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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 10 October 2023

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

Medium Term Financial Strategy

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	None	Non-Key	Richard Baker (Executive Director Finance & Transformation) R.Baker@welhat.gov.uk	No

DECISION:

RESOLVED:

Cabinet:

1. Noted the contents of the report; and
2. Approved the principles to be adopted for the 2024/25 budget setting process as highlighted in section 3.3.6 of the report.

REASON FOR DECISION: The Council's Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2023/24 – 2026/27 was approved by Cabinet in January 2023 and it was subsequently approved by Full Council in February 2023.

BACKGROUND:

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

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SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

FP2000 Air Quality Annual Status report

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	None	Non-Key	Terry Vincent (Environmental Protection Officer)	Yes 18 October 2023

DECISION:

RESOLVED:

Cabinet:

1. Noted the status of air quality within Welwyn Hatfield Borough, and
2. Approved the report for submission to DEFRA and for publishing.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The Council is required to submit an annual status report and air quality strategy to the Department for Environment Food and Rural affairs (DEFRA).

BACKGROUND:

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

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SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

FP1196 Danesbury Local Nature Reserve Landscape Management Plan

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	Welwyn West	None	Non-Key	Oliver Waring (Landscape and Ecology Team Manager) O.Waring@welhat.gov.uk	Yes 18 October 2023

DECISION:

RESOLVED:

Cabinet:

1. Approved a public consultation on the proposed Danesbury Local Nature Reserve Landscape Management Plan for 2023-2033 as set out in Appendix A and;
2. Noted that once the consultation feedback has been completed, the report and Danesbury Local Nature Reserve Landscape Management Plan will be resubmitted to Cabinet.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The Landscape Management Plan is produced to ensure the council's Nature Reserves are maintained in a strategic and planned way. The plans typically run for 10 years. The previous management plan for Danesbury Local Nature Reserve is due to be renewed.

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BACKGROUND:

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SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

FP1197 Singlers Marsh Landscape Management Plan

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	Welwyn West	None	Non-Key	Oliver Waring (Landscape and Ecology Team Manager) O.Waring@welhat.gov.uk	Yes 18 October 2023

DECISION:

RESOLVED:

Cabinet:

1. Approved a public consultation on the proposed Singlers Marsh Landscape Management Plan for 2023-2033 as set out in Appendix A; and
2. Noted that once the consultation feedback has been completed, the report and Singlers Marsh Landscape Management Plan for 2023-2033 will be resubmitted to Cabinet.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The Landscape Management Plan is produced to ensure the council's Nature Reserves are maintained in a strategic and planned way. The plans typically run for 10 years. The previous management plan for Singlers Marsh is due to be renewed.

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SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

PROPOSAL FOR A PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON A PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) FOR THE TOWN CENTRE IN WELWYN GARDEN CITY

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, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-In & Date to be called in by
Part 1	Handside	None	Non-Key	Sue McDaid (Service Director Resident & Neighbourhood)	No

DECISION:

RESOLVED:

Cabinet approved a public consultation exercise be undertaken to gain feedback about the proposed introduction of a zoned PSPO within Welwyn Garden City town centre (within Handside ward).

REASON FOR DECISION:

The town centre in Welwyn Garden City is experiencing anti-social behaviour which have been persistent and continuing for some time. A public consultation is therefore proposed re the introduction of a Public Spaces Protection Order for this location to prohibit these activities and undertake enforcement action.

BACKGROUND:

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SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Local Plan

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	Matt Wilson (Planning Policy and Implementation Manager) M.wilson@welhat.gov.uk	No

DECISION:
<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Noted the Inspector’s report and its content (b) Recommended to Council that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan (2016) be adopted as part of the statutory development plan for Welwyn Hatfield Borough; (ii) Authority be delegated to the Assistant Director (Planning), in consultation with the Executive Member for planning, to make changes to text, graphics and layout of the Plan of a minor or inconsequential nature or in order to ensure consistency with the Modifications Schedules as considered appropriate and necessary prior to publication of the final version (iii) Council note that, on adoption of the Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan (2016) the saved policies of the Welwyn Hatfield District Plan (adopted 2005) and associated Proposals Maps will have been replaced and will not be used for decision-making thereafter. <p>REASON FOR DECISION: In line with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) must prepare a Local Plan, which sets planning policies in a local authority area. In accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (the Act), the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)) (the Regulations), the NPPF and Planning Practice Guidance made under the NPPF, Local Plans must be positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy (the ‘tests of soundness’).</p>

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BACKGROUND:

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FP1193 AWARD OF CLEANING CONTRACTS

Part 1 or 2	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 2	All wards	None	Non-Key	Andrew Harper (Procurement Manager) A.harper@Welhat.gov.uk	Yes 18 October 2023

DECISION:

RESOLVED:

That a three year contract with a possible further one year extension was awarded to Birkin Cleaning Services (Birkin), commencing 1 January 2024.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The Contract with Birkin ends on 31/12/2023 and there is no provision for extension. A new procurement process has been undertaken, as well as a benchmarking exercise to deliver the service directly (inhouse provision).

BACKGROUND:

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AWARD OF ESTATE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

Part 1 or 2	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 2	All wards	None	Non-Key	Andrew Harper (Procurement Manager) A.harper@Welhat.gov.uk	No

DECISION:

RESOLVED:

Cabinet agreed:

- (a) Lot 1 (Professional Services for Estates) was awarded to Brasier Freeth LLP for a three year period with a possible one year extension at an estimated contract value of £540,000.
- (b) that it is to the advantage of the Council that Contract Procedure Rules be waived to allow the award of a contract for Lot 2 (Block Management) to Brasier Freeth LLP for a contract period of 6 months; and
- (c) to waive Contract Procedure Rules, accordingly and to approve the award of a 6-month contract to Brasier Freeth LLP for Lot 2 (Block Management) at an estimated contract value of £30,000.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The Council previously had a contract in place for Estate Management Services which expired 31st March 2023 and a successful procurement was carried out prior to expiry. Only one bid was received for this Lot (from Brasier Freeth), an evaluation has been undertaken and it has been ascertained that the bid meets all of the council's minimum requirements.

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