

## **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 4th March, 2026 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 24 day of February 2026

James Ellis  
Director for Legal, Policy  
and Governance

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

### **AGENDA**

1. Chair's Announcements

To receive any announcements from the Chair.

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 - 10 December 2025 (Pages 6 - 14)

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chair to sign the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 December 2025.

5. Declarations of Interest

To receive any Members' declarations of interest.

## 6. Petitions

To receive any petitions.

(A) Stop East Herts District Council splitting up Sawbridgeworth\_(Pages 15 - 16)

(B) Stop East Herts District Council splitting up Buntingford\_(Pages 17 - 18)

## 7. Public Questions

To receive any public questions.

## 8. Members' Questions

To receive any Members' questions.

## 9. Executive Report - 13 January 2026 & 10 February 2026 (Pages 19 - 20)

(A) Treasury Management 2025/26 Mid-Year Review\_(Pages 21 - 34)

(B) Capital Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy and Treasury Strategy 2026/27\_(Pages 35 - 73)

## 10. Budget 2026/27 & Medium Term Financial Plan 2026 -2031 (Pages 74 - 140)

## 11. Council Tax Setting 2026/27 (Pages 141 - 148)

## 12. Pay Policy Statement 2026/27 (Pages 149 - 161)

## 13. Stanstead Abbots and St. Margaret's Neighbourhood Plan (Pages 162 - 303)

## 14. Minor amendments to the Constitution (Pages 304 - 355)

## 15. Millstream Business Plan 2026/27 (Pages 356 - 380)

## 16. Motions on Notice

To receive Motions on Notice.

- (A) Motion to undertake new Community Governance Reviews in Sawbridgeworth and Buntingford\_(Pages 381 - 382)

### **Exclusion of Press and Public**

Part II business has been notified for this meeting. The Chairman will 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 15 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 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information."

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- 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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