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This document lists the decisions taken by the Cabinet at its meeting on 5 September 2023. The list covers key and non-key decisions. These decisions will come into force within four working days of the date of this document (13 September 2023) unless the Overview and Scrutiny Committee calls a decision in.

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Decisions that involve expenditure over £100,000 or that affect more than one ward can be called in. "Call-in" requires at least a quarter of the Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to request the "call-in", in writing, within four working days of the publication of the decision by the Cabinet, to be effective. A Notification of Call-in Form can be obtained from and should be completed, signed and returned to Governance Services. Either a special meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the "called-in" item(s) will be convened within three working days of the call-in request or the item will be placed on the agenda of the next available meeting of the Committee, depending on which can be achieved earliest. The Call-In procedure does not apply where the decision being taken by the Cabinet is urgent.

Where the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is of the opinion that an executive decision which relates to an area covered by the Committee yet to be made or made but not yet implemented would be, contrary to the policy framework, or contrary to or not wholly in accordance with the Council's budget, then it should seek advice from the Monitoring Officer and/or Corporate Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services).

If you have any queries or wish to obtain further report information or information on a decision please refer to:
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Cabinet Decisions
Tuesday 5 September 2023

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

Supply of Kitchens (Forward Plan Reference FP1187)

| Part 1 or 2 (Relevant exempt Paragraph) | Wards affected by the Decision | Interest declared in respect of the Decision | Category of Decision (i.e. Key, Non- Key, Urgent) | Contact Details | Eligible for Call-In & Date to be called in by |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| Part 1 | all Wards | None | Non-Key | Andrew Harper Procurement Manager A.harper@welhat.gov.uk | Yes 13 September 2023 |

DECISION:

DECISION TAKEN

RESOLVED:

(unanimous)

The Cabinet agreed that the Council enter into a framework agreement with Howden Joinery Limited for a period of 5 years for the supply of kitchens.

REASON FOR DECISION

Kitchen installation in Council properties is part of a planned maintenance programme. It will be mandatory for delivery partners installing kitchens in Council housing stock to use this framework.

BACKGROUND:

Please note that a copy of the Part 1 report is available on the Council's website.

Cabinet Decisions
Tuesday 5 September 2023

| SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT | | | | | |
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| BIODOVERISTY NET GAIN - GUIDANCE NOTE | | | | | |
| Part 1 or 2 (Relevant exempt Paragraph) | Wards affected by the Decision | Interest declared in respect of the Decision | Category of Decision (i.e. Key, Non- Key, Urgent) | Contact Details | Eligible for Call-In & Date to be called in by |
| Part 1 | All Wards | None | Non-Key | Carol Hyland (Principal Planner) and Connor Matthews (Planner) C.hyland@welhat.gov.uk C.matthews@welhat.gov.uk | No |
| DECISION: | | | | | |

The following item was considered following recommendation from the Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel on 17th August 2023:

DECISION TAKEN

RESOLVED:

(unanimous)

The Cabinet agreed that the Biodiversity Net Gain Guidance Note be endorsed, and that authority be delegated to the Assistant Director (Planning) in consultation with the Executive Member for Planning, to update the Guidance Note as required with a further report detailing subsequent changes to come back to CPPP before 1 March 2024.

REASON FOR DECISION

This report presents the Biodiversity Net Gain - Guidance Note for the Panel's consideration and onward recommendation for approval by Cabinet.

On commencement of the relevant provisions of the Environment Act 2021, a mandatory requirement for Biodiversity Net Gain of at least 10% will be brought into force for development under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Secondary legislation, and further national guidance is awaited to clarify how the mandatory requirement will be applied in practice.

The Guidance Note had been prepared to provide interim guidance and information for applicants and decision makers on how the mandatory requirement for Biodiversity Net Gain will apply to development proposals. Reference is also made to relevant policies in the emerging Local Plan.

BACKGROUND:

Please note that a copy of the Part 1 report is available on the Council's website.

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

Birchall Garden Suburb Masterplan

| Part 1 or 2 (Relevant exempt Paragraph) | Wards affected by the Decision | Interest declared in respect of the Decision | Category of Decision (i.e. Key, Non- Key, Urgent) | Contact Details | Eligible for Call-In & Date to be called in by |
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| Part 1 | | None | Non-Key | Jennifer Ponsford Principal Planning Officer J.ponsford@welhat.gov.uk | No |

DECISION:

The following item was considered following recommendation from the Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel on 17th August 2023:

DECISION TAKEN

RESOLVED:

(unanimous)

The Cabinet agreed that the Birchall Garden Suburb Masterplan, be agreed as a material consideration for Development Management purposes.

REASON FOR DECISION

Birchall Garden Suburb is a large strategic site to the southwest of Welwyn Garden City straddling the boundary between Welwyn Hatfield and East Hertfordshire. A joint masterplan had been prepared to ensure the site is planned comprehensively to create a new sustainable community incorporating Garden City Principles. The policy position of the adopted East Herts District Plan and emerging Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan is that any application for development should be preceded by, and be consistent with, a masterplan.

BACKGROUND:

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