

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon PE29 3TN on Wednesday, 28 September 2005.

PRESENT: Councillor J A P Eddy – Chairman.

Councillors J D Ablewhite, M G Baker, Mrs M Banerjee, I C Bates, J T Bell, Mrs B E Boddington, P L Bucknell, Mrs J Chandler, K J Churchill, Mrs D E Collins, S J Criswell, D B Dew, P J Downes, J J Dutton, J D Fell, J E Garner, Mrs C A Godley, J A Gray, Mrs K P Gregory, N J Guyatt, A Hansard, C R Hyams, Mrs P J Longford, Mrs S A Menczer, I R Muir, M F Newman, R Powell, Mrs D C Reynolds, K Reynolds, T V Rogers, J M Sadler, T D Sanderson, L M Simpson, A B Stenner, C J Stephens, R G Tuplin, Mrs S J Vanbergen, J S Watt and Ms M Wheeler.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors E R Butler, W T Clough, J W Davies, N J Finnie, D A Giles, D Harty, D P Holley, P G Mitchell, P A Swales, J Taylor, I P Taylor and G S E Thorpe.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr D H Bristow.

31. PRAYER

The Venerable H McCurdy Archdeacon of Huntingdon and Wisbech opened the meeting with prayer.

32. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Special Guests

The Chairman welcomed Mr S Leatham, High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire and the Venerable H McCurdy, Archdeacon of Huntingdon and Wisbech to their first meeting of the Council.

(b) Annual Cricket Match

The Chairman extended his gratitude to the players and spectators who had contributed to the enjoyment of the annual cricket match between Councillors and Officers at St Ivo Leisure Centre on 21st July 2005.

(c) Chairman's Reception

The Chairman announced that his reception would be held at Hinchingbrooke House on Friday 25th November 2005 and that formal invitations would be sent shortly.

(d) The West Africa Crisis Appeal

The Council noted that the Chairman had, on their behalf, donated £300 to a Crisis Appeal launched by the British Red Cross for those affected by drought in West Africa.

(e) **Former Councillor N Bunnage**

The Council stood in silent tribute to former Councillor N Bunnage who had died recently and who had represented the Upwood and Raveleys Ward on the District Council over the period 1978-1983.

33. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 29th June 2005 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

34. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Councillors I C Bates, Mrs B E Boddington, P J Downes, J J Dutton, J A P Eddy, C R Hyams and K Reynolds declared a personal interest in Minute No. 37 (a), Item No. 28 and Minute No. 37 (a), Item No. 34 by virtue of their membership of Cambridgeshire County Council.

Councillor I C Bates declared a personal interest in Minute No. 37 (c), Item No. 14 by virtue of his membership of Cambridgeshire Police Authority.

Councillor A Hansard declared a personal interest in Minute No. 37 (a), Item No. 54 as a trustee of St Neots Outdoor Pool.

35. ANNUAL STATE OF THE DISTRICT ADDRESS

In accordance with paragraph 12 of the Council's Procedure Rules, the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor I C Bates addressed the meeting on the State of the District (a précis of Councillor Bates address is appended in the Minute Book).

In his opening remarks, Councillor Bates highlighted the extent to which the District was now working in partnership with other agencies to deliver major projects in two towns in the District. He made particular reference to the regeneration programme for Oxmoor, the new Oak Tree Health Centre and to various achievements in Ramsey. Whilst mentioning the challenges that lay ahead for the authority in the short term, the Deputy Leader also drew attention to those areas of routine work undertaken by the District Council but which he felt were often overlooked. In so doing, the Deputy Leader expressed his appreciation for the contribution made by Members and Officers of the Council to the progress and achievements of the authority over the previous year.

Before replying to the address, Councillor Downes, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, extended his best wishes to the Leader, Councillor Holley for a speedy recovery to good health. Councillor Downes proceeded to commend the major areas of achievement referred to but indicated his regret at the change in the format of the Annual State of the District presentation which had removed the opportunity for the Council to engage in a debate on the subject. Councillor Downes also was of the opinion that the District Council should communicate with the public on the challenges that lay ahead for the authority, given that financial circumstances might require a reduction in the level of services provided generally and support currently offered to the Voluntary Sector.

On other subjects, Councillor Stenner was concerned that lobbying of the appropriate agencies should not be limited to matters relating to the A14

but also should include the A1 and A428 as important routes in the trunk road system in the District.

Referring to the success which had been achieved during the past year arising from work with young people, Councillor Mrs Menczer expressed her concern that this might be lost when the funding for the post of Policy Officer engaged in developing schemes for young people was discontinued in March 2006. Particular mention was made of the Parc Project and the work being undertaken with young people by five Parish Councils. Councillor Mrs Menczer was of the view that the District Council should lead by example and make provision for young people to address meetings on a regular basis.

