

## **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 14th May, 2025 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 7 day of May 2025

*James Ellis*  
Head of Legal and  
Democratic Services

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<https://www.youtube.com/user/EastHertsDistrict>

### **AGENDA**

1. Chair's Announcements

To receive any announcements from the Chair.

2. Election of Chairman 2025/26

3. Election of Vice Chairman 2025/26

4. Minutes - 26 February 2025 (Pages 5 - 38)

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chair to sign the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 February 2025.

5. Further Chairman's Announcements

6. Leader's Announcements

To receive any announcements from the Leader of the Council.

7. Apologies for Absence

To receive any Members' apologies for absence.

8. Declarations of Interest

To receive any Members' declarations of interest.

9. Executive Report - 18 March 2025 (Pages 39 - 41)

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

(A) Treasury Management Mid-Year Review 2024/25\_(Pages 42 - 59)

(B) East Herts District Plan Review – Buntingford Employment Study 2025 (Pages 60 - 112)

(C) East Herts District Plan Review – East Herts Strategic Vision\_(Pages 113 - 161)

10. Update on Local Government Reform (Pages 162 - 166)

11. Political Balance and Committee Membership of the Council 2025/26 (Pages 167 - 174)

12. Member Constitution Review Group's report on exploring a change to the Council's governance system (Pages 175 - 184)

13. Outside Bodies' Review 2024/25 (Pages 185 - 200)

14. Annual Scrutiny Report 2024 - 2025 (Pages 201 - 214)

15. Statutory Recommendations from External Auditors Ernst & Young (Pages 215 - 296)

16. UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2025/26 (Pages 297 - 315)

17. Acceptance and proposed use of Warm Homes : Local Grant monies  
(Pages 316 - 323)

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- 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;
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