

9 April 2009

Dear Councillor

COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Council will be held at the Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden on Tuesday, 21 April 2009 at 7.45 pm, or at the conclusion of the question and answer session, whichever is the earlier.

Yours faithfully

JOHN MITCHELL

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.

PART I

- 1 Presentation to mark the reaccreditation of Stansted Mountfitchet as a Quality Parish Council. Joy Sheppard, the Chief Executive of EALC, will attend the meeting to say a few words about Quality Status and the Chairman will present the award to a representative of the Parish Council.
- 2 Members' question and answer session (up to 15 minutes).
- 3 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.
- 4 To receive the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2009.
- 5 Business arising.
- 6 Chairman's communications.
- 7 Leader's communications.
- 8 Matters arising from Committees-
 - i. Finance and Administration Committee on 26 March 2009, Minute FA57 - to ratify the Committee's decision to rescind the Council's decision on 19 February 2009 to increase housing rents by an average of 6.07% and to substitute an increase in line with the revised guideline rent increase, subject to there being no adverse financial effect on the Housing Revenue Account greater than £20,000. Refer to the attached resolution.

- ii. Environment Committee resolved on 17 March 2009 to require a robust report to be submitted to this meeting rebutting the Elsenham eco-town proposal in response to the Government's consultation on the Eco-towns Planning Policy Statement. See attached report.
- 9 Recruitment of Director of Development – to agree an Appointments Committee.
- 10 To consider granting Freedom of Entry to the District to the 33rd Engineer Regiment.
- 11 To consider a recommendation to depart from the provisions of Standing Orders relating to Contracts for the purposes of inviting tenders for the Museum Heritage Quest Centre project (report to follow).
- 12 To consider the attached report reviewing the performance of the Area Forums after 12 months of operation and to decide whether to make any changes in 2009/10.
- 13 To consider approving the draft timetable of meetings for 2009/10.
- 14 To consider nominations for the posts of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council as required under Article 5.2.1.
- 15 To consider questions, if any, under Procedure Rule 8.2.
- 16 Any other items which the Chairman considers to be urgent.

To:- All Members of the Council

Lead Officer: John Mitchell

Democratic Services Officer: Peter Snow

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