

A meeting of **HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL** will be held in the **CIVIC SUITE, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON PE29 3TN** on **WEDNESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2013** at **7:00 PM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

## **A G E N D A**

	<b>Time Allocation</b>
<b>PRAYER</b>	<b>2 minutes</b>
The Venerable Hugh McCurdy, Archdeacon of Huntingdon and Wisbech will open the meeting with prayer.	
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	<b>2 minutes</b>
<b>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	<b>10 minutes</b>
<b>1. MINUTES</b> (Pages 1 - 12)	<b>2 minutes</b>
To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2013.	
<b>2. MEMBERS' INTERESTS</b>	<b>2 minutes</b>
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.	
<b>3. PETITION - SHELTERED HOUSING SCHEME AT LANGLEY COURT AND LANGLEY CLOSE, ST IVES</b>	<b>15 minutes (minimum)</b>

Ms T Johnson will present a petition on behalf of 52 signatories concerning the potential closure of the Sheltered Housing Scheme at Langley Court and Langley Close, St Ives.

The petition statement is as follows:-

"This petition relates to a statutory function of the Council in that the District Council is ultimately responsible for housing.

We are a group of over 50 elderly people who live in this Sheltered Housing Scheme at Langley Court and Langley Close in St Ives. We have Assured Tenancy Agreements and the Scheme is administered by the Luminus Group based at Brook House in Huntingdon.

We are petitioning the District Council to ask for your help in our campaign to prevent the Luminus Group (our landlords) from demolishing our homes in order to build an extra-care facility on the site.

On July 22nd of this year we the residents were invited to a meeting in the communal lounge to hear "some exciting news about the future of Langley Court and Langley Close". The meeting was well attended. We were indeed excited (new bathrooms perhaps?). Imagine our shock and horror when we

were told that Luminus intended to demolish the building in order to replace it with an extra-care facility, that our building was old (Langley Close was built in 1978 and Langley Court was added in 1990) and that 95% of the ageing population lived in the community and only 5% were in assisted housing. So we didn't count? We were informed that this was a Government initiative propelled by the need to get elderly long-term patients out of hospital.

While we understand and support the need for such care we cannot see the sense of destroying the homes of one lot of elderly people in order to build to provide for a different set of elderly people in the future. The common sense solution would be to have both - keeping the sheltered housing and building the extra-care facility on another site, we understand that there are other suitable sites available within the county.

We are all friends and neighbours who value the safety and security in which we live as well as the lively community of which we are a part. We wish to stay where we are, where we have lived for many years and where we have put down roots. We do not wish to be hustled off to who knows where as we have come to rely on each other for support and help which is not always available elsewhere.

For all their assurance, Luminus cannot provide like for like as they can only provide places as they become available and we will be separated from our friends, families, neighbours and some will be even sent to different towns within the county.

We have all been under great stress since the announcement. Elderly people are easily frightened and this whole affair has been and still is like a sword hanging over our heads. Many will agree to go because they cannot cope with the uncertainty.

So we are begging you to use whatever influence you may have and your humanitarian instincts to save us from this fearful infringement of our human rights."

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| <b>4. HEADLINE DEBATE</b>   | <b>60 minutes</b> |
| <p>With the assistance of the Head of Customer Services and the Housing Needs and Resources Manager, Councillor M G Baker, Leader of the Principal Opposition Group, will lead the headline debate on the impact of recent welfare reform on Huntingdonshire residents.</p> |                   |
| <b>5. SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT 2013</b> (Pages 13 - 20)  | <b>5 minutes</b>  |
| <p>Councillor R B Howe, Executive Councillor for Healthy and Active Communities to present a report regarding changes to the arrangements for regulating scrap metal dealers. A report by the Head of Environmental and Community Health Services is enclosed.</p>          |                   |
| <b>6. REPORTS OF THE CABINET, PANELS AND COMMITTEE</b>  | <b>30 minutes</b> |
| <p>(a) Cabinet (Pages 21 - 24)</p>  |                   |

- (b) Overview & Scrutiny Panel (Economic Well-Being) (Pages 25 - 28)
- (c) Overview & Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) (Pages 29 - 32)
- (d) Overview & Scrutiny Panel (Social Well-Being)  
Report of the meetings held on 1st October and 5th November 2013 - to follow.
- (e) Development Management Panel (Pages 33 - 34)
- (f) Licensing & Protection Panel (Pages 35 - 36)
- (g) Licensing Committee (Pages 37 - 38)
- (h) Corporate Governance Panel (Pages 39 - 84)
  - (i) Report of the meeting held on 26th September 2013 - enclosed.
  - (ii) The Annual Report by the Chairman is enclosed for the Council's information (Appendix C).
  - (iii) A copy of the Annual Governance Statement has been circulated separately with the Agenda.

**7. MOTION ON NOTICE**

**10 minutes**

Councillor K J Churchill to move -

"(a) that the Council notes:

- that residents of the Sheltered Housing Scheme at Langley Court and Langley Close, St Ives, Cambridgeshire may be faced with possession proceedings to be issued by their landlord, Luminus;
- that the nature of the said redevelopment of the site would be the provision of extra-care type housing designed for elderly people with a range of dependencies (for which substantial Government support is available) but for which only a small number of the current residents may qualify when the new facility is completed. The remainder would

be rehoused at various locations through the District;

- that the current dwellings are structurally sound and some of the residents have expended substantial amounts of their own monies in improving their homes over time. Many have been resident there for a number of years and there is a strong community among them;
- that Huntingdonshire District Council has already given its support to develop extra-care housing in St Ives.

(b) the Council considers:

- that it is not in the best interests of the residents, both individually and collectively, for them to be subjected to the trauma of being uprooted and settled at varying locations throughout Cambridgeshire; and

(c) that this Council calls upon the Cabinet to:

- withdraw any support, financial or otherwise, from Luminus that would in any way cause or contribute to the breakup of this sustainable retirement community; and
- explore every possible alternative to provide the extra-care facility that will be required in the future."

**8. 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

**9. REPRESENTATION OF POLITICAL GROUPS ON DISTRICT COUNCIL PANELS, ETC**

**5 minutes**

A report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services reviewing the representation of groups on Panels, etc - to follow.

**10. VARIATION TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS, ETC**

**5 minutes**

The Deputy Executive Leader, Councillor N J Guyatt to report, if necessary.

Dated this 5 day of November 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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