36. REVISED BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2005/06

In conjunction with Item No. 24 of the Report of the Cabinet, Members considered a report by the Director of Commerce and Technology (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book). In the light of the decision of the Deputy Prime Minister to cap the Council's 2005/06 budget necessitating the approval of a revised budget and resultant reduction in Council Tax levels, it was moved by the Executive Councillor for Finance, duly seconded and

RESOLVED

- (a) that the Revenue Budget approved by the Council on 16th February 2005 be amended as follows:
- (i) the Council's budget requirement be reduced by £387,000 to £15.160m; and
 - (ii) the use of revenue reserves be increased by £387,000 to £2.213m;
- (b) that the following substitute calculations now be made by the Council for 2005/06 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the Act):-

(i)	the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2) (a) to (e) of the Act <i>gross spending including Parish precepts</i>	£ 58,230,502
(ii)	the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (3) (a) to (c) of the Act <i>income including use of revenue reserves</i>	39,959,505
(iii)	the amount by which the aggregate at (b) (i) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) (ii) above in accordance with Section 32 (4) of the Act <i>budget requirement including parish precepts</i>	18,270,997

- (iv) the aggregate of the amounts payable into the General Fund for the items set out in Section 33 (1) of the Act 9,508,211
government support
- (v) the aggregate of the amounts payable from the General Fund for the items set out in Section 33 (3) of the Act 3,550
collection fund deficit
- (vi) the basic amount of Council Tax for 2005/06 in accordance with Section 33 (1) 154.56
band D Council tax for District purposes plus average Parish council tax
- (vii) the aggregate of special items referred to in Section 34 (1) 3,110,997
total value of Parish precepts
- (viii) the basic amount of Council Tax for 2005/06 for those parts of the District to which no special item relates 99.71
band D Council tax for District purposes
- (ix) the basic amounts of Council Tax for 2005/06 for those parts of the District to which one or more special items relate in accordance with Section 34 (3) of the Act are shown by adding the Huntingdonshire District Council amount to the appropriate Parish Council amount in column "band D" set out in table 1 hereto
- (x) the amounts to be taken into account for 2005/06 in respect of categories of dwellings listed in the different valuation bands in accordance with Section 36 (1) of the Act are shown by adding the Huntingdonshire District Council amount to the appropriate Parish Council amount for each of the valuation bands in the columns "bands A to H" set out in table 1 hereto;
- (c) that it be noted that the amounts of precept issued to the Council by Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridgeshire Police Authority and Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Fire Authority for each of the categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands in accordance with Section 40 of the Act shown in table 1 are unchanged; and
- (d) that, having regard to the calculations above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30 (2) of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for 2005/06 for each of the categories of dwelling shown in table 2 hereto.

