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7 June 2022

Dear Councillor

You are requested to attend a meeting of the WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL STANDARDS COMMITTEE to be held on Wednesday 15 June 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE.

Yours faithfully

Governance Services Manager

<u>A G E N D A</u> <u>PART 1</u>

- 1. <u>APOLOGIES</u>
- 2. <u>MINUTES</u>

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2022 (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 7
- 5. <u>DRAFT ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</u> 2021/22 (Pages 3 - 22)

Report of the Chief Executive on the Draft Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for the financial year 2021/22 (attached at Appendix A).

6. <u>LOCALISM ACT 2011 - APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON</u> (Pages 23 - 26)

Report of the Monitoring Officer on a draft Independent Person report to Council on 6 July 2022 for the Standards Committee to comment.

7. <u>SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIR, IS OF</u> <u>SUFFICIENT URGENCY TO WARRANT IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION</u>

8. 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 9 (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

9. <u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN EXEMPT NATURE AT THE DISCRETION OF</u> THE CHAIR

- <u>Circulation:</u> Councillors
- T.Kingsbury (Chairman) J.Broach G.Michaelides

N.Pace P.Zukowskyj

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

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

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