

A meeting of the **ELECTIONS PANEL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST. MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON** on **WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY 2006** at the conclusion of the meeting of the **Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Service Support)** 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 31st October 2005.

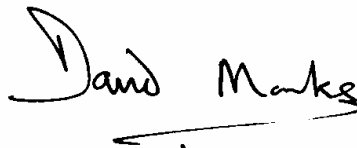
3. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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 9th day of May 2006

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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: (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 Committee/Panel.

Specific enquiries with regard to items on the Agenda should be directed towards the Contact Officer.

Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting as observers except during consideration of confidential or exempt items of business.

Agenda and enclosures can be viewed on the District Council's website – 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.

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Agenda Item 2

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the ELECTIONS PANEL held at Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon on Monday, 31 October 2005.

PRESENT: Councillor D Harty – Chairman.

Councillors I C Bates, P J Downes,
K Reynolds and J Taylor.

APOLOGY: An Apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor M F Newman.

5. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 18th May 2005 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

7. PERIODIC ELECTORAL REVIEWS - CONSULTATION PAPER

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 a consultation paper produced by the Electoral Commission on their evaluation of how periodic electoral reviews are undertaken.

Members were acquainted with the background to the review which sought views on how the statutory criteria for electoral reviews – community identity, electoral equality and effective and convenient local government – had been applied and identified areas for improvements.

Having addressed the questions outlined in the consultation paper, the Panel

RESOLVED

that the conclusions of the Panel be conveyed to the Electoral Commission in response to the consultation paper on periodic electoral reviews.

Chairman

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