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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

### **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

Date & Time

**Thursday, 29 March 2018 10.00 a.m.**

Venue at

**Council Chamber, Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford**

Richard Carr  
**Chief Executive**

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

Cllrs Mrs J G Lawrence (Chairman), G Perham (Vice-Chairman),  
Mrs C F Chapman MBE, P Hollick, J G Jamieson, R W Johnstone,  
K C Matthews, B J Spurr, N Warren, S Watkins, R D Wenham and A Zerny

[Named Substitutes:

Cllrs R D Berry, D Bowater, N B Costin, Mrs A L Dodwell, E Ghent,  
D J Lawrence, I Shingler and M A G Versallion]

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 7 December 2017 (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 Part 4G 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 Part 4G of the Constitution.

### Reports

<b>Item</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Page Nos.</b>
7.	<b>Community Governance Review</b>  To consider the recommendations arising from the results of the stage 1 consultation on the Community Governance Review.	* 23 - 162
8.	<b>Gender Pay Gap Statement - 31 March 2017</b>  To consider the first annual return on the gender pay gap at the Council as required under the Equality Act 2010 (Special Duties and Public Authorities) Regulations 2017.	* 163 - 174

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| 9.  | <b>Update Report on the Recording of Meetings</b>   | Verbal Report |
|     | To consider a verbal update setting out the latest position regarding the recording of meetings at the Council. |               |
| 10. | <b>Report on the Arrangements for Ethical Standards</b>   | * 175 - 190   |
|     | To consider matters relating to the Council's ethical governance arrangements.                                  |               |
|     | (Note: Appendix C to the report is to follow).  |               |
| 11. | <b>Work Programme</b>   | * 191 - 194   |
|     | To consider the Committee's work programme.   |               |