



WELWYN HATFIELD

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Please ask for:
Jonah Anthony

* Reporting to Cabinet

29 October 2021

Dear Councillor

You are requested to attend a meeting of the WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL CABINET HOUSING PANEL to be held on Monday 8 November 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Campus East, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE.

Yours faithfully

Corporate Director
Public Protection, Planning and Governance

AGENDA PART 1

1. SUBSTITUTIONS

To note any substitution of Panel Members in accordance with Council Procedure Rules.

2. APOLOGIES

3. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2021 (previously circulated).

4. NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER ITEM 11

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND PETITIONS

Up to thirty minutes will be made available for questions from members of the public on issues relating to the work of the Committee and to receive any petitions.

7. PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE POLICY (Pages 5 - 46)

Report of the Corporate Director (Housing and Communities) on the adoption of the new Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy following consultation.

8. HOUSING COMPLIANCE (Pages 47 - 50)

Report of the Chief Executive providing an update on the Housing Compliance position and improvement plan.

9. AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE REPORT (Pages 51 - 56)

Report of the Corporate Director (Housing and Communities) providing an update on the council's Affordable Housing Programme (AHP).

10. NOW HOUSING UPDATE REPORT (Pages 57 - 66)

Report of the Corporate Director (Housing and Communities) providing an update on Now Housing Limited, including the updated Business Plan.

11. SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIRMAN, IS OF SUFFICIENT URGENCY TO WARRANT IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

12. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Panel 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 13 (if any) on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100A(3) and Paragraph 4 (consultations or negotiations relating to labour relations) of Part 1 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

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN EXEMPT NATURE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Circulation: Councillors J.Cragg (Chairman) R.Lass
F.Thomson (Vice-Chairman) H.Quenet
M.Birleson P.Smith
L.Chesterman R.Trigg

A.Dennis
A.Hellyer
T.Jackson-Mynott

R.Platt
S.Tunstall

Co-opted Members:-
Tenants' Panel Representatives

Chris Andrews
Betty Robbins

Independent Representatives

R.Paris

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

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