***

*In the event of the fire alarm being sounded and on the instruction of the Meeting Administrator, all attendees are requested to vacate the building via the closest emergency exit and to make their way to the base of the flagpole in the car park at the front of Pathfinder House.*

# Agenda Item 2

## HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the ELECTIONS PANEL held at Pathfinder House, St. Mary's Street, Huntingdon on Wednesday, 29 September 2004.

PRESENT: Councillor K Reynolds – Vice-Chairman  
Councillors P J Downes, D Harty,  
M F Newman, K Reynolds and J Taylor

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors R L Clarke, D A Giles and A Hansard

APOLOGY: An apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor I C Bates

#### 4. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 23rd June 2004 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 5. PERIODIC ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE: FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Further to Minute No. 03/12, the Panel considered a report by the Director of Central Services (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) together with a copy of the final recommendations published by the Boundary Committee for England with regard to a periodic review of electoral arrangements for the County Council of Cambridgeshire.

The Panel were advised that the Committee had endorsed their draft recommendations as final, incorporating the District Council's proposal for Huntingdonshire, with the exception of a proposed amendment to the St. Neots Town area.

Having been acquainted with the views of Councillors R L Clarke, N J Finnie, D A Giles, A Hansard and Mrs P J Longford, the Panel expressed a preference for the Committee's proposal for St. Neots, whereby the boundary for the two divisions in the town should run north to south along the River Ouse rather than east to west as per their draft proposals. Whereupon, the Panel

#### RESOLVED

that the final recommendations published by the Boundary Committee for changes to the electoral divisions in Cambridgeshire be endorsed.

**6. REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES IN  
CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH: REVISED  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Further to Minute No. 02/10, the Panel considered a report by the Director of Central Services (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) outlining revised recommendations published by the Boundary Commission for England in connection with the review of the parliamentary constituencies in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

The Panel were advised that following the public inquiry in February 2004, the Commission had adopted the Assistant Commissioner's recommendations in respect of Huntingdonshire and were proposing no further changes to the constituencies of Huntingdon and North-West Cambridgeshire. The changes as supported previously by the Panel included the transfer of the new District Wards of Earith, Sawtry and Upwood and the Raveleys to the North-West Cambridgeshire Constituency, currently divided between the Huntingdon Constituency and North-West Cambridgeshire Constituency and also the transfer of the District Ward of Ellington to the North-West Cambridgeshire Constituency. Whereupon, the Panel

**RESOLVED**

that the final recommendations published by the Boundary Commission for changes to existing parliamentary constituencies of Huntingdon and North-West Cambridgeshire be noted.

Chairman