

EAST HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of East Hertfordshire District Council will be held in the Online meeting - Livestreamed on Thursday 29th April, 2021 at 7.00 pm, for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the Agenda below, and you are hereby summoned to attend.

21 April 2021

James Ellis
Head of Legal and
Democratic 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. Election of Chairman 2021/22

To elect the Chairman of the Council for 2021/22 following which the Chairman will make the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

3. Election of Vice-Chairman 2021/22

To elect the Vice Chairman of the Council for 2021/22 following which the Vice Chairman will make the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

4. Further Chairman's Announcements

5. Apologies for Absence

To receive any Members' apologies for absence.

6. Minutes - 18 March 2021 (Pages 7 - 32)

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 March 2021.

7. Declarations of Interest

To receive any Members' declarations of interest.

8. Petitions

To receive any petitions.

9. Public Questions

To receive any public questions.

10. Members' questions

To receive any Members' questions.

11. Executive Report - 30 March 2021 (Pages 33 - 82)

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

- (A) Harlow and Gilston Garden Town: Sustainability Guidance and Checklist, final document for endorsement
- 12. Licensing Committee - 10 March 2021 (Pages 83 - 100)
 - (A) Department for Transport (DfT) Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards
- 13. Committee Membership and Political Balance of the Council 2021/22 (Pages 101 - 112)
- 14. Outside bodies (Pages 113 - 116)
- 15. Minor and Consequential Amendments to the Constitution (Pages 117 - 168)
- 16. Local Government Association Model Code of Conduct for Members (Pages 169 - 196)
- 17. Annual Scrutiny Reports 2019/20 and 2021/22 (Pages 197 - 232)
- 18. Motions on Notice

To receive Motions on Notice.

- (A) Reconsider plans to demolish the URC Hall on the Old River Lane site in Bishop's Stortford (Pages 233 - 234)

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.

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