A meeting of HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL will be held in the CIVIC SUITE, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON PE29 3TN on WEDNESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2011 at 7:00 PM and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

Time Allocation

#### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

5 minutes

Mr Nick Craggs of the Humanist Society will open the meeting.

APOLOGIES

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

10 minutes

2 minutes

1. **MINUTES** (Pages 1 - 18)

2 minutes

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 15th December 2010.

#### 2. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

2 minutes

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. PETITIONS 25 minutes

#### (a) 'Keeping the Village Identity'

Mr A Garside will present a petition on behalf of 731 signatories concerning the planned housing development between the east of Houghton and Wyton village and the west of St Ives. The petition statement is as follows:-

"As members of the local community, we the undersigned petition Huntingdonshire District Council to revisit the policy behind the Core Strategy, as we believe the proposed development between Houghton and St Ives is not an acceptable solution for the existing local communities."

A covering letter supplied with the petition has been circulated separately to all Members.

# (b) Ramsey Community Information Centre

Mr I Curtis will present a petition on behalf of 819 signatories regarding the proposal to close the Ramsey Community Information Centre. The petition statement is as follows:-

"We, the residents of Ramey, and those from the surrounding area who use this resource, would like to ask the elected Members to think very hard about cutting the vital community service that the District Council currently offers at Ramsey Community Information Centre.

This Centre serves people of all ages and is a genuine vehicle for the District Council to deliver social inclusion, community engagement and equality and diversity.

The face to face service is particularly valued by older people, those with mobility or health problems and for people suffering financial or transportation difficulties. The Centre is clearly valued by the people of Ramsey and cuts to the service would have a big impact on this rural community."

(NB The Council's petitions scheme requires there to be a debate in Council on any petition containing more than 500 signatures and for a decision to be taken.

In the event of the subject of the petition appearing elsewhere on the agenda, the debate and discussion may take place when that item is considered. The scheme allows a period of 5 minutes for a petition to be presented and a further 5 minutes during which questions may be asked by Members.

Petition (a) will therefore be debated at this point in the proceedings for a further period of 15 minutes in accordance with the scheme.

Petition (b) relates to Item No. 6 on the agenda and will be debated at that point in the proceedings.)

#### 4. COUNCIL DEBATE

60 minutes

# 'The Planning Aspects of the Localism Bill'

The Executive Councillor for Planning Strategy and Transport, Councillor D B Dew will lead the Council debate on this subject with the assistance of the Head of Planning Services.

#### 5. EXECUTIVE POLICY ISSUES: WIND TURBINES

10 minutes

The Executive Councillor for Planning Strategy and Transport, Councillor D B Dew to address Members on the current status of the Council's policy on wind farm development.

# 6. MEDIUM TERM PLAN, 2011/12 BUDGET AND ASSOCIATED 30 minutes MATTERS (Pages 19 - 90)

To consider the Cabinet's recommendations on the Medium Term Plan for 2012/16, the 2011/12 Budget, related Prudential Indicators and the Treasury Management Strategy (see also the Report of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 17th February 2011) and, in accordance with Section 30 (2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, to approve resolutions as to the levels of council tax in 2011/12 for the various parts of Huntingdonshire District.

A report by the Head of Financial Services is enclosed.

(Members are requested to note that the information contained in Appendix C should be treated as confidential at this stage. The formal

resolution which forms part of Appendix C is to follow.)

# 7. HEAD OF PAID SERVICE AND CHIEF OFFICER - DISCIPLINARY 5 minutes PROCEDURES

To consider a report by the Head of Democratic and Central Services on refinements to the disciplinary arrangements for senior officers and consequential arrangements to the Council's Constitution - to follow.

### 8. REPORTS OF THE CABINET, PANELS AND COMMITTEES

20 minutes

- (a) Cabinet (Pages 91 94)
  - Report of the meeting to be held on 17th February 2011 to follow.
- (b) Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Economic Well-Being) (Pages 95 102)
- (c) Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) (Pages 103 106)
- (d) Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Social Well-Being) (Pages 107 112)
- (e) Development Management Panel (Pages 113 114)
- (f) Employment Panel (Pages 115 118)
- (g) Licensing and Protection Panel (Pages 119 120)

#### 9. ORAL QUESTIONS

30 minutes

In accordance with the Council Procedure Rules (Section 8.3) of the Council's Constitution, to receive oral questions from Members of the Council.

Dated this 15th day of February 2011

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, their family or any person with whom they had a close association;
  - (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 £25,000; 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 Council.

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