

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 17th May, 2023 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 10 day of May 2023

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

This meeting will be live streamed on the Council's Youtube page:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/EastHertsDistrict>

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Announcements

To receive any announcements from the Chairman.

2. Apologies for Absence

To receive any Members' apologies for absence.

3. Election of a Chairman 2023/24

To elect the Chairman of the Council for 2023/24 following which the Chairman will make the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

4. Election of a Vice-Chairman 2023/24

To elect the Vice-Chairman of the Council for 2023/24 following which the Vice-Chairman will make the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

5. Further Chairman's Announcements

To receive any announcements from the Chairman.

6. Election of the Leader 2023-2027

To elect the Leader of the Council for the four-year term.

7. Leader's Announcements

To receive any announcements from the Leader of the Council.

8. Minutes - 1 March 2023 (Pages 5 - 42)

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 1 March 2023.

9. Declarations of Interest

To receive any Members' declarations of interest.

10. Petitions

To receive any petitions.

11. Public Questions

To receive any public questions.

12. Members' Questions

To receive any Members' questions.

13. Political Balance and Committee Membership of the Council (Pages 43 - 49)

14. Annual Scrutiny Report 2022/23 (Pages 50 - 63)

15. Independent Members of the Audit and Governance Committee (Pages 64 - 86)

16. Consideration of the results of the Hackney Carriage Unmet Demand Survey (Pages 87 - 94)

17. Motions on Notice

To receive Motions on Notice.

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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.

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