A meeting of HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL will be held in the CIVIC SUITE, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON PE29 3TN on WEDNESDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2014 at 7:00 PM and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

## AGENDA

Time Allocation

**PRAYER** 2 minutes

Reverend Brian Atling, Rector of St Mary the Virgin, Houghton and Wyton will open the meeting with prayer.

**APOLOGIES** 2 minutes

## CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

10 minutes

**MINUTES** (Pages 1 - 4) 1.

2 minutes

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 29th October 2014.

#### 2. **MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

2 minutes

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

#### 3. BY ELECTION - ST NEOTS, PRIORY PARK WARD

2 minutes

To report that Mr Ian Derek Gardener was elected to the Office of District Councillor for the St Neots, Priory Park Ward at a by election held on 27th November 2014.

#### 4. **PLAN ON A PAGE**

15 minutes

Presentation by the Executive Councillor Resources, Councillor J A Gray.

### **EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR PRESENTATIONS** 5.

50 minutes

- Councillor D B Dew, Executive Councillor Planning and Housing (a) Strategy
- Councillor D M Tysoe, Executive Councillor Operations and the Environment

(Notes -

Executive Councillor presentations Questions to each presenting Councillor - 10 minutes each

- 5 minutes each [10 minutes in total]

Period for questions to other Members of the Cabinet - 20 minutes in total)

# 6. GREEN PAPER ITEM: CUSTOMER SERVICES STRATEGY - 30 minutes WHAT NEXT?

(Notes -

Head of Customer Services presentation
Council discussion

- 10 minutes - 20 minutes)

## 7. REPORTS OF THE CABINET AND PANELS

20 minutes

# **FOR DECISION**

(a) Cabinet (Pages 5 - 16)

Report of the meeting held on 11th December 2014 – to follow.

(b) Corporate Governance Panel (Pages 17 - 44)

A copy of the Annual Governance Statement is enclosed with Members copies only.

## FOR INFORMATION

- (c) Development Management Panel (Pages 45 46)
- (d) Employment Panel (Pages 47 52)
- (e) Licensing and Protection Panel (Pages 53 54)
- (f) Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Economic Well-Being) (Pages 55 62)
- (g) Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) (Pages 63 66)

Report of the meeting held on 9th December 2014 - to follow

(h) Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Social Well-Being) (Pages 67 - 74)

(The Chairmen of the Cabinet and respective Panels to present their Reports and invite questions.)

8. REPRESENTATION OF POLITICAL GROUPS ON DISTRICT 5 minutes COUNCIL PANELS, ETC (Pages 75 - 80)

To consider a report by the Corporate Team Manager on the representation of political groups on Panels, etc in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the District Council's Constitution.

# 9. VARIATION TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND 2 minutes PANELS, ETC

Group Leaders to report, if necessary.

Dated this 9th day of December 2014

Head of Paid Service

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### 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.

# Non-Statutory Disclosable Interests

- (4) If a Member has a non-statutory disclosable interest then you are required to declare that interest, but may remain to discuss and vote providing you do not breach the overall Nolan principles.
- (5) A Member has a non-statutory disclosable 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 a disclosable pecuniary interest, 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, or
  - (c) it relates to or is likely to affect any body -

- (i) exercising functions of a public nature; or
- (ii) directed to charitable purposes; or
- (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a Member or in a position of control or management.

and that interest is not a disclosable pecuniary interest.

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