

COUNCIL

A meeting of Council will be held at Council Chamber, Fenland Hall, County Road, March on MONDAY, 19 MAY 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 To elect a Chairman for the period to the next Annual Meeting and to resolve that an allowance of £4,120 plus travelling expenses be paid to the person elected.
- 3 To elect a Vice Chairman for the period to the next Annual Meeting and to resolve that an allowance of £1,000 plus travelling expenses be paid to the person elected.
- 4 Previous Minutes (Pages 5 - 20)

To confirm and sign the minutes of 24 February 2025 and the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of 14 March 2025.

- 5 To receive any announcements from the Chairman of the Council and/or the Head of Paid Service.
- 6 Meetings of the Council 2025/26

To determine that:

1. The Annual Meeting of the Council in 2026 be held on:

Monday 18 May 2026

2. Ordinary meetings of the Council in 2025/26 be held as follows:

Monday 21 July 2025
Monday 15 September 2025
Monday 15 December 2025
Monday 23 February 2026

- 7 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.
- 8 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.
- 9 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 21 - 72)
- 10 Motion submitted by Councillor Sennitt Clough (Pages 73 - 74)

Motion submitted by Councillor Sennitt Clough regarding a flag for the Fens.

11 Motion submitted by Councillor Boden (Pages 75 - 76)

Motion submitted by Councillor Boden regarding Saxon Pit Planning Application.

12 New Procurement Strategy (Pages 77 - 96)

To consider the implementation of a New Procurement Strategy to align to the Council's Business Plan.

13 Committee Balance, Political Balance and Allocation of Seats (Pages 97 - 114)

To agree the committee structures and terms of reference for the forthcoming municipal year as well as confirming the allocation of seats to those committees and also to outside bodies in accordance with political proportionality rules and to receive notification of the appointments to committees.

14 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Appointments (Pages 115 - 122)

This report requests the Council to make appointments to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority for the municipal year 2025/26.

15 Resolution to Extend 6-month Rule (Pages 123 - 126)

This report requests that Council pass a resolution under s.85 of the Local Government Act 1972 ("the 1972 Act") authorising Councillor Harris' continued absence from meetings for period of 3 months from 19th May 2025.

16 Fraud Services S.113 Agreement (with confidential appendix) (Pages 127 - 132)

To recommend that Council approve a Section 113 agreement with Maldon District Council for the Anglia Revenues Partnership (ARP) to provide Fraud Services.

The Schedule 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 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) as indicated."

Fenland Hall
March



Chief Executive

Friday, 9 May 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"