A reconvened meeting of **HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL,** adjourned from Wednesday, 14 October 2026, will be held in the **CIVIC SUITE (LANCASTER / STIRLING ROOMS), PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON PE29 3TN** on **WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2026** at **7:00 PM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

AGENDA

This meeting is a continuation of the meeting held on Wednesday, 14 October 2026 and will consider agenda items 12 e) and 12 f), which have been renumbered 2 a) and 2 b) below.

APOLOGIES

1. MEMBERS INTERESTS

Time Allocation: 2 Minutes

2. NOTICES OF MOTION

a) Motion submitted by Councillor L Davenport-Ray

Planning for Huntingdonshire's Future

The Council notes that:

1. The availability of truly affordable housing is a vital issue in Huntingdonshire, with a growing gap between average earnings and housing costs.

2. That house developers have secured planning permission for over 1.4 million homes across the UK that have not yet been built.

3. The need to deliver the right homes, at the right price, in the right location to address this crisis.

This Council notes that the Labour Government:

1. Revised the 'standard method' for calculating house building targets creating a 35% increase for Huntingdonshire.

2. Continues to support the revised 'standard method,' despite resounding criticism from the Planning Officers Society, creating a housebuilding target

"unrelated to an area's housing need" that does "not reflect a location's ability to grow and provide supporting infrastructure."

3. Has not revised the definition of "affordable homes" (at least 20% below market value) to reflect true affordability for local people.

4. Has not adopted a national target for building social or affordable homes.

5. Has made no change to financial viability assessments, which often result in affordable home schemes being scrapped or reduced.

6. Imposed a new national scheme of planning delegation that:

    - Cuts the number of members on our council's Development Management Committee,

    - Delegates contentious decisions on planning matters to council officers and the Chair of the Development Management Committee,

    - Eliminates the ability of ward councillors to "call-in" planning applications to be heard by the Development Management Committee, and

    - Significantly reduces our council's ability to engage with town and parish councils on planning decisions.

This Council believes:

1. The combined effect of changes introduced by the Labour Government will:

    - Fail to deliver the affordable homes needed in rural communities,

    - Cut the power of councils and councillors to act on behalf of their communities on planning issues, and

    - Further erode public trust in the planning system.

This Council resolves to:

1. Mandate the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister, relevant Secretaries of State, and local Members of Parliament to advocate for an urgent:

    - Reversal of national planning scheme of delegation changes that cut the influence of local councillors on planning decisions,

    - Review of the 'standard method' of calculating house-building targets,

    - Review of financial viability assessments and their use in deciding planning applications,

    - Revision of the 'affordable housing' definition to reflect earnings rather than market rates,

- Adoption of a national target for building social and affordable homes, and

- Instruction to housing developers to build-out homes that have planning permission.

2. Mandate the Chief Executive to copy the letter at section 4, to encourage wider knowledge and coordinated advocacy, to the following:

    - The Mayor and Chief Executive of the Combined Authority of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough,

    - The Leader and Chief Executive of all Cambridgeshire and geographic neighbouring councils,

    - The clerks of all Huntingdonshire town and parish councils, and

    - The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils (CAPALC).

b) Motion submitted by Councillor K Maheshwari

Residents' Right to Know: Public Money and Council Performance

The Council notes that:

1. Huntingdonshire District Council already publishes financial and performance information, including individual expenditure above £250 and regular corporate financial and performance reporting.

2. The Local Government Transparency Code establishes mandatory publication requirements and recommends enhanced transparency, including monthly publication of expenditure above £250.

3. Making financial, procurement and performance information easier to find and connect would enable residents more readily to understand how public money is being spent and what it is delivering.

The Council believes:

1. Residents should be able, as easily as reasonably practicable, to understand how the Council spends public money and how its services are performing.

2. Transparency should be proactive, accessible and proportionate, while protecting information which is required or permitted by law to be withheld.

This Council resolves:

1. To insert a new Article 3.1.2(b)(vi):

“to receive, through proactive publication and subject to any restriction required or permitted by law, information sufficient to understand how the Council spends public money and how its services are performing. Where only part of a record is protected, the remainder will be published so far as lawful and reasonably practicable.”

2. To request Cabinet, within its lawful powers and existing resources so far as possible, to:

   - provide a single public gateway to spending, procurement, contract and service-performance information;

   - publish expenditure over £250 and purchasing-card transactions monthly, in machine-readable form, by 1 April 2027;

   - publish quarterly financial and performance summaries for each Council service area, using existing measures, so that residents can readily understand the relevant financial position and how the service is performing, including, where applicable, material financial variance, performance against existing targets or service standards, direction of travel, and action being taken where performance is materially below expectation;

   - publish a Transparency Compliance Register showing each mandatory publication requirement applicable to the Council, its deadline or publication frequency, latest reporting period, date of publication and whether it is current;

   - provide clear links to relevant information held on the Government’s Central Digital Platform rather than unnecessarily duplicating national procurement records; and

   - where reasonably practicable, use hyperlinks, common references or other proportionate means to enable residents to connect published information relating to Council decisions, procurement or contracts, suppliers and payments with relevant published service or contract performance and outcomes.

