

## **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 July, 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.

20 July 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. Apologies for Absence

*To receive any Members' apologies for absence.*

3. Minutes - 29 April 2021 (Pages 7 - 40)

*To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 29 April 2021.*

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 41 - 42)

*To receive any Members' questions.*

8. Executive Report - 6 July 2021 (Pages 43 - 530)

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

(A) Refreshed Corporate Plan for 2021/22

(B) Draft Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy for East Herts

(C) Approval of the Statement of Licensing Policy 2021 - 26 under the Licensing Act 2003

(D) Adoption of Bengoe Neighbourhood Area Plan following Referendum

(E) Adoption of Sele Neighbourhood Area Plan following Referendum

(F) Adoption of Thundridge Neighbourhood Plan following Referendum

(G) Adoption of Gilston Area Neighbourhood Plan following Referendum

9. Committee Membership update (Pages 531 - 540)
10. Local Government Boundary Commission Council Size Submission (Pages 541 - 566)
11. Acquisition of Ware property for conversion to temporary accommodation - 34 Queens Road, Ware (Pages 567 - 580)
12. Motions on Notice (Pages 581 - 582)

*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.

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