

A meeting of **HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL** will be held in the **CIVIC SUITE, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON PE29 3TN** on **WEDNESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2015** at **7:00 PM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

A G E N D A

	Time Allocation
PRAYER	2 minutes
<p>The Venerable Hugh McCurdy, Archdeacon of Huntingdon and Wisbech will open the meeting with prayer.</p>	
APOLOGIES	2 minutes
CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	5 minutes
1. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 10)	2 minutes
<p>To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 17th December 2014.</p>	
2. MEMBERS' INTERESTS	3 minutes
<p>To receive from Members, declarations as to disclosable pecuniary or other interests in relation to any Agenda item. See Notes below.</p>	
3. 2015/16 REVENUE BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2016/17 TO 2019/20 (Pages 11 - 100)	60 minutes
<p>To consider the Cabinet's recommendations on the 2015/16 Revenue Budget, the Medium Term Plan for 2016/17 – 2019/2020, the related Prudential Indicators and the Treasury Management Strategy (see also the Report of the Cabinet held on 22nd January 2015) 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 2015/16 for the various parts of Huntingdonshire District. A report by the Head of Resources is enclosed.</p> <p>In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, the Council will be asked to resolve that a recorded vote be taken on the conclusion of debate on this item.</p>	
4. PAY POLICY STATEMENT (Pages 101 - 108)	5 minutes
<p>In compliance with the requirements of Section 38 of the Localism Act 2011, the Executive Leader, Councillor J D Ablewhite to present the Pay Policy Statement for 2015/16 to the Council for approval.</p>	
5. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PRESENTATIONS	40 minutes
<p>(a) Councillor R B Harrison - Chairman, Economic Well-Being Panel</p>	

- (b) Councillor S Criswell - Chairman, Social Well-Being Panel

To present a vision for the Overview and Scrutiny Panels for Economic and Social Well-Being and their priorities for the forthcoming year.

(Notes -

Overview & Scrutiny Chairmen presentations - 10 minutes each

Questions to each presenting Councillor - 5 minutes each

[10 minutes in total]

Period for questions to Members of the Cabinet - 10 minutes in total)

6. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES (Pages 109 - 110) 5 minutes

To consider a report by the Corporate Team Manager.

7. INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST LUMINUS HOUSING GROUP 10 minutes

A report by the Managing Director on complaints against Luminus Housing Group to follow.

8. REPORTS OF THE CABINET, PANELS AND COMMITTEES 20 minutes

FOR DECISION

- (a) Cabinet (Pages 111 - 114)

FOR INFORMATION

- (b) Development Management Panel

Report of the meetings held on 15th December 2014, 19th January and 16th February 2015 to follow.

- (c) Employment Panel (Pages 115 - 118)

- (d) Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Economic Well-Being) (Pages 119 - 122)

- (e) Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) (Pages 123 - 128)

- (f) Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Social Well-Being) (Pages 129 - 134)

- (g) Licensing and Protection Panel (Pages 135 - 136)

9. MOTION ON NOTICE

20 minutes

Councillor T Hayward to move:

“That this Council notes -

The announcement that Government is to invest funding into a study looking into the status of the A1 between Peterborough and the M25 is very welcome.

Since the M1 to Leeds and then the A1 north of that has been seen as the strategic route to the north, the A1 through Huntingdonshire has become something of a ‘forgotten route’. The need for improvements is no more acute than at Buckden roundabout where the District Council’s own infrastructure study has shown that it is a significant constraint to growth as well as the road being a blight on the lives of the residents of Buckden, Diddington and Southoe.

The possibility of the route being upgraded to motorway standard is an important development and the fact that the previous planned improvement between Baldock, Hertfordshire to Alconbury as part of the then Government White Paper ‘Roads for Prosperity’ in 1989 is being quoted as a possibility again, is something that should be investigated.

The recent Highways Agency Route-Based Strategy investigations for the A1 is due to publish its final recommendations in March 2015. The initial report has shown that between London and Leeds, this section of the A1 represents one of the ten most least-reliable journey time locations on the route. Additionally, the report highlights poor network performance in the peak hours, safety concerns and congestion on the route through Buckden.

This Council believes -

That given we have three major trunk routes passing through the District and two of these, the A14 and A428, are subject to improvement proposals, it is vital that similar improvements to the A1 be made.

From London, this is the last roundabout between Buckden and North Berwick, a distance of 278 miles.

The existing route lacks the capacity to accommodate current and future travel demands as well as planned growth and a comprehensive approach is needed for a wholesale upgrading of the route to motorway standard because piecemeal improvement schemes would not offer a satisfactory solution addressing both strategic and local needs.

Given the nature of the current problems, Huntingdonshire’s Draft Local Plan to 2036 highlights the current capacity constraints on the A1 at Buckden. Likewise, Cambridgeshire

County Council's Long-Term Transport Strategy includes the need for options to be considered for this stretch of the A1 in order to provide new capacity for growth and to address existing problems on this stretch of the transport network.

Whilst there are planned improvements to the A14 and A428, it is important that similar improvements on this section of the A1 are brought forward as soon as possible so that the route does not act as a barrier to the future growth and prosperity of the area.

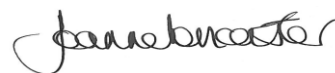
Therefore this Council calls on the Executive Leader and Executive Councillor for Planning and Housing Strategy to work with their fellow Members to –

- ◆ seek a firm commitment from Government and the Highways Agency that a comprehensive study of options for the A1 from the south of the District to the planned new A1/A14 junction will be developed and that a comprehensive scheme for both strategic and local traffic developed, funded and delivered at the earliest opportunity for this section of the A1 through Huntingdonshire to enable it to perform effectively as part of a strategic north/south route between London and Scotland; and
- ◆ develop an A1 alliance to work with our key partners, including neighbouring authorities, the Highways Agency and local Members of Parliament to lobby Government for early investment and improvements on this section of the A1 thereby enabling the continued growth and prosperity of this area.”.

10. VARIATION TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS, ETC **5 minutes**

Group Leaders to report, if necessary.

Dated this 17th day of February 2015



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.

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- (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.

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