

14 July 2003

Dear Councillor

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

A meeting of the Council will be held at the Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden, on Tuesday 22 July 2003 at 7.45 pm, or at the conclusion of the question and answer session, whichever is the earlier.

Yours faithfully

BRIAN PERKINS

Acting Chief Executive

**Commencing at 7.30 pm, there will be an opportunity of up to 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions and make statements subject to having given two working days prior notice.**

## **A M E N D E D   A G E N D A** (see Item 10)

### **PART I**

- 1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.
- 2 To receive the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2003 (Page 1087), the Annual Council meeting held on 20 May 2003 (Page 1) and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 12 June 2003 (Page 16).
- 3 Business arising.
- 4 Chairman's communications.
- 5 Leader's communications.
- 6 Matters arising from Committees.
  - (i) Resources Committee – 26 June 2003
    - Minute RE8 (page 78) – Financial Policy Review 2004/05

- 7 Appointment of Registration Officer/Returning Officer.
- 8 Procurement.
- 9 Development Control and Licensing Committees Terms of Reference
- 10 Notice of Motion

To consider the following Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor A Dean and seconded by Councillor M A Gayler:

“Council considers that the Council Tax is an unfair and regressive tax that does not have regard to people’s ability to pay. The continuing transfer of the tax burden from central taxation to local taxation is penalising the less well off and leading to resistance to the Council Tax system.

“The Council supports the review of local taxation being carried out by the Local Government Association with Central Government and calls for other systems such as local Income Tax to be considered as fairer alternative to Council Tax.

“Council resolves to make its views known to Government, the LGA and the local MP, and calls for interim measures by Central Government to alleviate stresses on this Council’s budget that cannot reasonably be met through the Council Tax without creating unfair burdens on many local residents.

“The Council confirms its commitment to review of its own priorities and the effective use of its resources to modify pressures on Council Tax.”

- 11 To consider questions (if any) under Council Procedure Rule 8.2.
- 12 Any other items which the Chairman considers to be urgent.

To: All Members of the Council

Lead Officer: Brian Perkins  
Committee Officer: Mick Purkiss