



WELWYN HATFIELD

The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 came into force on Saturday 4 April 2020 to enable councils to hold remote committee meetings during the Covid 19 pandemic period. This is to ensure local authorities can conduct business during this current public health emergency.

This meeting of Council will be held remotely under these regulations, via the Zoom application and will be webcast to ensure accessibility by the public and press.

Please ask for:
Jonah Anthony

19 November 2020

Dear Councillor

You are requested to attend a meeting of the WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL STANDARDS COMMITTEE to be held on Monday 30 November 2020 at 7.30 pm using Zoom.

Yours faithfully

Corporate Director
Public Protection, Planning and Governance

AGENDA **PART 1**

1. **APOLOGIES**

2. **MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting on 16 September 2020 (circulated separately).

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS**

To note declarations of Members' disclosable pecuniary interests, non-disclosable pecuniary interests and non-pecuniary interests in respect of items on this Agenda.

4. NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER ITEM 8
5. REVIEW OF CORPORATE ANTI-FRAUD AND CORRUPTION POLICY AND ASSOCIATED POLICIES (Pages 5 - 46)

Report of the Corporate Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) to seek comment from the committee on the proposed corporate anti-fraud and corruption policies.
6. REVIEW OF CORPORATE COMPLAINTS POLICY (Pages 47 - 96)

Report of the Corporate Director (Housing and Communities) to seek comment from the committee on the proposed corporate Complaints Policy. The review of the current policy, which was previously approved in December 2018, was brought forward due to updates released by the Housing Ombudsman Service (HOS)
7. REVIEW OF CORPORATE RIPA POLICY AND LIST OF AGREED AUTHORISING OFFICERS (Pages 97 - 120)

Report of the Corporate Director (Public Protection, Planning and Governance) to request that the Standards Committee note and agree the proposed changes to the list of RIPA authorising Officers following recent staff changes and to agree that the corporate RIPA policy is updated accordingly, including minor typographical, formatting and other consequential amendments.
8. SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIR, IS OF SUFFICIENT URGENCY TO WARRANT IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION
9. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee is asked to resolve:

That under Section 100(A) (2) and (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be now excluded from the meeting for item 10 (if any) on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100A (3) and Part I of Schedule 12A of the said Act as amended.

In resolving to exclude the public in respect of the exempt information, it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

PART II

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN EXEMPT NATURE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR

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L.Brandon P.Zukowskyj
A.Chesterman B.Morris

Co-opted Member - Representative of the
Welwyn Hatfield Association of Local Councils
Parish Councillor B.Morris

Corporate Management Team
Press and Public (except Part II Items)

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