TABLE 1

COUNCIL TAX BY AUTHORITY AND BAND

	BAND A £	BAND B £	BAND C £	BAND D £	BAND E £	BAND F £	BAND G £	BAND H £
Cambridgeshire County Council	563.88	657.86	751.84	845.82	1,033.78	1,221.74	1,409.70	1,691.64
Cambridgeshire Police Authority	90.36	105.42	120.48	135.54	165.66	195.78	225.90	271.08
Huntingdonshire District Council	66.47	77.55	88.63	99.71	121.87	144.03	166.18	199.42
Cambridgeshire Fire Authority	32.16	37.52	42.88	48.24	58.96	69.68	80.40	96.48
PARISH COUNCILS :-								
Abbotsley	31.56	36.82	42.08	47.34	57.86	68.38	78.90	94.68
Abbots Ripton	27.36	31.92	36.48	41.04	50.16	59.28	68.40	82.08
Alconbury	20.65	24.09	27.53	30.97	37.85	44.73	51.62	61.94
Alconbury Weston	26.38	30.78	35.17	39.57	48.36	57.16	65.95	79.14
Alwalton	13.55	15.81	18.07	20.33	24.85	29.37	33.88	40.66
Barham & Woolley	9.87	11.52	13.16	14.81	18.10	21.39	24.68	29.62
Bluntisham	75.06	87.57	100.08	112.59	137.61	162.63	187.65	225.18
Brampton	39.93	46.59	53.24	59.90	73.21	86.52	99.83	119.80
Brington & Molesworth	12.61	14.72	16.82	18.92	23.12	27.33	31.53	37.84
Broughton	19.38	22.61	25.84	29.07	35.53	41.99	48.45	58.14
Buckden	28.92	33.74	38.56	43.38	53.02	62.66	72.30	86.76
Buckworth	39.91	46.56	53.21	59.86	73.16	86.46	99.77	119.72
Bury	17.57	20.50	23.43	26.36	32.22	38.08	43.93	52.72
Bythorn & Keyston	2.86	3.34	3.81	4.29	5.24	6.20	7.15	8.58
Catworth	17.97	20.96	23.96	26.95	32.94	38.93	44.92	53.90
Chesterton	8.33	9.72	11.11	12.50	15.28	18.06	20.83	25.00
Colne	29.91	34.90	39.88	44.87	54.84	64.81	74.78	89.74
Conington	9.13	10.66	12.18	13.70	16.74	19.79	22.83	27.40
Covington	18.81	21.94	25.08	28.21	34.48	40.75	47.02	56.42
Denton & Caldecote	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Diddington	10.75	12.55	14.34	16.13	19.71	23.30	26.88	32.26
Earith	26.71	31.17	35.62	40.07	48.97	57.88	66.78	80.14
Easton	14.03	16.37	18.71	21.05	25.73	30.41	35.08	42.10
Ellington	25.43	29.66	33.90	38.14	46.62	55.09	63.57	76.28
Elton	14.67	17.12	19.56	22.01	26.90	31.79	36.68	44.02
Eynesbury Hardwicke	10.01	11.68	13.35	15.02	18.36	21.70	25.03	30.04
Farcet	28.03	32.71	37.38	42.05	51.39	60.74	70.08	84.10
Fenstanton	24.44	28.51	32.59	36.66	44.81	52.95	61.10	73.32
Folksworth & Washingley	28.33	33.05	37.77	42.49	51.93	61.37	70.82	84.98
Glatton	10.03	11.70	13.37	15.04	18.38	21.72	25.07	30.08
Godmanchester	32.41	37.81	43.21	48.61	59.41	70.21	81.02	97.22
Grafham	28.53	33.28	38.04	42.79	52.30	61.81	71.32	85.58
Great & Little Gidding	34.71	40.49	46.28	52.06	63.63	75.20	86.77	104.12
Great Gransden	22.07	25.75	29.43	33.11	40.47	47.83	55.18	66.22
Great Paxton	23.36	27.25	31.15	35.04	42.83	50.61	58.40	70.08
Great Staughton	23.89	27.87	31.85	35.83	43.79	51.75	59.72	71.66
Haddon	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hail Weston	20.17	23.53	26.89	30.25	36.97	43.69	50.42	60.50
Hamerton	16.26	18.97	21.68	24.39	29.81	35.23	40.65	48.78

