



A meeting of **HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL** will be held in the **CIVIC SUITE (LANCASTER / STIRLING ROOMS), PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON PE29 3TN** on **WEDNESDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2022** at **7:00 PM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

AGENDA

APOLOGIES

1. THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Vanessa Corbishley, Humanist Celebrant to open the meeting with a 'thought for the day'.

Time Allocation: N/A

2. MINUTES (Pages 7 - 16)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 20th July 2022.

Time Allocation: 2 Minutes.

3. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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

Time Allocation: 2 Minutes.

4. MEMORIAL - HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Chair to reflect upon and remember the life and reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Time Allocation: 5 Minutes.

5. CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Pages 17 - 18)

To note the engagements of the Chair and Vice-Chair since the last Council meeting.

Time Allocation: 5 Minutes.

6. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Time Allocation:

(a) Pets as Prizes

Councillor S Bywater to move –

This Council

- ❖ is concerned about the number of cases reported to the RSPCA each year, regarding pets given as prizes via fairgrounds, social media and other channels in England and notes the issue predominantly concerns goldfish
- ❖ is concerned for the welfare of those animals that are being given as prizes
- ❖ recognises that many cases of pets being given as prizes may go unreported each year
- ❖ suggests a move to ban the giving of live animals as prizes, in any form, on HDC Land.

The Council agrees:

- 1. That an outright ban of the giving of live animals as prizes, in any form, on Huntingdonshire District Council owned land is implemented.**
- 2. That the Council writes to the UK Government requesting an outright ban of live animals as prizes on both public and private land**
- 3. That the Council carries out a review of the current policies and the terms of the licences and hire of Council owned land and premise to ensure that they reflect the Council's position as regards giving of live animals (e.g. Goldfish, etc) as prizes**
- 4. That the Council will seek to work with our Town and Parish Councils and other partners to raise awareness and encourage them to adopt a similar policy on their land.**

Time Allocation: 20 Minutes.

(b) Cost of Living and Climate Crisis

Councillor L Davenport-Ray to move –

This Council notes that

- ❖ We are experiencing the highest inflation in 40 years. Energy is costing more, directly threatening household budgets and the viability of local businesses.
- ❖ Historical evidence suggests that increases in food poverty and fuel poverty will lead directly to increased health problems and winter deaths.
- ❖ Poor insulation, inefficient heating and the effects of climate change are intensifying the impact of energy prices, increasing pressures on families and businesses.

- ❖ As the cost of living increases, people and businesses are less able to finance adaptations to improve energy efficiency and to prepare for extreme weather events.
- ❖ More families are in need of help. Yet steeply increasing inflation means this Council's ability to mitigate impacts and provide essential services is increasingly challenging.
- ❖ As the cost of living increases and the effects of climate change take hold, our residents also face the potential loss of local bus routes. Many families are now challenged with finding alternative transport to work and school. This places added strain on family finances, increases carbon emissions and drives up air pollution.

The Council agrees to:

- 1. Recognise that the Cost of Living and Climate Crisis are interlinked and jointly require attention to ensure the wellbeing of local people and businesses.**
- 2. Make decisions on investment and delivery that, wherever possible, contribute to environmental and social benefits across Huntingdonshire.**
- 3. Adopt a Climate Strategy that acknowledges the personal and financial impact that climate change has on our most disadvantaged residents.**
- 4. Advocate for more robust, affordable public transport that connects employees with work, links students to education and reduces carbon emissions.**
- 5. Work with social landlords operating in Huntingdonshire to review the energy efficiency of their housing stock, recognising that poor insulation and inefficient heating are key factors in the rising cost of living.**
- 6. Request that Leadership write to the Prime Minister, our local MPs and the relevant government ministers to call for:**
 - a. Increased financial support for residents, with most support provided to low-income households.**
 - b. More funding for small and medium local businesses, helping them manage the challenge of increasing energy costs and rising inflation.**
 - c. A more ambitious nationwide commitment to fund improvements in the energy efficiency of homes, resulting in energy bill reductions and environmental benefits.**
 - d. Increased grant opportunities for community groups, housing providers and public sector partners to improve energy efficiency in their buildings.**
 - e. Insulation schemes and renewable energy generation programmes funded by fossil fuel profits.**

Time Allocation:

7. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

To answer any questions submitted by the public in accordance with the Constitution.

The deadline for the receipt of public questions is five days prior to the meeting by 5pm.

Time Allocation:

8. QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

Questions to Members of the Cabinet.

In accordance with the Council Procedure Rules, all questions –

- ❖ Must be relevant to an item which the Council has powers or duties;
- ❖ Must not relate to an item which is included elsewhere on the Agenda
- ❖ Should be limited to obtaining information or pressing for action; and
- ❖ Should not exceed two minutes in duration.

Questions should not divulge or require to be divulged, confidential or exempt information.

Time Allocation: 15 Minutes.

9. CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY - UPDATE (Pages 19 - 44)

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

Councillors D B Dew and M A Hassall to provide an update on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor S J Corney to provide an update on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Audit and Governance Committee.

Decision summaries for recent meetings of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Audit and Governance 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.

Time Allocation: 20 Minutes.

10. OUTCOMES FROM COMMITTEES AND PANELS (Pages 45 - 46)

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 Chairs.

Time Allocation: 10 Minutes.

11. VARIATIONS TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS

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

Time Allocation: 5 Minutes.

4 day of October 2022



Head of Paid Service

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