

A meeting of **HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL** will be held in the **CIVIC SUITE, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON PE29 3TN** on **WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2016** 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	
The Right Reverend Dr David Thomson, Bishop of Huntingdon will open the meeting with prayer.	
APOLOGIES	2 Minutes
CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	10 Minutes
1. MINUTES (Pages 7 - 16)	2 Minutes.
To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 27th July 2016.	
2. MEMBERS' INTERESTS	2 Minutes.
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.	
ITEMS FOR DECISION	
3. MOTION ON NOTICE	10 Minutes.
Councillor T Hayward to move –	
(a) that the Council notes:	
Network Rail (NR) has previously examined proposals for the closure of all level crossings on the East Coast Main Line (ECML) from Kings Cross to Doncaster, including all those within Huntingdonshire. Following a feasibility study and formal consultations, these were considered by Cabinet in March 2015 when it was resolved that the District Council would support the project. The proposal was greeted with relief by many, particularly by the residents of the villages of Buckden and The Offords which are separated by this busy level crossing.	
Following a strategic review of NR's Investment Programme, it was confirmed that project would not proceed in totality. NR indicated that it would consider all crossings separately, trying to integrate any closures with other schemes in the area.	

Following this decision, a Regional Working Group was created by NR to develop an East Coast Route Study between London and Edinburgh. This will set the strategic direction for this route and future investment priorities. It would include the new InterCity Express programme and, possibly, new long distance services to other regions passing through our District. Stuart Bell, our Transportation Officer, attends these meetings on the Council's behalf.

This Council believes that the cancellation of the plans to close this level crossing between Buckden and The Offords (with a bridge replacement) will result in the continuance of existing delays to traffic flow on this busy route, especially when the A14 or A1 are closed.

During an average week, the crossing is used by over 20,000 vehicles, 560 cyclists and 100 pedestrians and this number is often exceeded if other roads are closed due to accidents. The approach to the level crossing is difficult from both directions. On the Offords side, there are frequent occasions when the traffic tailback reaches a considerable distance in both directions. On the Buckden side the approach to the level crossing is more hazardous. The road is narrow and one way traffic in places due to the three River Ouse crossings, dangerous corners and negligible sight lines. There is also a road safety problem for cyclists and pedestrians brave enough to use the road. This current situation is bad but could be compounded when the new A14 is completed as current proposals indicate that there will be a marginal increase in traffic movements on this crossing.

- (b) that this Council calls upon the Executive Leader and Executive Councillor for Planning Policy, Housing and Infrastructure to work with their fellow Members and Officers to:
- ❖ Press the National Rail Regional WG and Government to accelerate the removal of this crossing by whatever means and at the earliest opportunity, possibly in conjunction with the now approved A14 scheme, and emphasise that this would be in line with the NR suggestion that closures could be integrated with other schemes in the local area
 - ❖ Press our local MP to contact the relevant Minister of State to lobby for the closure of this crossing at the earliest opportunity, possibly in conjunction with the A14 scheme

Councillor G J Bull to provide a response.

4. CORPORATE PEER CHALLENGE (Pages 17 - 36)

20 Minutes.

Councillor D Brown, Executive Councillor for Strategic Partnerships and Shared Services to present the results of the Corporate Peer Challenge undertaken in June 2016.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5. EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR PRESENTATIONS 40 Minutes.

- (a) Councillor J A Gray, Executive Councillor for Strategic Resources to present on the Capital Programme and Investment.
- (b) Councillor G J Bull, Executive Councillor for Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to present on his Portfolio and provide an Update on the Local Plan
- (c) Questions to other Members of the Cabinet

(Notes –
Executive Councillor presentations *10 Minutes each*
Questions to each presenting Councillor *5 Minutes each*
15 Minutes in total.)

Period for questions to other Members of the Cabinet *10 Minutes).*

6. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (Pages 37 - 52) 10 Minutes.

Councillor M Francis, Chairman of the Corporate Governance Committee to present the Committee's Annual Report for the year ending 30th September 2016.

7. OUTCOMES FROM COMMITTEES AND PANELS (Pages 53 - 54) 10 Minutes.

An opportunity for Members to raise any issues or ask questions arising from recent meetings of the Council's Committees and Panels.

A list of meetings held since the last Council meeting is attached for information and Members are requested to address their questions to Committee and Panel Chairmen.

8. VARIATIONS TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS 5 Minutes.

- (a) Group Leaders to report on variations to the Membership of Committees and Panels, if necessary;
- (b) To vary the Membership of the Electoral Boundary Review Working Group, following a change in membership of the Conservative Group.

Dated this 11th day of October 2016



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.*

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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