SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 24 September 2015 at 4.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Sue Ellington – Chairman

Councillor David McCraith - Vice-Chairman

Councillors: David Bard, Val Barrett, Henry Batchelor, Anna Bradnam, Brian Burling,

Tom Bygott, Nigel Cathcart, Graham Cone, Simon Crocker, Christopher Cross,

Kevin Cuffley, Simon Edwards, Andrew Fraser, Jose Hales, Roger Hall, Lynda Harford, Tumi Hawkins, Roger Hickford, Mark Howell, Peter Johnson,

Sebastian Kindersley, Janet Lockwood, Ray Manning, Mick Martin, Cicely Murfitt, Charles Nightingale, Des O'Brien, Tony Orgee, Tim Scott, Ben Shelton, Bridget Smith, Hazel Smith, Peter Topping, Richard Turner, Robert Turner, Bunty Waters, Aidan Van de Weyer, John Williams and

Nick Wright

Officers: Alex Colyer Executive Director, Corporate Services

Jean Hunter Chief Executive

Fiona McMillan Legal & Democratic Services Manager and

Monitoring Officer

Graham Watts Democratic Services Team Leader

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Francis Burkitt, Grenville Chamberlain, Pippa Corney, Neil Davies, Philippa Hart, Caroline Hart, Douglas de Lacey, Mervyn Loynes, Raymond Matthews, Robin Page, Alex Riley, Deborah Roberts, Edd Stonham, David Whiteman-Downes and Tim Wotherspoon.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

3. CONSIDERATION OF MOVING TO ALL-OUT ELECTIONS

Councillor Sue Ellington, Chairman of the Council and Chairman of the Civic Affairs Committee, proposed the recommendation of the Civic Affairs Committee following its meeting held earlier in the day that:

Council:

- (a) Resolved to move from elections by thirds to all-out elections with effect from the ordinary day of elections in May 2018.
- (b) Agreed to make an order to change the ordinary day of elections for parishes in the district so that they all elect Councillors in 2018 and every four years thereafter.

Councillor David McCraith, Vice-Chairman of the Council, seconded the proposal.

Voting on proposition (a), with 37 votes in favour and 4 votes against, Council **RESOLVED** to move from elections by thirds to all-out elections with effect from the ordinary day of elections in May 2018.

It was noted that this resolution achieved the required two-thirds of those present and voting in order for it to be passed.

Voting on proposition (b), Council unanimously **AGREED** to make an order to change the ordinary day of elections for parishes in the district so that they all elect Councillors in 2018 and every four years thereafter.

The Meeting ended at 4.40 p.m.