

EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

THE GRANGE, NUTHOLT LANE, ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE CB7 4EE

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MEETING: CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

TIME: **4.30pm**

DATE: Thursday 4 December 2014

VENUE: Council Chamber, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely

ENQUIRIES REGARDING THIS AGENDA: Tracy Couper

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Membership:

<u>Conservative Members</u> <u>Liberal Democrat</u> <u>Independent Member</u>

Cllr Andy Wright (Spokes)

Cllr David Ambrose-Smith Members

Cllr David Brown (Vice-Chair) Cllr Lorna Dupré Cllr Neil Morrison

Cllr Kevin Ellis (Chair) Cllr Gareth Wilson

Cllr Chris Morris (Spokes)

Cllr James Palmer Cllr Hamish Ross Cllr Josh Schumann

Substitutes: Substitutes: Substitutes:

Cllr Allen Alderson Cllr Jeremy Friend-Smith Cllr Derrick Beckett
Cllr Tony Parramint Cllr Robert Stevens Cllr Colin Fordham

Lead Officer:

Linda Grinnell, Financial Services Manager

Quorum: 5 Members

PLEASE NOTE: A presentation for all Members of Corporate Governance and Finance Committee on fraud work and initiatives across the Council, Anglia Revenues Partnership and the wider Cambs County will be held at 3.15pm prior to the commencement of the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Public Question Time

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

2. Apologies and Substitutions

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.

4. Minutes

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6 November 2014.

5. Chairman's Announcements

ITEMS FOR DECISION

- 6. Review of Whistleblowing Policy
- 7. Localised Council Tax Support Scheme
- 8. Council Tax Base
- 9. Fraud Activity Report
- 10. Internal Audit Plan Interim Progress Report
- 11. Delivery of Strategic Planning Service 2015/16

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 12. Budget Monitoring Report
- 13. Treasury Operations Mid Year Review

14. Information Items Report

Actions Taken by the Chief Executive on the Grounds of Urgency: Strategic Planning Service Level Agreement (SLA) Peterborough City Council 2014/15

15. 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 no(s). 16 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 Category 3 of Part I Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

16. Exempt Minutes – 6 November 2014

To confirm as a correct record.

NOTES:

 Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting. There are a number of schemes aimed at encouraging public participation in the Council's activities and meetings. These include public question times and a process to enable petitions to be submitted. Details of these can be obtained by calling any of the telephone numbers below or by logging onto the Council's website.

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- 2. Fire instructions for meetings:
 - If the fire alarm sounds please make your way out of the building by the nearest available exit i.e. the back staircase or the fire escape in the chamber. Do not to use the lifts.
 - The fire assembly point is in the front staff car park by the exit barrier.
 - This building has an auto-call system to the fire services, so there is no need for anyone to call the fire services.

The Committee Officer will sweep the area to ensure that everyone is out of this area.

- 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)."