



EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the **EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL** will be held in **THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NUTHOLT LANE, ELY ON THURSDAY 17 JULY 2014** commencing at **6.00pm** with up to 15 minutes of Public Question Time, immediately followed by the formal business, and you are summoned to attend for the transaction of the following business.

AGENDA

1. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** [oral]
The meeting will commence with up to 15 minutes public question time
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** [oral]
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** [oral]
To receive declarations of interest from Members for any items on the Agenda in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct.
4. **MINUTES – 15 MAY 2014**
To confirm as a correct record.
5. **ELECTION RESULT – SOHAM SOUTH BY-ELECTION**
Councillor Hamish Ross elected as a Conservative District Councillor to the Soham South Ward following the By-Election on 19 June 2014
6. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS** [oral]
7. **TO RECEIVE PETITIONS (IF ANY)** [oral]
8. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 10** [oral]

(a) Constitutional Amendments - Planning

This Council instructs the Chief Executive and Deputy Monitoring Officer (under the authorisation given to them by Special Council on 15 April

2014 ref Agenda 6) to make the necessary constitutional amendments to ensure that:

- (i) In the event of amendments to the draft agenda of Planning Committee prior to publication that the case officer is obliged to consult with the Chairman of Planning Committee and in the event of the Chairman disagreeing with the proposed action, that this matter is referred to the Chief Executive for final decision in consultation with the Leader of the Council.
- (ii) In the event of call-in from a Member to request that a planning decision be made by Planning Committee (ref 3(41/42) para 5.3 and 5.4), that there be a right to withdraw this request prior to the publication of the agenda.
- (iii) That the absolute requirement for a substitute member of the Planning Committee to attend a site visit before he/she can determine the application at Committee be removed.

Proposer Cllr James Palmer
Secunder Cllr Josh Schumann

(b) Employee Pay Protection

This Council feels that changing the redundancy rules while in the middle of a redundancy process is morally wrong and we wish ECDC to be regarded as a good employer.

We therefore instruct the Chief Executive to retain our existing policy for pay protection arrangements to two years for those staff who have accepted a reduction in their salary with changed conditions of employment in the restructuring set of proposals that have been introduced. Reducing the period from two years to one year is a fundamental change in our employment policy and it should have been discussed by all Members at a full Council Meeting and agreed before the redundancy procedure was started.

This will have no effect on this year's budget and only a relatively small effect on next year's budget figures.

Proposer Cllr Gareth Wilson
Secunder Cllr Jeremy Friend-Smith

10. POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY & MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES & SUB-COMMITTEES

J Hill
Chief Executive

To: All Members of the Council

NOTES:

1. 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 the telephone number as listed at the top of this agenda or by logging onto the Council's website.

The maximum capacity for meetings in the Council Chamber has been set by the Fire Officer at 100 persons. Allowing for Member/Officer attendance and room layout constraints, this will normally give a capacity for public attendance of 50 people.

Admittance to the Council Chamber is on a "first come, first served" basis and public access will be from 15 minutes before the start time of the meeting.

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 item no(s). 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(s) there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of Category X of Part I Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)."