

A meeting of the **ELECTIONS PANEL** will be held in **THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST. MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON** on **FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2006** at **9:00 AM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

## **APOLOGIES**

**Contact  
(01480)**

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

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 2006.

**Mrs L Jablonska  
388004**

**2. MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

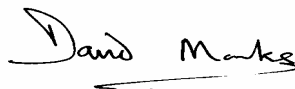
To receive from Members declarations as to personal and/or prejudicial interests and the nature of those interests in relation to any Agenda Item. Please see Notes 1 and 2 below.

**3. PARISH ELECTORAL REVIEW - CONSULTATION**

To consider further issues arising from the parish electoral review of the District.

**(A copy of the consultation document containing draft proposals has been circulated previously. Please bring your copy to the meeting).**

Dated this 6th day of December 2006



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 Mrs L Jablonska, Central Services Manager, Tel No 01480 388004/e-mail: [Lisa.Jablonska@huntsdc.gov.uk](mailto:Lisa.Jablonska@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.**

**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.**

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# Agenda Item 1

## HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the ELECTIONS PANEL held in the Council Chamber, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE29 3TN on Monday, 2nd October 2006.

PRESENT: Councillor D Harty – Chairman.

Councillors A N Gilbert and M F Newman.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors K Reynolds, T D Sanderson and J Taylor.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor P J Downes.

### **9. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 22nd August 2006 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **10. MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

Councillor D Harty declared a personal interest in Minute No. 11 by virtue of his membership of Cambridgeshire County Council and St Neots Town Council.

Councillor M F Newman declared a personal interest in Minute No. 11 by virtue of his membership of Pidley-cum-Fenton Parish Council.

### **11. PARISH ELECTORAL REVIEW**

Further to Minute No. 8, the Panel was acquainted with a report by the Head of Administration (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) detailing further issues for consideration as part of the preliminary stage of the parish electoral review of the District.

Consideration was given to the Council's approved scale of parish council representation which had been in existence since 1974. The Panel concluded that in the light of significant changes to the size of parishes over the years it was necessary to propose a new scale of parish council representation.

The Panel examined the electoral arrangements of the parishes in view of the proposed alteration of various parish boundaries, the proposed new scale of parish council representation and the predicated electorate growth in each parish as a result of dwelling completions. Members also considered the grouping of various parishes, including those with an electorate of less than 150.

Having been informed of the next stage of the consultation process with interested parties over a 12 week period, the Panel

**RESOLVED**

that the new scale of parish council representation, alteration of various parish boundaries and changes to electoral arrangements be published as draft proposals for public consultation.

Chairman