

## **SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on  
Thursday, 24 September 2015 at 4.40 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 FOR ABSENCE**

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. THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND ELECTORAL REVIEW - COUNCIL SIZE SUBMISSION**

Councillor Sue Ellington, Chairman of the Council and Chairman of the Civic Affairs Committee, further to the recommendation of the Civic Affairs Committee following its meeting held on 10 September 2015, made the following proposition:

That Council:

- (a) Recommended a Council size of 45 as part of its submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's electoral review.
- (b) Agreed that the draft document attached at Appendix A to the report be used as a basis for an evidence-based submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, and that the Chief Executive be given authority to make any necessary amendments prior to its submission, in liaison with the Chairman of the Council and representatives of political groups.

Councillor David McCraith seconded the proposal.

It was noted that this issue had been considered in some detail by the Civic Affairs Committee.

Councillor Hazel Smith referred to section 7.2.1 of the draft submission document and felt that reference should be included under this section to the Council maintaining control of its housing stock and that it had established its housing company, Ermine Street Housing Ltd, reflecting on the added workload and responsibilities that these placed on Members. The proposer and seconder of the original proposition agreed to this amendment.

Council unanimously:

- (a) **RECOMMENDED** a Council size of 45 as part of its submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's electoral review.
- (b) **AGREED** that the draft document attached at Appendix A to the report be used as a basis for an evidence-based submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, and that the Chief Executive be given authority to make any necessary amendments prior to its submission, to include any relevant comments raised at the meeting, in liaison with the Chairman of the Council and representatives of political groups.

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**The Meeting ended at 4.48 p.m.**

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