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DISTRICT COUNCIL

SPECIAL COUNCIL – 13 APRIL 2016
DECISION LIST

Agenda Item No.	Report Ref.	Item	Issue	Decision	Action by
1.	-	Public Question Time	To answer questions from members of the public.	<p>The following question was asked by Mrs Victoria Holden, Chairman of East Cambs Access Group:</p> <p>I speak as Chairman of East Cambs Access Group and my question relates to Agenda Item 6 on the Public Conveniences Review. At Agenda Item 6(c) Appendix 1 you will see the points I made at the Commercial Services Committee meeting.</p> <p>At no time has the Access Group been consulted on the closure of public conveniences by officers of East Cambridgeshire DC, none of the questions I have raised have been answered and no response given to the offer to assist on the provision of accessible public conveniences at Palace Green. If the proposed closures go ahead, despite of what is stated in the Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA), this will impact adversely or discriminate unfairly on particular groups with protected characteristics under the relevant legislation. The law provides that these groups be protected.</p> <p>If Sacrist Gate public conveniences close,</p>	-

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				<p>there is no proposal to provide alternative accessible temporary conveniences at Palace Green – I can provide details of these. These should be provided until suitable alternative facilities can be found.</p> <p>How is it possible to prevent officers presenting misleading and erroneous information to Members on which they are expected to base their decisions in Committee.</p> <p>The Director Commercial, Emma Grima responded to the question as follows:</p> <p>An EIA was completed prior to the Commercial Services Committee meeting and the Access Group were consulted before this. With regard to the EIA on the two sites at Sacrist Gate and Newnham Street, consideration was given to accessible facilities nearby and it was concluded that appropriate alternative facilities were available.</p>	
2.	-	Apologies for Absence	-	Apologies for absence was received from Cllrs Bradley, Edwards, Green and Pearson.	-
3.	-	Declarations of Interest	To receive declarations of interests from Members in respect of any items on the Agenda in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct.	Cllrs Hunt and Bailey declared a possible potential conflict of interest in Agenda Item 6 on the call-in of the decision made at Commercial Services Committee on 15 March 2016 relating to the Public Conveniences Review and stated that they	-

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				<p>would leave the meeting during the discussion and decision on that item.</p> <p>Councillor Dupré queried Councillor Hunt's intended withdrawal for this item, as he was one of the Members listed on the Call-in Form as required to attend for this item. The Chief Executive stated that whilst Cllr Hunt was one of the Members specified to attend for this item, he had decided that his interest prevented him from being present. The Chairman commented that similar situations arose when Call-ins were considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, whereby parties were requested to attend but were not always able to do so.</p>	
4.	-	Chairman's Announcements	Announcement of items of interest.	<p>The Chairman made the following announcements:</p> <p>There will be an additional Council meeting timetabled for Tuesday 28 June 2016 which is intended to consider the Leisure Centre and any further information relating to the East Anglia Devolution Agreement. Please could you make a note of this date in your diary.</p> <p>Members are invited to attend the lighting of the joint ECDC and Burwell PC Beacon for the Queen's 90th Birthday.</p> <p>I am delighted to say that my Reception on 11 March 2016 went according to plan. I</p>	All to note

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				would like to thank all the staff and Members who supported me on the day, principally Councillor Mike Rouse with his camera and Lynne Smart and her team who looked after all our guests. The event raised £1,000 for the Chairman's charity – thank you.	
5.	Q249	East Anglia Devolution Agreement	To consider ratification of the East Anglia Devolution Agreement.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>(i) That 'The East Anglia Devolution Agreement', as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report, be ratified.</p> <p>(ii) That the Chief Executive and Leader of Council be instructed to ensure the inclusion of key infrastructure projects and priorities (as set out below) in the current and future devolution deals for East Anglia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ely Southern Bypass ▪ Soham Railway Station and doubling of track ▪ Ely North Junction ▪ Newmarket Curve ▪ Junction A14/A142 ▪ Community Land Trust (CLT) development and related infrastructure ▪ A10 upgrade ▪ improvements to cross country links East and West. 	Chief Executive

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				(iii) That the Chief Executive be requested to report back to the Council in June to update Members on the implementation of the decisions in (i) and (ii) as detailed above.	
6.	-	Call – In of decision made at Commercial Services Committee on 15 March 2016 – Public Conveniences Review	To consider the call – in of a decision made at the Commercial Services Committee on 15 March 2016 regarding the closure of the public conveniences at Newnham Street and Sacrist Gate, Ely as part of the Public Conveniences Review, and to make a final decision on whether to uphold, amend or reject that decision.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>To uphold the decision of the Commercial Services Committee on 15 March 2016 as follows:</p> <p>To approve the recommendations of the Asset Development Committee (Ref: 1st February 2016, Agenda Item 6), specifically, the closure of the public conveniences at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newnham Street, Ely; and • Sacrist Gate, Ely and meet the costs of £5,000 for the surrender of the lease. 	Director commercial