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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

### **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

Date & Time

**Thursday, 17 December 2015 10.00 a.m.**

Venue at

**Room 14, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands**

Richard Carr  
**Chief Executive**

To: The Chairman and Members of the GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:

Cllrs Mrs J G Lawrence (Chairman), G Perham (Vice-Chairman), L Birt,  
Mrs C F Chapman MBE, P Hollick, J G Jamieson, M R Jones, K C Matthews,  
M A G Versallion, N Warren, B Wells and A Zerny

[Named Substitutes:

Cllrs D Bowater, N B Costin, Ms A M W Graham, D J Lawrence, B Saunders,  
T Stock and J N Young]

All other Members of the Council - on request

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MEETING***

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## AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies for absence and notification of substitute Members.

2. **Minutes**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 25 June 2015 (copy attached).

3. **Members' Interests**

To receive from Members any declarations of interest.

4. **Chairman's Announcements and Communications**

To receive any announcements from the Chairman and any matters of communication.

5. **Petitions**

To receive petitions from members of the public in accordance with the Public Participation Procedure as set out in Annex 2 of Part A4 of the Constitution.

6. **Questions, Statements or Deputations**

To receive any questions, statements or deputations from members of the public in accordance with the Public Participation Procedure as set out in Annex 1 of Part A4 of the Constitution.

### Reports

<b>Item</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Page Nos.</b>
7.	<b>Pay Policy Statement 2016/17</b>  To consider the proposed Pay Policy Statement for 2016/17.	+ To Follow
8.	<b>Virtual Attendance at Meetings</b>  To consider the opportunities for virtual attendance at Committee meetings.	* 11 - 16

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| 9.  | <b>Webcasting Review</b>  | * 17 - 20   |
|     | To consider a review of webcasting and possible improvements and next steps to increase transparency and participation in the Council's decision making.  |             |
| 10. | <b>Annual Report on the Arrangements for Ethical Standards</b>  | + To Follow |
|     | To consider a report setting out a summary of the Council's ethical governance and arrangements over the last twelve months.  |             |
| 11. | <b>Proposed Amendment to the Constitution - Officer Decision Making</b>   | + To Follow |
|     | To consider a report setting out proposed changes to officer decision making regarding delegated authority and Key Decisions and, in particular, clarification of the level of expenditure that constitutes a Key Decision. |             |
| 12. | <b>Review of Petitions Scheme</b>   | * 21 - 26   |
|     | To consider a report setting out a proposed review to the Council's Petitions Scheme.   |             |
| 13. | <b>Work Programme</b>   | * 27 - 30   |
|     | To consider the Committee's work programme.   |             |