

CHAIR'S REPORT JANUARY 2026

ELECTIONS MAY 2026

We have been advised by Huntingdonshire District Council that they have been asked by The Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government whether they intend to ask for a postponement of the May 2026 District Council Elections or suggest that they proceed as planned.

HDC's response must be made by 15th January, and it would appear from the Government's letter that they are minded to follow HDC's wishes, although this is not a foregone conclusion.

HDC has promised to keep us informed.

Whether or not the District Council Elections proceed, the decision will have no effect on Parish and Town Council Elections scheduled for May 2026. They will still take place and if we have a contested election then the costs may well be higher as they will not be shared with HDC.

The National Association of Local Councils has asked all Parish and Town Councils to make their own representations to the Government but as it will have no effect on BPC I feel that we should not respond. It is also a balance between costs and democracy, bearing in mind that should reorganisation proceed the Councillors elected in May will only serve for a limited time.

Any further developments will be reported at the meeting.