TABLE 1 Cont

	BAND A £	BAND B £	BAND C £	BAND D £	BAND E £	BAND F £	BAND G £	BAND H £
Hemingford Abbots	28.81	33.61	38.41	43.21	52.81	62.41	72.02	86.42
Hemingford Grey	18.97	22.13	25.29	28.45	34.77	41.09	47.42	56.90
Hilton	25.17	29.37	33.56	37.76	46.15	54.54	62.93	75.52
Holme	21.19	24.72	28.25	31.78	38.84	45.90	52.97	63.56
Holywell-cum-Needingworth	51.91	60.57	69.22	77.87	95.17	112.48	129.78	155.74
Houghton & Wyton	29.92	34.91	39.89	44.88	54.85	64.83	74.80	89.76
Huntingdon	49.67	57.95	66.23	74.51	91.07	107.63	124.18	149.02
Kimbolton and Stonely	43.38	50.61	57.84	65.07	79.53	93.99	108.45	130.14
Kings Ripton	26.31	30.70	35.08	39.47	48.24	57.01	65.78	78.94
Leighton Bromswold	28.45	33.20	37.94	42.68	52.16	61.65	71.13	85.36
Little Paxton	29.50	34.42	39.33	44.25	54.08	63.92	73.75	88.50
Morborne	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Offord Cluny	27.46	32.04	36.61	41.19	50.34	59.50	68.65	82.38
Offord D'Arcy	26.15	30.51	34.87	39.23	47.95	56.67	65.38	78.46
Old Hurst	6.38	7.44	8.51	9.57	11.70	13.82	15.95	19.14
Old Weston	14.49	16.91	19.32	21.74	26.57	31.40	36.23	43.48
Perry	23.81	27.77	31.74	35.71	43.65	51.58	59.52	71.42
Pidley-cum-Fenton	9.53	11.11	12.70	14.29	17.47	20.64	23.82	28.58
Ramsey	27.93	32.59	37.24	41.90	51.21	60.52	69.83	83.80
St.Ives	53.92	62.91	71.89	80.88	98.85	116.83	134.80	161.76
St.Neots	41.81	48.78	55.75	62.72	76.66	90.60	104.53	125.44
St.Neots Rural	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sawtry	46.08	53.76	61.44	69.12	84.48	99.84	115.20	138.24
Sibson-cum-Stibbington	13.33	15.56	17.78	20.00	24.44	28.89	33.33	40.00
Somersham	36.28	42.33	48.37	54.42	66.51	78.61	90.70	108.84
Southoe & Midloe	30.11	35.12	40.14	45.16	55.20	65.23	75.27	90.32
Spaldwick	22.42	26.16	29.89	33.63	41.10	48.58	56.05	67.26
Steeple Gidding	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stilton	42.29	49.34	56.39	63.44	77.54	91.64	105.73	126.88
Stow Longa	32.79	38.25	43.72	49.18	60.11	71.04	81.97	98.36
Tetworth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
The Stukeleys	15.36	17.92	20.48	23.04	28.16	33.28	38.40	46.08
Tilbrook	12.58	14.68	16.77	18.87	23.06	27.26	31.45	37.74
Toseland	7.89	9.21	10.52	11.84	14.47	17.10	19.73	23.68
Upton and Coppingford	18.94	22.10	25.25	28.41	34.72	41.04	47.35	56.82
Upwood and the Raveleys	13.23	15.44	17.64	19.85	24.26	28.67	33.08	39.70
Warboys	24.42	28.49	32.56	36.63	44.77	52.91	61.05	73.26
Waresley	18.52	21.61	24.69	27.78	33.95	40.13	46.30	55.56
Water Newton	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Winwick	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wistow	18.43	21.51	24.58	27.65	33.79	39.94	46.08	55.30
Woodhurst	11.11	12.97	14.82	16.67	20.37	24.08	27.78	33.34
Woodwalton	17.25	20.13	23.00	25.88	31.63	37.38	43.13	51.76
Yaxley	39.49	46.07	52.65	59.23	72.39	85.55	98.72	118.46
Yelling	4.83	5.64	6.44	7.25	8.86	10.47	12.08	14.50

