A meeting of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (ECONOMIC WELL-BEING) will be held in CIVIC SUITE 0.1A, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON PE29 3TN on THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2013 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 3rd October 2013.

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.

# 3. NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE KEY DECISIONS (Pages 9 - 14)

A copy of the current Notice of Executive Key Decisions, which was published on 28th October 2013 is attached. Members are invited to comment as appropriate on any items contained therein.

Mrs H Taylor 388008

### 4. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

To resolve -

that the public be excluded from the meeting because the business to be transacted contains exempt information relating to

- a) the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information); and
- b) consultation or negotiations in connection with labour relation matters between the Council and its employees.

### 5. FACING THE FUTURE 2013 (Pages 15 - 16)

Please refer to the attached Process Note.

Mrs J Barber 388105

Members are reminded of their responsibilities under the Code of Conduct in respect of the treatment of confidential matters. In addition, if there are any questions/requests for additional information, then please raise them in advance of the meeting with the relevant Officer.

(a) Housing Needs Service (Pages 17 - 20)

Template attached. J Collen 388220

(b) Customer Services (Pages 21 - 24)

Template attached. Mrs M Greet 387094

(c) **Benefits** (Pages 25 - 28)

Template attached. Mrs A Burns 388122

(d) Local Taxation (Pages 29 - 30)

Template attached. I Sims 388132

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Dated this 30 day of October 2013

Head of Paid Service

#### **Notes**

## 1. 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.

### 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.

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Please contact Mrs Claire Bulman, Democratic Services Officer, Tel 01480 388234 / email 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.

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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