

**DISTRICT COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS AND OTHER OFFICE
ACCOMMODATION MEMBERS ADVISORY GROUP
(Report of the Advisory Group)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Advisory Group met on 29th July 2004 and Councillors I C Bates, P L E Bucknell, P J Downes, D P Holley and T V Rogers were present.
- 1.2 Also in attendance were Messrs S Couper, A Gordon, R Preston, A Roberts, P Watkins and M Williams and Mrs L Wilson.
- 1.3 The report of the meeting of the Advisory Group held on 19th May 2004 was received and noted.

2. THE COUNCIL'S OFFICE AND OTHER ACCOMMODATION

- 2.1 The Advisory Group gave consideration to an update by Messrs A Gordon and M Williams of Lambert Smith Hampton Property Solutions of progress to date with the feasibility study on the Council's options for future accommodation.
- 2.2 Following discussion on the contents of the update, and on the understanding that site visits to South Cambs and Harlow District Councils would be arranged, it was

RESOLVED

**that a further meeting be held at 8am on 25th August 2004
to discuss the matter further.**

- 2.3 With regard to comments made by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Planning and Finance), the Advisory Group expressed the view that the Cabinet would wish to adhere to their previous decision to defer consideration to relocate to an edge-of-town location pending the outcomes of the options appraisals for the refurbishment of Pathfinder House/Castle Hill House or redevelopment of either Pathfinder House or the bus station in Huntingdon Town Centre.

3. ADDITIONAL SITE

- 3.1 The Advisory Group were acquainted with details of an approach from a developer on the potential sale and redevelopment of a site between George Street, Ermine Street and the ring road in Huntingdon town centre to accommodate the Council's headquarters. In that respect it was agreed that the Director of Operational Services should respond to the approach registering the District Council's potential interest without prejudice to the other options currently being pursued.

4. CANCELLATION OF MEETING

- 4.1 The meeting of the Advisory Group scheduled for 23rd September 2004 was cancelled.

Chairman