TABLE 2

TOTAL CHARGE BY PARISH

	BAND A £	BAND B £	BAND C £	BAND D £	BAND E £	BAND F £	BAND G £	BAND H £
Abbotsley	784.43	915.17	1,045.91	1,176.65	1,438.13	1,699.61	1,961.08	2,353.30
Abbots Ripton	780.23	910.27	1,040.31	1,170.35	1,430.43	1,690.51	1,950.58	2,340.70
Alconbury	773.52	902.44	1,031.36	1,160.28	1,418.12	1,675.96	1,933.80	2,320.56
Alconbury Weston	779.25	909.13	1,039.00	1,168.88	1,428.63	1,688.39	1,948.13	2,337.76
Alwalton	766.42	894.16	1,021.90	1,149.64	1,405.12	1,660.60	1,916.06	2,299.28
Barham & Woolley	762.74	889.87	1,016.99	1,144.12	1,398.37	1,652.62	1,906.86	2,288.24
Bluntisham	827.93	965.92	1,103.91	1,241.90	1,517.88	1,793.86	2,069.83	2,483.80
Brampton	792.80	924.94	1,057.07	1,189.21	1,453.48	1,717.75	1,982.01	2,378.42
Brington & Molesworth	765.48	893.07	1,020.65	1,148.23	1,403.39	1,658.56	1,913.71	2,296.46
Broughton	772.25	900.96	1,029.67	1,158.38	1,415.80	1,673.22	1,930.63	2,316.76
Buckden	781.79	912.09	1,042.39	1,172.69	1,433.29	1,693.89	1,954.48	2,345.38
Buckworth	792.78	924.91	1,057.04	1,189.17	1,453.43	1,717.69	1,981.95	2,378.34
Bury	770.44	898.85	1,027.26	1,155.67	1,412.49	1,669.31	1,926.11	2,311.34
Bythorn & Keyston	755.73	881.69	1,007.64	1,133.60	1,385.51	1,637.43	1,889.33	2,267.20
Catworth	770.84	899.31	1,027.79	1,156.26	1,413.21	1,670.16	1,927.10	2,312.52
Chesterton	761.20	888.07	1,014.94	1,141.81	1,395.55	1,649.29	1,903.01	2,283.62
Colne	782.78	913.25	1,043.71	1,174.18	1,435.11	1,696.04	1,956.96	2,348.36
Conington	762.00	889.01	1,016.01	1,143.01	1,397.01	1,651.02	1,905.01	2,286.02
Covington	771.68	900.29	1,028.91	1,157.52	1,414.75	1,671.98	1,929.20	2,315.04
Denton & Caldecote	752.87	878.35	1,003.83	1,129.31	1,380.27	1,631.23	1,882.18	2,258.62
Diddington	763.62	890.90	1,018.17	1,145.44	1,399.98	1,654.53	1,909.06	2,290.88
Earith	779.58	909.52	1,039.45	1,169.38	1,429.24	1,689.11	1,948.96	2,338.76
Easton	766.90	894.72	1,022.54	1,150.36	1,406.00	1,661.64	1,917.26	2,300.72
Ellington	778.30	908.01	1,037.73	1,167.45	1,426.89	1,686.32	1,945.75	2,334.90
Elton	767.54	895.47	1,023.39	1,151.32	1,407.17	1,663.02	1,918.86	2,302.64
Eynesbury Hardwicke	762.88	890.03	1,017.18	1,144.33	1,398.63	1,652.93	1,907.21	2,288.66
Farcet	780.90	911.06	1,041.21	1,171.36	1,431.66	1,691.97	1,952.26	2,342.72
Fenstanton	777.31	906.86	1,036.42	1,165.97	1,425.08	1,684.18	1,943.28	2,331.94
Folksworth & Washingley	781.20	911.40	1,041.60	1,171.80	1,432.20	1,692.60	1,953.00	2,343.60
Glatton	762.90	890.05	1,017.20	1,144.35	1,398.65	1,652.95	1,907.25	2,288.70
Godmanchester	785.28	916.16	1,047.04	1,177.92	1,439.68	1,701.44	1,963.20	2,355.84
Grafham	781.40	911.63	1,041.87	1,172.10	1,432.57	1,693.04	1,953.50	2,344.20
Great & Little Gidding	787.58	918.84	1,050.11	1,181.37	1,443.90	1,706.43	1,968.95	2,362.74
Great Gransden	774.94	904.10	1,033.26	1,162.42	1,420.74	1,679.06	1,937.36	2,324.84
Great Paxton	776.23	905.60	1,034.98	1,164.35	1,423.10	1,681.84	1,940.58	2,328.70
Great Staughton	776.76	906.22	1,035.68	1,165.14	1,424.06	1,682.98	1,941.90	2,330.28
Haddon	752.87	878.35	1,003.83	1,129.31	1,380.27	1,631.23	1,882.18	2,258.62
Hail Weston	773.04	901.88	1,030.72	1,159.56	1,417.24	1,674.92	1,932.60	2,319.12
Hamerton	769.13	897.32	1,025.51	1,153.70	1,410.08	1,666.46	1,922.83	2,307.40
Hemingford Abbots	781.68	911.96	1,042.24	1,172.52	1,433.08	1,693.64	1,954.20	2,345.04
Hemingford Grey	771.84	900.48	1,029.12	1,157.76	1,415.04	1,672.32	1,929.60	2,315.52
Hilton	778.04	907.72	1,037.39	1,167.07	1,426.42	1,685.77	1,945.11	2,334.14

