

## **EAST HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of East Hertfordshire District Council will be held as an online meeting on Wednesday 21st October, 2020 at 7.00 pm, for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the Agenda below, and you are hereby summoned to attend.

Date this 13 October 2020

*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. Apologies for Absence

*To receive any Members' apologies for absence.*

3. Minutes (Pages 7 - 46)

*To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 22 July 2020.*

4. Declarations of Interest

*To receive any Members' declarations of interest.*

5. Petitions

*To receive any petitions.*

6. Public Questions

*To receive any public questions.*

7. Members' questions (Pages 47 - 48)

*To receive any Members' questions.*

8. Executive Report - 1 September 2020 (Pages 49 - 88)

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

(A) Revised Safeguarding Policy

9. Executive Report - 6 October 2020 (Pages 89 - 140)

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

(A) East Herts District Plan – Amendments to Policies Map

(B) Policy for Enforcing Standards for Private Sector Landlords

(C) Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2021/22

(D) In principle agreement to use of CPO powers to acquire land to implement Gilston Area development infrastructure requirements

10. Appointment of s.151 Officer (Pages 141 - 144)

11. Motions on Notice

*To receive Motions on Notice.*

12. Report of urgent key decision taken by the Leader - SLM request for financial support (Pages 145 - 160)

13. Exclusion of press and public

*To move that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of item 14, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act of the following description: in that it provides sensitive commercial information relating to the finances of the recipient of the loan.*

14. Report of urgent key decision taken by the Leader - SLM request for financial support (Pages 161 - 170)

## **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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