



EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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MEETING: FINANCE & ASSETS COMMITTEE

TIME: 4:30pm

DATE: Thursday, 26th November 2020

VENUE: PLEASE NOTE: Due to the introduction of restrictions on gatherings of people by the Government due to the Covid-19 outbreak, this meeting will be conducted remotely facilitated using the Zoom video conferencing system. There will be no access to the meeting at the Council Offices, but there will be Public Question Time at the commencement of the meeting in accordance with the Council's Public Question Time Scheme, as modified for remote meetings. Details of the public viewing arrangements for this meeting are detailed in the Notes box at the end of the Agenda.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING THIS AGENDA: Tracy Couper

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Membership:

Conservative Members

David Brown (Chairman)
David Ambrose Smith
Ian Bovingdon (Vice Chair)
Bill Hunt
Alan Sharp

Liberal Democrat Members

Alison Whelan (Lead Member)
Charlotte Cane
Simon Harries
John Trapp

Substitutes:

Dan Schumann
Josh Schumann
Jo Webber

Substitutes:

Matt Downey
Gareth Wilson
Christine Whelan

Lead Officer:

Emma Grima, Director Commercial

Quorum: 5 Members

AGENDA

1. Public Question Time

The meeting will commence with up to 15 minutes public question time

2. Apologies and Substitutions

[oral]

3. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of interest from Members for any items on the Agenda in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct. **[oral]**

4. Minutes

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 24th September 2020

5. Chairman's Announcements

ACCOUNTS & AUDIT ITEMS

6. External Audit - Audit Results Report

7. Statement of Accounts 2019/20

Due to their size, the Statement of Accounts at Appendix 1 has been printed separately to the Agenda and a copy is available with the Agenda on the Council's website www.eastcambs.gov.uk

8. External Audit – Financial Reporting Council (FRC) Report on Inspection Results of Major Local Audit

9. External Audit – Initial View on Redmond Review

10. PSAA Audit Fees Consultation Response

11. Internal Audit Progress Report

ITEMS FOR DECISION

12. Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (LCTRS) Review & Discretionary Business Rates Relief

13. Nomination of Trustee to East Cambs CLT

14. Palace Green Homes (ECTC) - Office Accommodation Review (Interim Report)

15. Treasury Management Mid-Year Review

16. East Cambridgeshire Bus Services Review

(i) Notes of Working Party Meetings held on 8 October and 12 November 2020

(ii) Draft Submission to CPCA (Printed Separately)

(iii) Revised Terms of Reference Bus Services Review Working Party

17. CIL Allocation

ITEMS FOR NOTING

18. Gender Pay Reporting

19. Finance Report

20. Assets Update

21. COVID-19 Working Party Notes

To receive the Notes of the meeting held on 30 September 2020

22. ARP Joint Committee Minutes

To receive the Minutes of the meeting of the ARP Joint Committee held on 15 September 2020

23. Forward Agenda Plan

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRESS

That the press and public be excluded during the consideration of the remaining item because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of Categories 1 & 3 of Part I Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

24. ECTC Management Accounts

25. Asset Management Matter, Ely

26. Exempt Minutes

To receive the Exempt Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & Assets Committee held on 24th September 2020

NOTES:

1. Since the introduction of restrictions on gatherings of people by the Government in March 2020, it has not been possible to hold standard face to face public meetings at the Council Offices. This led to a temporary suspension of meetings. The Coronavirus Act 2020 now has been implemented, however, and in Regulations made under Section 78 it gives local authorities the power to hold meetings without it being necessary for any of the participants or audience to be present together in the same room.
The Council has a scheme to allow Public Question Time at the start of the meeting using the Zoom video conferencing system. If you wish to ask a question or make a statement, please contact Tracy Couper, Democratic Services Manager tracy.couper@eastcambs.gov.uk by 5pm on Tuesday, 24 November 2020. If you are not able to access the meeting remotely, or do not wish to speak via a remote link, your question/statement can be read out on your behalf at the Committee meeting.
2. A live stream of the meeting will be available via YouTube at <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/meetings/finance-assets-committee-26112020>
3. Reports are attached for each agenda item unless marked “oral”.
4. If required all items on the agenda can be provided in different formats (e.g. large type, Braille or audio tape, or translated into other languages), on request, by calling Main Reception on (01353) 665555 or e-mail: translate@eastcambs.gov.uk
5. If the Committee wishes to exclude the public and press from the meeting a resolution in the following terms will need to be passed:
“That the press and public be excluded during the consideration of the remaining items no. X because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of Categories X Part I Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).”