TABLE 2 Cont

	BAND A £	BAND B £	BAND C £	BAND D £	BAND E £	BAND F £	BAND G £	BAND H £
Holme	774.06	903.07	1,032.08	1,161.09	1,419.11	1,677.13	1,935.15	2,322.18
Holywell-cum-Needingworth	804.78	938.92	1,073.05	1,207.18	1,475.44	1,743.71	2,011.96	2,414.36
Houghton & Wyton	782.79	913.26	1,043.72	1,174.19	1,435.12	1,696.06	1,956.98	2,348.38
Huntingdon	802.54	936.30	1,070.06	1,203.82	1,471.34	1,738.86	2,006.36	2,407.64
Kimbolton and Stonely	796.25	928.96	1,061.67	1,194.38	1,459.80	1,725.22	1,990.63	2,388.76
Kings Ripton	779.18	909.05	1,038.91	1,168.78	1,428.51	1,688.24	1,947.96	2,337.56
Leighton Bromswold	781.32	911.55	1,041.77	1,171.99	1,432.43	1,692.88	1,953.31	2,343.98
Little Paxton	782.37	912.77	1,043.16	1,173.56	1,434.35	1,695.15	1,955.93	2,347.12
Morborne	752.87	878.35	1,003.83	1,129.31	1,380.27	1,631.23	1,882.18	2,258.62
Offord Cluny	780.33	910.39	1,040.44	1,170.50	1,430.61	1,690.73	1,950.83	2,341.00
Offord D'Arcy	779.02	908.86	1,038.70	1,168.54	1,428.22	1,687.90	1,947.56	2,337.08
Old Hurst	759.25	885.79	1,012.34	1,138.88	1,391.97	1,645.05	1,898.13	2,277.76
Old Weston	767.36	895.26	1,023.15	1,151.05	1,406.84	1,662.63	1,918.41	2,302.10
Perry	776.68	906.12	1,035.57	1,165.02	1,423.92	1,682.81	1,941.70	2,330.04
Pidley-cum-Fenton	762.40	889.46	1,016.53	1,143.60	1,397.74	1,651.87	1,906.00	2,287.20
Ramsey	780.80	910.94	1,041.07	1,171.21	1,431.48	1,691.75	1,952.01	2,342.42
St.Ives	806.79	941.26	1,075.72	1,210.19	1,479.12	1,748.06	2,016.98	2,420.38
St.Neots	794.68	927.13	1,059.58	1,192.03	1,456.93	1,721.83	1,986.71	2,384.06
St.Neots Rural	752.87	878.35	1,003.83	1,129.31	1,380.27	1,631.23	1,882.18	2,258.62
Sawtry	798.95	932.11	1,065.27	1,198.43	1,464.75	1,731.07	1,997.38	2,396.86
Sibson-cum-Stibbington	766.20	893.91	1,021.61	1,149.31	1,404.71	1,660.12	1,915.51	2,298.62
Somersham	789.15	920.68	1,052.20	1,183.73	1,446.78	1,709.84	1,972.88	2,367.46
Southoe & Midloe	782.98	913.47	1,043.97	1,174.47	1,435.47	1,696.46	1,957.45	2,348.94
Spaldwick	775.29	904.51	1,033.72	1,162.94	1,421.37	1,679.81	1,938.23	2,325.88
Steeple Gidding	752.87	878.35	1,003.83	1,129.31	1,380.27	1,631.23	1,882.18	2,258.62
Stilton	795.16	927.69	1,060.22	1,192.75	1,457.81	1,722.87	1,987.91	2,385.50
Stow Longa	785.66	916.60	1,047.55	1,178.49	1,440.38	1,702.27	1,964.15	2,356.98
Tetworth	752.87	878.35	1,003.83	1,129.31	1,380.27	1,631.23	1,882.18	2,258.62
The Stukeleys	768.23	896.27	1,024.31	1,152.35	1,408.43	1,664.51	1,920.58	2,304.70
Tilbrook	765.45	893.03	1,020.60	1,148.18	1,403.33	1,658.49	1,913.63	2,296.36
Toseland	760.76	887.56	1,014.35	1,141.15	1,394.74	1,648.33	1,901.91	2,282.30
Upton and Coppingford	771.81	900.45	1,029.08	1,157.72	1,414.99	1,672.27	1,929.53	2,315.44
Upwood and the Raveleys	766.10	893.79	1,021.47	1,149.16	1,404.53	1,659.90	1,915.26	2,298.32
Warboys	777.29	906.84	1,036.39	1,165.94	1,425.04	1,684.14	1,943.23	2,331.88
Waresley	771.39	899.96	1,028.52	1,157.09	1,414.22	1,671.36	1,928.48	2,314.18
Water Newton	752.87	878.35	1,003.83	1,129.31	1,380.27	1,631.23	1,882.18	2,258.62
Winwick	752.87	878.35	1,003.83	1,129.31	1,380.27	1,631.23	1,882.18	2,258.62
Wistow	771.30	899.86	1,028.41	1,156.96	1,414.06	1,671.17	1,928.26	2,313.92
Woodhurst	763.98	891.32	1,018.65	1,145.98	1,400.64	1,655.31	1,909.96	2,291.96
Woodwalton	770.12	898.48	1,026.83	1,155.19	1,411.90	1,668.61	1,925.31	2,310.38
Yaxley	792.36	924.42	1,056.48	1,188.54	1,452.66	1,716.78	1,980.90	2,377.08
Yelling	757.70	883.99	1,010.27	1,136.56	1,389.13	1,641.70	1,894.26	2,273.12

37. REPORTS OF THE CABINET, PANELS AND COMMITTEE

(a) Cabinet

Councillor I C Bates, Deputy Leader and Vice-Chairman of the Cabinet presented the Report of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 30th June, 21st July, 1st and 15th September 2005.

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In connection with Item No. 24, it was noted that the recommendation had previously been considered under Minute No. 36 ante.

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Upon being put to the vote, the recommendation contained in Item No. 25 was declared to be CARRIED.

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Upon being put to the vote the recommendations contained in Item No. 26 was declared to be CARRIED.

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In connection with Item No. 27, the Council agreed to defer consideration of the recommendations contained therein as the last item of business.

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In connection with Item No. 38 and in response to a question from Councillor Mrs S A Menczer requesting information on leisure projects from which funding would be transferred to meet a shortfall of £59,000 in capital available for an extension to Sawtry Leisure Centre, the Deputy Leader undertook to reply to the questioner in writing.

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In connection with Item No. 56 and in response to a question from Councillor R Powell regarding the loss of car parking spaces as a result of the proposed redevelopment of the Grand Cinema site in Ramsey, the Executive Councillor for Planning Strategy replied that he was not aware that there was a shortage of parking spaces in Ramsey and that redevelopment should secure the site for housing and community use.

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In connection with Item No. 57 and in response to a question from Councillor P J Downes, the Executive Councillor for Leisure replied that given the Council's current financial status it would not have been prudent to fund a Big Gig event in St Neots, that various options had been considered to enable the event to proceed as planned but that both the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Service Delivery & Resources) and the Cabinet had concluded that it would be inappropriate for it to proceed.

