

1 May 2014

Dear Councillor

## **ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber at the Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden on Tuesday 13 May 2014 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.***

### **A G E N D A PART I**

- 1 To elect a Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.  
Councillor K R Artus has already been nominated for this post under Article 5.1.2.
- 2 Chairman to make the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 3 To appoint a Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.  
Councillor J Salmon has already been nominated for this post under Article 5.1.2.
- 4 Vice-Chairman to make the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 5 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.
- 6 To receive the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 2014.
- 7 Business arising.
- 8 Chairman's announcements.

- 9 Formally to review the political balance of the Council. (to follow).
- 10 Appointment of Committees for 2014/15 (list of nominations to follow).

To appoint the following Committees:

**Regulatory Committees**

- Planning (14)
- Licensing and Environmental Health (11)

**Scrutiny Committees**

- Performance and Audit (10)
- Scrutiny (10)

**Other Committees**

- Standards Committee – 6 Members (two from each political group and three independent members - non-voting).

*All Committees to then appoint their chairmen and vice-chairmen.*

- 11 To appoint the following working groups for 2014/15
- Constitution Working Group (8)
  - Local Joint Committee (3)
  - Electoral Working Group (8)
- 12 To appoint Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the Area Forums.
- 13 To appoint a member representative to serve on the Essex Police and Crime Panel (existing representative is Councillor R Chambers).
- 14 Matters of report from the Leader and members of the Executive.
- 15 Members' questions to the Leader, members of the Executive and chairmen of committees (up to 15 minutes).
- 16 Matters received from the Executive (standing item).
- 17 Matters received about joint arrangements and external organisations (standing item).
- 18 Matters received from committees and working groups (standing item).
- 19 Any other items which the Chairman considers to be urgent.

To: All Members of the Council

Lead Officer: John Mitchell

Democratic Services Officer: Maggie Cox

## **MEETINGS AND THE PUBLIC**

Members of the public are welcome to attend any of the Council's Cabinet or Committee meetings and listen to the debate. All agendas, reports and minutes can be viewed on the Council's website [www.uttlesford.gov.uk](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk).

Members of the public and representatives of parish and town councils are now permitted to speak or ask questions at any of these meetings. You will need to register with the Democratic Services Officer by midday two working days before the meeting. An explanatory leaflet has been prepared which details the procedure and is available from the Council offices at Saffron Walden.

A different scheme is applicable to meetings of the Planning Committee and you should refer to the relevant information for further details.

Please note that meetings of working groups and task groups are not held in public and the access to information rules do not apply to these meetings.

The agenda is split into two parts. Most of the business is dealt with in Part 1 which is open to the public. Part II includes items which may be discussed in the absence of the press or public, as they deal with information which is personal or sensitive for some other reason. You will be asked to leave the meeting before Part II items are discussed.

You are entitled to see any of the background papers that are listed at the end of each report.

If you want to inspect background papers or speak before a meeting please contact either Peter Snow on 01799 510430, Maggie Cox on 01799 510369, Rebecca Dobson 01799 510433, or by fax on 01799 510550.

Agenda and Minutes are available in alternative formats and/or languages. For more information please call 01799 510510.

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