

## COUNCIL

A meeting of Council will be held at Council Chamber, Fenland Hall, County Road, March on MONDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2025 at 4.00 PM and I request you to attend accordingly for transaction of the following business:

- 1 To receive apologies for absence.
- 2 Previous Minutes (Pages 3 - 14)  
  
To confirm and sign the minutes of 16 December 2024.
- 3 Civic Engagements Update. (Pages 15 - 16)
- 4 To receive any announcements from the Chairman of the Council and/or the Head of Paid Service.
- 5 To receive members' declaration of any interests under the Local Code of Conduct or any interest under the Code of Conduct on Planning Matters in respect of any item to be discussed at the meeting.
- 6 To receive questions from, and provide answers to, councillors in relation to matters which, in the opinion of the Chairman, accord with the provisions of Procedure Rules 8.4 and 8.6.
- 7 To receive reports from and ask questions of Cabinet members with portfolio holder responsibilities, in accordance with Procedure Rules 8.1 and 8.2. (Pages 17 - 66)
- 8 Business Plan 2025/26 (Pages 67 - 86)  
  
For Council to consider and approve the Final Business Plan 2025/26.
- 9 Corporate Budget 2025/26 (Pages 87 - 154)  
  
To consider the Cabinet recommendations in relation to the General Fund Budget Estimates 2025/26 and the Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2025/26 to 2029/30; the Council Tax levels for 2025/26; the Capital Programme 2025/26-2027/28; and the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement, Capital Strategy and Annual Treasury Investment Strategy for 2025/26.
- 10 Council Tax Resolution 2025/26 (Pages 155 - 158)  
  
Following consideration of this report to Council on 24 February 2025 and the setting of the Revenue Budget for 2025/26, the Council is required to pass the resolution to set the Council Tax requirement.
- 11 Fenland Waste Strategy (Pages 159 - 194)  
  
For Council to agree upon Cabinet's recommendation an updated waste

collection system for domestic waste collection in Fenland that provides for the legislative changes resulting from the Environment Act 2021 as they commence from 30 March 2026.

12 Senior Manager Pay Policy Statement (Pages 195 - 206)

The purpose of this report is for Council to adopt the Senior Manager Pay Policy Statement for 2025-2025.

13 Article 4 Direction - HMO's in Wisbech (with Confidential appendix) (Pages 207 - 250)

The making of Immediate and Non-Immediate Article 4 Directions in Wisbech will give the Local Planning Authority (LPA) the ability to properly consider the implications of all new HMOs that are created, avoid excessive concentrations of HMOs in particular areas and continue to monitor their distribution and effects on the wider area.

*Schedule 5 to this report comprises exempt information - to exclude the public (including the press) from a meeting of a committee it is necessary for the following proposition to be moved and adopted: "that the public be excluded from the meeting for Items which would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) as indicated."*

Fenland Hall  
March



Chief Executive

Friday, 14 February 2025

**NOTE** The Council may, by resolution, as exemplified below, exclude the public from a meeting during the consideration of any item of business whenever it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that, if members of the public were present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Section 100 I of the Local Government Act, 1972

"Resolved that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for Item No./Minute No. on the grounds that the item involves the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act"