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In connection with Item No. 60 and in response to questions from Councillors Mrs K P Gregory and K Reynolds, the Deputy Leader commented that whilst the District Council did not have a statutory duty to provide public conveniences the recently reconstituted Advisory Group would consider the programme for refurbishment of existing facilities and that Councillor Mrs Gregory's views would be welcome when the papers for the first meeting were distributed.

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Whereupon, it was

RESOLVED

that with the exception of Item No. 24 and subject to the foregoing paragraphs, the Report of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 30th June, 21st July, 1st and 15th September 2005 be received and adopted.

(b) **Standards Committee**

Mr D H Bristow presented the Report of the meetings of the Standards Committee held on 25th August and 8th September 2005.

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In connection with Item No. 6 and in response to a question from Councillor P J Downes, the Chairman replied that no indication had been given at a recent Standards Board conference that proposals for the abolition of the Board were being considered.

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Whereupon, it was

RESOLVED

that the Report of the meetings of the Standards Committee held on 25th August and 8th September 2005 be received and adopted.

(c) **Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Planning and Finance)**

Councillor M G Baker, Vice-Chairman of the Panel, presented the Report of the meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Planning and Finance) held on 12th July and 13th September 2005 and of a joint meeting with the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Service Delivery and Resources) held on 13th September 2005.

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In connection with Item No. 14 and after a question from Councillor C R Hyams, the Vice-Chairman reported that arrangements had been made for Councillor Mrs Vanbergen to "shadow" a PCSO on duty and for the Panel to meet PCSOs at an event in October to which all Members would be invited.

The meeting had been organised in response to the Panel's concerns over the level of PCSO involvement in rural areas given funding by the District Council to the Police for their employment.

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In connection with Item No. 15, the Vice-Chairman reported on the progress of a review of Member Development, that the Cabinet had been requested to consider the provision of broadband to Members and that further recommendations would emerge when the review had been concluded. The Executive Councillor for Operations and IT added that a number of trial connections to a broadband service were underway but that there were concerns over the security of the Council's systems which needed to be overcome. He indicated that he would keep Members updated on progress.

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In connection with Item No. 19 and in response to a question from Councillor P J Downes, the Vice-Chairman concurred with the views of the questioner in terms of the constructive debate which had taken place at a Panel meeting on the County Council's speed policy and his anticipation that a request for the issue to be raised at a County Council Scrutiny Panel would result in a review of the present policy.

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In connection with Item No. 22 and in response to a question from Councillor T D Sanderson, the Vice-Chairman confirmed that the Executive Councillor for Leisure and the Head of Community Services had been invited to the next meeting of the Panel to respond to Members' concerns that sums available from Section 106 Agreements remained unspent. The Deputy Leader added that he had subsequently attended an Officer Group meeting at which he had raised similar concerns.

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Whereupon, it was

RESOLVED

that the Reports of the meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Planning and Finance) held on 12th July and 13th September 2005 and of a joint meeting with the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Service Delivery and Resources) held on 13th September 2005 be received and adopted.

(d) **Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Service Delivery and Resources)**

Councillor K Reynolds presented the Report of the meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Service Delivery and Resources) held on 5th July and 6th September 2005.

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Whereupon, it was

that the Report of the meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Service Delivery and Resources) held on 5th July and 6th September 2005 be received and adopted.

(e) **Development Control Panel**

Councillor D B Dew, Vice-Chairman of the Panel, presented the Report of the meetings of the Development Control Panel held on 25th July and 19th September 2005.

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In connection with Item No. 7, the Chairman of the Council reminded Members that the recommendations in respect of a proposed departure from the development plan could not be taken unless Council Procedure Rule 13.2 was suspended because a Motion in similar terms had been rejected by the Council within the preceding six months. In the circumstances, the Vice-Chairman indicated that the recommendations could be deferred for consideration to a future meeting of the Council.

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RESOLVED

that, subject to the foregoing paragraph, the Report of the meetings of the Development Control Panel held on 25th July and 19th September 2005 be received and adopted.

(f) **Employment Panel**

Councillor Mrs B E Boddington, Vice-Chairman of the Panel presented the Report of the meeting of the Employment Panel held on 21st September 2005.

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Whereupon, it was

RESOLVED

that the Report of the meeting of the Employment Panel held on 21st September 2005 be received and adopted.

(g) **Corporate Governance Panel**

Councillor C J Stephens presented the Report of the meeting of the Corporate Governance Panel held on 27th July 2005.

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Upon being put to the vote, the recommendation contained in Item No.1 was declared to be CARRIED

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In connection with Item No. 2, the Chairman extended the Council's appreciation to those Officers who had been engaged

in servicing the Licensing Sub Committees over the past two months following the implementation of the Licensing Act 2003.

Whereupon, on being put to the vote the recommendations contained in Item No.2 were declared to be CARRIED.

