



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, 21 FEBRUARY 2024** 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 M A Hassall to open the meeting with a 'Thought for the Day'.

2. MINUTES (Pages 7 - 20)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13th December 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 21 - 22)

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

Time Allocation: 5 Minutes.

5. 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.

6. FINAL 2024/25 REVENUE BUDGET AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (2025/26 TO 2028/29) (Pages 23 - 210)

The Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources, Councillor B Mickelburgh to present for approval –

- ❖ The 2024/25 Budget and Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for the period 2025/26 to 2028/29
- ❖ The Fees and Charges Schedule for 2024/25
- ❖ The Treasury Management Strategy, the Capital Strategy and the Investment Strategy including the annual prudential indicators for 2024/25
- ❖ The Annual Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement 2024.25
- ❖ The formal resolution to determine the Council Tax for 2024/25.

In accordance with Section 30 (2) of the Local Government Act 1992, the Council will be required to approve resolutions as to the levels of Council Tax in 2024/25.

In accordance with the Local Government Act (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, the Council will be asked to resolve that a recorded vote be taken on the conclusion on the debate on this item.

The reports were considered by the Cabinet at their meeting on 6th February 2024 and it was agreed that they should be recommended to Council for approval).

(The Leader of the Opposition will have a right of reply).

**15 Minutes Presentation
45 Minutes Debate and Questions**

Time Allocation: 60 Minutes.

7. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2024-25 (Pages 211 - 220)

In compliance with the requirements of Sections 38-43 of the Localism Act 2011, the Executive Councillor for Climate and Environment, Councillor L Davenport-Ray to present the Pay Policy Statement to the Council for approval.

(The Statement was endorsed by the Employment Committee at their meeting on 7th February 2024 and it was agreed that it should be recommended to Council for approval).

Time Allocation: 5 Minutes.

8. LEAD AND DEPUTY INDEPENDENT PERSONS (Pages 221 - 224)

Councillor N J Wells, Chair of the Corporate Governance Committee to present a report seeking the appointment of a Lead Independent Person for a two-year period to 30th April 2026.

(The report was considered by the Corporate Governance Committee at their meeting on 24th January 2024 who recommended that Council should approve the proposed appointment).

Time Allocation: 5 Minutes.

9. POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES REVIEW - 2024 (Pages 225 - 242)

Councillor N J Wells, Chair of the Corporate Governance Committee to present the outcome of the recent review of polling districts and places for approval.

(The report was considered by the Corporate Governance Committee at their meeting on 24th January 2024 who recommended that Council should approve the schedule).

Time Allocation: 10 Minutes.

10. QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

In accordance with the Council Procedure Rules, all questions –

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

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

Time Allocation: 15 Minutes.

11. CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY - UPDATE (Pages 243 - 262)

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.

Electronic links to the decision summaries are attached to the Agenda for information. These include the Transport and Infrastructure, Skills and Employment and Sustainable Communities Committees.

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 advance notice.

Time Allocation: 20 Minutes.

12. OUTCOMES FROM COMMITTEES AND PANELS

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.

13. 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.

13th day of February 2024

Michelle Sacks

Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service

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