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7 March 2023

You are requested to attend a meeting of the WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL to be held on Wednesday 15 March 2023 at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber, Campus East, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE.

AGENDA PART 1

1. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2023, and the Special meeting held on 22 February 2023 (previously circulated).

2. APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for absence, if any.

3. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (Pages 3 - 4)

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.

4. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS</u>

To note declarations of Members' disclosable pecuniary interests, nondisclosable pecuniary interests and non-pecuniary interests in respect of items on the agenda.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

6. 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.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CABINET

To consider a recommendation from the meeting of the Cabinet on 7 March 2023:

(a) Northaw and Cuffley Neighbourhood Plan (Pages 7 - 8)

Recommendation from the meeting of the Cabinet on the Northaw and Cuffley Neighbourhood Plan.

8. NOTICES OF MOTIONS UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 16 (Pages 9 - 10)

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

9. COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2023/24 (Pages 11 - 14)

Report of the Executive Director (Finance and Transformation) on the council tax charges for 2023/24.

10. <u>CIPFA POSITION STATEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE GUIDANCE 2022</u> (Pages 15 - 28)

Report of the Executive Director (Finance and Transformation).

11. 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

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