

## **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 13th December, 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 6 day of December 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. Leader's Announcements

To receive any announcements from the Leader of the Council.

3. Apologies for Absence

To receive any Members' apologies for absence.

4. Minutes - 18 October 2023 (Pages 5 - 48)

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 October 2023.

5. Declarations of Interest

To receive any Members' declarations of interest.

6. Petitions (Page 49)

To receive any petitions.

(A) Protect Bengo Field landscape and return it to Green Belt\_(Page 50)

7. Public Questions (Pages 51 - 52)

To receive any public questions.

8. Members' Questions (Pages 53 - 55)

To receive any Members' questions.

9. Executive Report - 28 November 2023 (Pages 56 - 59)

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

(A) Consideration of mandating card payment facilities in licensed vehicles\_(Pages 60 - 79)

(B) Watton-at-Stone Neighbourhood Plan\_(Pages 80 - 164)

(C) Ware Neighbourhood Plan\_(Pages 165 - 287)

(D) Land at Walkern Road (WAS3) Masterplanning Framework\_(Pages 288 - 314)

10. Political Balance and Committee Membership of the Council Update  
(Pages 315 - 320)

11. Minor changes to the Constitution (Pages 321 - 329)

12. Car Park Fees - Bishop's Stortford (Pages 330 - 338)

13. Motions on Notice

To receive Motions on Notice.

(A) Proportional representation\_(Pages 339 - 340)

(B) Hotels for Asylum Seekers\_(Page 341)

## **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.

## **Public Attendance**

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