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Whereupon, it was

RESOLVED

that, subject to the foregoing paragraphs, the Report of the meeting of the Corporate Governance Panel held on 27th July 2005 be received and adopted.

38. ORAL QUESTIONS

In accordance with the Council Procedure Rules (Section 8.3) of the Council's Constitution, the Chairman proceeded to conduct a period of oral questions addressed to Executive Councillors and Panel Chairmen as follows:-

Question from Councillor R Powell to the Executive Councillor for Operations and Information Technology, Councillor L M Simpson

In response to a question regarding the reinstatement of a weekly domestic wheeled bin collection in the summer months, Councillor Simpson replied that the extension of the scheme to enable kitchen waste to be placed in green wheeled bins would mean that waste likely to generate odours could be collected weekly and should overcome the problems experienced with decaying waste in the summer.

Question from Councillor Mrs C A Godley to the Executive Councillor for Environment and Transport, Councillor Mrs P J Longford

In response to a question regarding the operation and funding of the "Dial-a Ride" service, Councillor Mrs Longford replied that she was hopeful that the problems currently experienced by the service would be overcome and the community better served in the future and that she would respond to the questioner in writing on the level of support extended to community transport schemes in the District by the Council.

Question from Councillor P J Downes to the Executive Councillor for Resources and Policy, Councillor A Hansard

In response to a question regarding the timescale for undertaking a review of Parish boundaries in Huntingdonshire, Councillor A Hansard agreed to respond to the questioner in writing.

Question from Councillor J D Fell to the Executive Councillor for Operations and Information Technology, Councillor L M Simpson

In response to a question regarding the action being taken to ensure traders and businesses were not continuing to dispose of their waste in domestic black sacks, Councillor Simpson replied that an exercise had been undertaken to examine refuse sacks left for domestic collection and where business waste had been found the persons concerned were being advised of the arrangements and cost of the business collection.

This had resulted in a decrease in the number of black bags set out for collection.

Question from Councillor R G Tuplin to the Executive Councillor for Environment and Transport, Councillor Mrs P J Longford

In response to a question regarding the arrangements in place to respond to emergencies in the District caused by adverse weather conditions, Councillor Mrs Longford reported that an emergency plan was in place for securing the wellbeing of communities in Huntingdonshire and that this involved the co-operation and support of the other emergency services.

Question from Councillor C R Hyams to the Deputy Leader, Councillor I C Bates

In response to a question regarding the adequacy of the drainage arrangements and soakaways in Godmanchester, Councillor Bates advised that due to the complexities of the issues involved it would be preferable for the questioner to discuss the matter with the Head of Environment and Transport after the meeting.

Question from Councillor J J Dutton to the Deputy Leader, Councillor I C Bates

In response to a question as to whether the Council had been informed of the County Council's proposals for the Cromwell Museum and County Records Office, Councillor Bates replied that he would inform the questioner of the situation after the meeting.

Question from Councillor Mrs M Banerjee to the Executive Councillor for Planning Strategy, Councillor N J Guyatt

In response to a question regarding traffic management problems at the A14 Spittals interchange, Huntingdon, Councillor Guyatt confirmed that the Highways Agency were due to commence work shortly to install traffic signals at that junction.

39. NOTICE OF MOTION

Before proceeding to the Motion on the Agenda, the Chairman announced his intention to invoke the discretion afforded to him under paragraph 9.5 of the Council Procedure Rules and to rule that the Motion submitted by Councillor M G Baker, on being moved and seconded would stand referred to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Members Allowances.

Accordingly, it was moved by Councillor M G Baker and duly seconded –

“that the three tier system of Members car travel allowance be scraped and replaced with a single mileage payment rate of 37.0p per mile irrespective of car engine size. This rate should be paid, as at present, up to 8,500 miles per annum and the rate above that mileage should be at 10.8p per mile.”

Whereupon, the Motion was referred to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Members Allowances.

40. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972: SECTION 85

The Chief Executive reported that there were no absences of Members from meetings for consideration in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

41. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

that the press and public be excluded from the meeting because the business to be transacted contains exempt information relating to the identity of parties tendering for a contract, the terms proposed for the acquisition or disposal of property and/or the supply of goods or services and the amount of expenditure which would be incurred under the said contract.

42. CABINET (CONTINUED)

Further to Minute No. 37 (a) and in connection with Item No. 27 of the Report of the Cabinet relating to the procurement process for the Council's new headquarters and other accommodation, it was

RESOLVED

- (a) that the recommendations set out in paragraph 6.1 (a) – (d) of the report of the Director of Operational Services be approved; and
- (b) that a final decision on the proposed awarding of a contract and consequential changes to the Medium Term Plan be taken by the Council at their meeting to be held on 7th December 2005.

The meeting concluded at 4.05pm.

Chairman