

EAST HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of East Hertfordshire District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Wallfields, Hertford on Wednesday 28th January, 2015 at 7.00 pm, for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the Agenda below, and you are hereby summoned to attend.

Dated this 15th day of January 2015

Jeff Hughes
Head of Democratic and
Legal Support Services

Note: Prayers will be said before the meeting commences. Those Members who do not wish to participate will be invited to enter the Chamber at their conclusion

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Announcements

To receive any announcements.

2. Minutes (Pages 7 - 18)

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 17 December 2014.

3. Declarations of Interest

To receive any Members' declarations of interest.

4. Petitions

To receive any petitions.

5. Public Questions

To receive any public questions.

6. Members' questions

To receive any Members' questions.

7. Executive Report - 6 January 2015 (Pages 19 - 24)

To receive a report from the Leader of the Council and to consider recommendations on the matters below:

(A) The Bishop's Stortford Goods Yard Update Report

Minute 444 refers

(B) Draft District Plan – Retail and Town Centres Policy Critical Friend Appraisal (November 2014)

Minute 445 refers

(C) Authority Monitoring Report 2013/14

Minute 446 refers

(D) Delivery Study Update Report

Minute 447 refers

(E) Duty to Co-operate Update Report

Minute 448 refers

Note – Members are asked to bring their copy of the Executive agenda to the meeting.

8. Development Management Committee: Minutes - 7 January 2015

*Chairman: Councillor M Newman
(to follow)*

9. Human Resources Committee: Minutes - 14 January 2015

Chairman: Councillor G McAndrew

(to follow)

To consider a recommendation on the matter below:

(A) Pay Policy Statement 2015/16

10. Joint meeting of Scrutiny Committees: Minutes - 20 January 2015

Chairman:

(to follow)

11. Audit Committee: Minutes - 21 January 2015

Chairman: Councillor J Ranger

(to follow)

12. National Non Domestic Rates Calculation 2015/16

To consider a report (to follow) of the Executive Member for Finance.

13. Motions on Notice

To receive Motions on Notice.

DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

1. A Member, present at a meeting of the Authority, or any committee, sub-committee, joint committee or joint sub-committee of the Authority, with a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) in any matter to be considered or being considered at a meeting:
 - must not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting;
 - must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting;
 - must disclose the interest to the meeting, whether registered or not, subject to the provisions of section 32 of the Localism Act 2011;
 - if the interest is not registered and is not the subject of a pending notification, must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days;
 - must leave the room while any discussion or voting takes place.

2. A DPI is an interest of a Member or their partner (which means spouse or civil partner, a person with whom they are living as husband or wife, or a person with whom they are living as if they were civil partners) within the descriptions as defined in the Localism Act 2011.

3. The Authority may grant a Member dispensation, but only in limited circumstances, to enable him/her to participate and vote on a matter in which they have a DPI.

4. It is a criminal offence to:

- fail to disclose a disclosable pecuniary interest at a meeting if it is not on the register;
- fail to notify the Monitoring Officer, within 28 days, of a DPI that is not on the register that a Member disclosed to a meeting;
- participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which a Member has a DPI;
- knowingly or recklessly provide information that is false or misleading in notifying the Monitoring Officer of a DPI or in disclosing such interest to a meeting.

(Note: The criminal penalties available to a court are to impose a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale and disqualification from being a councillor for up to 5 years.)

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