



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:
Alison Marston

22 January 2021

Dear Councillor

You are requested to attend a meeting of the WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL to be held on Monday 1 February 2021 at 7.30 pm via Zoom.

Yours faithfully

Corporate Director
Public Protection, Planning and Governance

AGENDA **PART 1**

1. **MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2020 (previously circulated).

2. **APOLOGIES**

To receive apologies for absence, if any.

3. **PETITIONS**

The Mayor will receive petitions (limited to the first three petitions presented).

4. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

A period of thirty minutes will be made available for questions to be put by Members of the public to Members of the Cabinet on matters for which the Council has a responsibility or which affect the Borough.

5. 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 the Agenda.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive any announcements from the Mayor, Leader of the Council, Member of the Cabinet or the Head of Paid Service.

7. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS (Pages 5 - 6)

For a period of up to thirty minutes, a Member of the Council who has given prior notice in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15, may ask (a) the Mayor, (b) the Leader of the Council or (c) a Member of the Cabinet a question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the Borough.

The questions received for this meeting are attached. A Member asking a question may ask, without giving notice, one supplementary question of the Member to whom the first question was asked. The supplementary question must arise directly out of the reply.

8. BUDGET 2021/22 (Pages 7 - 172)

Report of the Chief Executive setting out the proposals for approval of the 2021/22 budgets for revenue (General Fund and Housing Revenue Account) and capital and also asking the Council to approve the Borough element of the Council Tax for 2021/22 (final approval would be sought at the special Council meeting on 23 February 2021).

9. NOTICES OF MOTIONS (Pages 173 - 174)

To consider notices of motions submitted under Procedure Rule 16 in such order as the Mayor shall direct. The motions received for this meeting are attached.

10. REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION (Pages 175 - 212)

Report of the Monitoring Officer on the approval to changes to the Constitution as part of the ongoing review and modernisation of the Council's governance processes following consideration by the Constitution Review Group (CRG).

11. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2021/22 (Pages 213 - 226)

Report of the Corporate Director (Public Protection, Planning and Governance) on the approval of the Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2021/22.

12. CLIMATE CHANGE UPDATE (Pages 227 - 230)

Report of the Corporate Director (Public Protection, Planning and Governance) updating Members on progress since the Council declared a climate change emergency.

13. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND GROUPS (Pages 231 - 232)

To approve the appointment of Members to Committees and Groups.

14. URGENT MATTERS

To consider any matters of urgency subject to the agreement of the Mayor in accordance with Procedure Rule 5.1(s).

Circulation: The Mayor and Members of the Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council
Corporate Management Team
Press and Public (except Part II Items)

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