

A meeting of the **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (ECONOMIC WELL-BEING)** will be held in the **CIVIC SUITE 0.1A, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON PE29 3TN** on **THURSDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2012** at **7:00 PM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

**Contact  
(01480)**

## **APOLOGIES**

**1. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 8)**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

**Mrs C Bulman  
388234**

**2. MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

To receive from Members declarations as to disclosable pecuniary, non-disclosable pecuniary or non pecuniary interests in relation to any Agenda item. See Notes below.

**3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 - FORWARD PLAN (Pages 9 - 14)**

A copy of the current Forward Plan is attached. Members are invited to note the Plan and to comment as appropriate on any items contained therein.

**Mrs H Taylor  
388006**

**4. FINANCIAL FORECAST (Pages 15 - 26)**

To consider and comment on a report by the Head of Financial Services prior its submission to the Cabinet.

**S Couper  
388103**

*(All Members of the Council have been invited to attend for the discussion on this item).*

**5. THE TECHNICAL REFORM OF COUNCIL TAX (Pages 27 - 30)**

To consider a report by the Head of Customer Services on the Government's proposals to reform Council Tax.

**J Barber  
388105**

*(Members of the Overview & Scrutiny Panel (Social Well-Being) have been invited to attend for the discussion on this item).*

**6. COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT FROM 1ST APRIL 2013 (Pages 31 - 34)**

To consider a report on the new local Council Tax Support Scheme.

**J Barber  
388105**

*Members of the Overview & Scrutiny Panel (Social Well-Being) have been invited to attend for the discussion on this item).*

7. **WORKPLAN STUDIES** (Pages 35 - 40)

To consider with the aid of a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, the programme of studies.

**Mrs C Bulman**  
**388234**

8. **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY (ECONOMIC WELL-BEING) - PROGRESS** (Pages 41 - 46)

To consider a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

**Mrs C Bulman**  
**388234**

9. **SCRUTINY** (Pages 47 - 54)

To scrutinise decisions taken since the last meeting as set out in the Decision Digest and to raise any other matters for scrutiny that sit within the remit of the Panel.

Dated this 29 day of August 2012



Head of Paid Service

**Notes**

**A. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

- (1) *Members are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests and unless you have obtained dispensation, cannot discuss or vote on the matter at the meeting and must also leave the room whilst the matter is being debated or voted on.*
- (2) *A Member has a disclosable pecuniary interest if it*
  - (a) *relates to you, or*
  - (b) *is an interest of -*
    - (i) *your spouse or civil partner; or*
    - (ii) *a person with whom you are living as husband and wife; or*
    - (iii) *a person with whom you are living as if you were civil partners*

*and you are aware that the other person has the interest.*
- (3) *Disclosable pecuniary interests includes -*
  - (a) *any employment or profession carried out for profit or gain;*
  - (b) *any financial benefit received by the Member in respect of expenses incurred carrying out his or her duties as a Member (except from the Council);*
  - (c) *any current contracts with the Council;*
  - (d) *any beneficial interest in land/property within the Council's area;*
  - (e) *any licence for a month or longer to occupy land in the Council's area;*
  - (f) *any tenancy where the Council is landlord and the Member (or person in (2)(b) above) has a beneficial interest; or*
  - (g) *a beneficial interest (above the specified level) in the shares of any body which has a place of business or land in the Council's area.*

**B. Other Interests**

(4) If a Member has a non-disclosable pecuniary interest or a non-pecuniary interest then you are required to declare that interest, but may remain to discuss and vote.

(5) A Member has a non-disclosable pecuniary interest or a non-pecuniary interest where -

(a) a decision in relation to the business being considered might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial standing of you or a member of your family or a person with whom you have a close association to a greater extent than it would affect the majority of the council tax payers, rate payers or inhabitants of the ward or electoral area for which you have been elected or otherwise of the authority's administrative area, or

(b) it relates to or is likely to affect any of the descriptions referred to above, but in respect of a member of your family (other than specified in (2)(b) above) or a person with whom you have a close association

and that interest is not a disclosable pecuniary interest.

**Please contact Mrs Claire Bulman, Democratic Services Officer, Tel 01480 388234 / email [Claire.Bulman@huntingdonshire.gov.uk](mailto:Claire.Bulman@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 Panel.**

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

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