3. To request Cabinet to report publicly within 90 days on implementation, including what can be achieved within existing resources and any identified financial, legal or technical impediments.

4. To receive an annual Transparency and Performance Report, with appropriate advice from the Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer within their respective responsibilities.

5. To authorise the Monitoring Officer to make consequential drafting amendments to the Constitution.

2 day of November 2026

Michelle Sacks

Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and other Registerable and Non-Registerable Interests.

Further information on Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and other Registerable and Non-Registerable Interests is available in the Council's Constitution

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Please contact Mrs Lisa Jablonska, Elections and Democratic Services Manager, Tel No. 01480 388004 / e-mail Lisa.Jablonska@huntingdonshire.gov.uk if you have a general query on any Agenda Item, wish to tender your apologies for absence from the meeting, or would like information on any decision taken by the Committee/Panel.

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

Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting as observers except during consideration of confidential or exempt items of business**.**

Agenda and enclosures can be viewed on the District Council's website.

Emergency Procedure

In the event of the fire alarm being sounded and on the instruction of the Meeting Administrator, all attendees are requested to vacate the building via the closest emergency exit.

Attending Council and Committee Meetings

Huntingdonshire District Council welcomes members of the public to attend meetings that are open to the public.

Members of the public may attend, film, photograph, and report on meetings that are open to the public. *

In some circumstances, a meeting may resolve to exclude the public and press to consider confidential or exempt information. Where this occurs, members of the public and press will be asked to leave the meeting room for that part of the meeting.

Most public meetings are webcast live, and recordings are available afterwards. This means you do not need to attend in person to follow proceedings.

The council permits public speaking at the Development Management Committee (planning) meetings.

View further information about **public speaking at Development Management Committees [PDF, 0.5MB]**

The council permits public questions at full council meetings. View further information about **submitting a question [PDF, 0.1MB]**.

Public access and seating

Meetings that are open to the public can be attended by anyone.
Seating in public areas is limited. Where demand exceeds the number of seats available, admission will be managed on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given in the following order:

1. People who live, work or own property within the Huntingdonshire District
2. Other interested members of the public.

This means that attendees within each priority group will be admitted in the order they arrive, subject to the number of seats available.

Reserved seating

Council Meetings - If you have registered in advance to ask a public question at a meeting of Full Council in accordance with the Council's **Constitution [PDF, 1.5MB]**, a seat will be reserved for you.

Development Management, Licensing and Other Regulatory Hearings - If you have registered to speak or make representations in relation to an application or matter being considered by the Committee, a seat will be reserved for you.

You do not need to arrive early to secure your place.

When seating is full

Once all public seats are occupied, no further admission will be possible.
Standing is not permitted in meeting rooms. Additional seating cannot normally be provided, except where required as a reasonable adjustment for accessibility needs, including carers or support workers.
For meetings of the Development Management Committee, Licensing Committee and other regulatory hearings, priority will be given to applicants, objectors, registered speakers and other parties directly involved in agenda items.

Arrival, sign-in and security

All visitors must sign in on arrival.

If attendance is expected to exceed capacity, you may be asked to provide evidence that you live, work or own property within the Huntingdonshire District so that seating priority can be allocated fairly. In these circumstances, we would request a photographic ID and evidence of your address or work premises
We recommend bringing only essential items.

Bags and personal belongings may be subject to security checks. Where necessary, security staff may also conduct further searches.

These arrangements apply equally to all public attending and are intended to help ensure meetings can take place safely and without disruption.

Any personal information collected as part of the sign-in process will be used only for meeting management and safety purposes in accordance with the **Council's Privacy Notice**. Information will be retained no longer than is necessary.

Items not permitted

- Placards, banners, flags or similar items
- Knives, scissors or other sharp objects
- Whistles, air horns, loudhailers or other noise-making devices
- Bottles or other containers containing liquids, except drinking water intended for personal use during the meeting
- Any item that security staff reasonably believe could compromise safety or disrupt the meeting.

If you wish to bring large or specialist equipment into the meeting, such as recording equipment, please contact **Democratic Services** in advance via email to help avoid delays when entering the meeting.

Behaviour at meetings

Everyone attending a meeting is expected to treat others with courtesy and respect. Any form of verbal or physical abuse will not be tolerated. Anyone presenting such behaviour will be asked to leave immediately.

Accessibility

If you have any accessibility requirements, it would be helpful to contact **Democratic Services** before the meeting so we can fully support you.

Speaking at a meeting or asking a question

Members of the public may ask questions at meetings of Full Council.

Members of the public may also speak or make representations at meetings of the Development Management Committee, Licensing Committee, and other regulatory hearings where public participation arrangements apply.

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Feedback

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