



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, 19 JULY 2023** at **7:00 PM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

AGENDA

APOLOGIES

1. THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Councillor J A Gray to open the meeting with a 'Thought for the Day'.

Time Allocation: 2 Minutes.

2. MINUTES (Pages 7 - 12)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Annual meeting of the Council held on 17th May 2023.

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. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Pages 13 - 14)

To note the Chair and Vice-Chair's engagements and announcements since the last Council meeting.

Time Allocation: 5 Minutes.

5. NOTICE OF MOTION

The Executive Leader, Councillor S J Conboy to move –

This Council believes:

The intimidation and abuse of councillors, in person or otherwise, undermines democracy; it can prevent elected members from representing the communities they serve, deter individuals from standing for election, and undermine public trust in democratic processes.

Seven in 10 councillors nationally reported experiencing abuse and intimidation in 2022, and councillors reported feeling that abuse is becoming more common and increasing in severity.

Debating and disagreeing with one another has always been, and will continue to be, a healthy part of democracy. However, the right engagement matters, and abuse and intimidation cross the line into dangerous territory and have no place in politics.

Huntingdonshire District Council recognises that increasing levels of toxicity in public and political discourse has a detrimental impact on local democracy and that prevention, support and responses to abuse and intimidation of local politicians must improve to ensure councillors feel safe and able to continue representing their residents. This also has the potential to reduce those willing to offer themselves for election to represent their communities in the future.

This Council:

- will not tolerate the abuse and intimidation of elected members or candidates. We will do all we can to debate without inciting hate so that all councillors in Huntingdonshire District Council, and future candidates, feel safe and able to fulfil their democratic roles.
- will speak with courtesy and respect.
- will write with courtesy and respect.
- will behave with courtesy and respect.

This Council RESOLVES to:

- Challenge the normalisation of abuse against councillors and uphold exemplary standards of public and political debate in all it does.
- Endorse the Local Government Association (LGA) “Debate Not Hate” Campaign.
- Write to the local Members of Parliament to ask them to support the campaign using the LGA’s template letter)
- Write to the Government (using the LGA’s template letter) to ask them to work with the LGA to develop and implement a plan to address the abuse and intimidation of politicians.
- Regularly review the support available to councillors in relation to abuse and intimidation and councillor safety.

- Work with the local police to ensure that there is a clear and joined-up mechanism for reporting threats and other concerns about the safety of councillors and their families.
- Take a zero-tolerance approach to abuse of councillors and officers.

Time Allocation: 20 Minutes.

6. 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 and must be submitted to the Monitoring Officer.

7. STATE OF THE DISTRICT

The Executive Leader, Councillor S J Conboy to address the Council on behalf of the Joint Administration on the State of the District.

The Chair will invite the Leader of the Opposition to respond to the address.

[In the ensuing debate, a Member may speak once and no speech may exceed 5 minutes in length without the consent of the Chair].

Time Allocation: 40 Minutes.

8. 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 items 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. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 2022/23 (Pages 15 - 30)

Councillor N Wells, Chair of the Corporate Governance Committee to present the Annual Report of the Corporate Governance Committee for 2022/23.

(The report was considered by the Corporate Governance Committee at their meeting on 12th July 2023 and their recommendations will be reported verbally).

Time Allocation: 10 Minutes.

10. TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT 2022/23 (Pages 31 - 58)

Councillor B A Mickelburgh, Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources to present the treasury performance for the period between 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

(The report was considered by the Cabinet at their meeting on 20th June 2023).

Time Allocation: 10 Minutes.

11. REPORT OF THE SENIOR OFFICERS' COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Senior Officers Committee to present the report of the meeting held on 11th July 2023. **(TO FOLLOW).**

Time Allocation: 10 Minutes.

12. THE STUKELEYS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2022-2036 (Pages 59 - 122)

Following The Stukeleys Neighbourhood Plan Referendum, held on Thursday 8th June 2023, the Deputy Leader and Executive Councillor for Planning to present a report seeking approval to make The Stukeleys Neighbourhood Plan to enable it to become part of the Statutory Development Plan for Huntingdonshire.

Time Allocation: 10 Minutes.

13. CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY - UPDATE (Pages 123 - 134)

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

Councillors M A Hassall and J Neish 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.

14. OUTCOMES FROM COMMITTEES AND PANELS (Pages 135 - 138)

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.

15. USE OF SPECIAL URGENCY PROVISIONS 2022/23 (Pages 139 - 144)

The Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules require the Executive Leader to report on Executive Decisions taken under Special Urgency provisions annually to the Council. A report by the Executive Leader is attached.

Time Allocation: 5 Minutes.

16. 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.

11th day of July 2023

Oliver Morley

Head of Paid Service

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Specific enquiries with regard to items on the Agenda should be directed towards the Contact Officer.

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