

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 JULY 2018** 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 Reverend Nicki Bland of St Andrews Church, Great Staughton will open the meeting with prayer.

### **APOLOGIES**

**2 Minutes.**

### **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**10 Minutes.**

**1. MINUTES** (Pages 7 - 16)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 23rd May 2018 and the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 27th June 2018.

**2. MEMBERS INTERESTS**

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

**3. MOTION ON NOTICE**

**10 Minutes.**

Following the deferral of consideration of the motion at Council on 13th December 2017, Councillor B S Chapman to move –

“The Falcon Hotel on St Neots Market Square has been closed for the past decade. The building occupies a central position at the heart of St Neots and its current appearance and lack of use is damaging to the local St Neots economy.

The appearance of the Falcon Hotel is unsightly and damaging to St Neots tourism and attractiveness of the Market Square to local residents and visitors. It is damaging to the local retail economy and impacts profitability and sustainability of local shops, pubs and restaurants. The Falcon Hotel is a prominent feature of the St Neots Riverside as well as the town's Market Square but currently has a significant negative impact on both vistas.

The Falcon Hotel offers Huntingdonshire District Council an opportunity to play a part in reversing the decline of the St Neots economy.

Last summer an online petition calling for HDC to Compulsorily Purchase the Falcon Hotel was supported by over 600 signatures in a period of one week.

It is therefore proposed that Huntingdonshire District Council in its capacities both as Local Planning Authority and the Principal Authority responsible for St Neots Economic Development commit to serving a Compulsory Purchase Order on the owner of Falcon Hotel, St Neots.”

**4. STATE OF THE DISTRICT 2018 (ANNUAL REPORT) 45 Minutes.**

The Executive Leader, Councillor G J Bull to address the Council on the State of the District.

(The Chairman will invite the Leaders of the Opposition to respond to the address. A Member may speak once in the ensuing discussion).

**5. QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE CABINET 10 Minutes.**

Questions to Members of the Cabinet.

If Members wish to raise questions or issues requiring a detailed response, it would be helpful if they can provide prior notice so that the necessary information can be obtained in advance of the meeting.

**6. CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY - UPDATE (Pages 17 - 52) 15 Minutes.**

Councillor G J Bull, Executive Leader to present on the activities of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.

Councillors D B Dew and T D Sanderson to provide an update on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Decision summaries for recent meetings of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Board are attached to the Agenda for information.

In accordance with the Protocol agreed at the February 2017 meeting, this item provides an opportunity for District Council Members to ask questions and comment on Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority issues.

If Members wish to raise questions or issues requiring a detailed response, it would be helpful if they can provide prior notice so that the necessary information can be obtained in advance of the meeting.

**7. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 2017/18 (Pages 53 - 66) 10 Minutes.**

Councillor L W McGuire to present the Annual Report of the Corporate Governance Committee for 2017/18.

*(The report was approved for submission to the Council by the Corporate Governance Committee at their meeting on 13th June*

2018).

8. **HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL VENTURES LTD - SHAREHOLDER REPRESENTATIVES AND REFERENCE GROUP** (Pages 67 - 74) **5 Minutes.**

Councillor J A Gray to present a report setting out a proposed mechanism for decisions to be taken by the Council as Shareholder of its Local Authority Trading Company - HDC Ventures Ltd and the establishment of a Shareholder Reference Group.

*(The report was considered by the Cabinet at their meeting on 21st June 2018 who recommended that it be submitted to the Council).*

9. **USE OF SPECIAL URGENCY PROVISIONS 2017/18** (Pages 75 - 80) **5 Minutes.**

In accordance with 17.3 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules, the Executive Leader Councillor G J Bull to present the annual report on executive decisions taken using the Special Urgency provisions set out within the District Council's Constitution

10. **OUTCOMES FROM COMMITTEES AND PANELS** (Pages 81 - 84) **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.

11. **VARIATIONS TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS** **5 Minutes.**

Group Leaders to report on variations to the Membership of Committees and Panels if necessary.

Dated this 17th day of July 2018



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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