HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the CABINET held in the Cabinet Room on Monday, 1st September 2003.

PRESENT: Councillor D P Holley - Chairman

Councillors I C Bates, Mrs J Chandler, R L Clarke, Mrs K P Gregory, N J Guyatt,

T V Rogers and L M Simpson

63. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 31st July 2003 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

64. PUBLIC CONVENIENCES: CALL IN

Further to Minute No. 62 and with the assistance of a report by the Executive Director of Central Services (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) the Cabinet considered the deliberations of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Service Delivery and Resources) in relation to their "call in" of decisions made by the Cabinet on public conveniences at their meeting held on 31st July 2003.

Having attended the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Service Delivery and Resources) which had followed the "call in", the Portfolio holder for Service Delivery, Councillor R L Clarke, responded to the issues raised by reference to the Minutes of the Cabinet and of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Planning and Finance) held on 25th July, 10th September and 8th October 2002 respectively. He also suggested that the matters raised had previously been discussed at earlier meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel and Cabinet.

However, to ensure the issues identified by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel were addressed and that Members were satisfied with the approach which the District Council would be taking with regard to the replacement of public conveniences and improvements to the service without delaying progress unnecessarily, the Cabinet

RESOLVED

- that a Members Advisory Group be established under the Chairmanship of Councillor Clarke and comprising also Councillor I C Bates, R E Barnes, the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Service Delivery and Resources) and a representative from the Liberal Democrat Group to review proposals for the procurement of public conveniences in the light of the issues raised by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Service Delivery and Resources); and
- (b) that the Director of Operational Services be requested to prepare a scoping paper for the Advisory Group to include reference to previous decisions taken by the

Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Planning and Finance) and a summary of the response received to the consultation process with a view to a report on their conclusions being submitted to the meeting of the Cabinet to be held on 23rd October 2003.

Councillor D P Holley Chairman