

Cabinet  
23 January 2024

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL

Minutes of a special meeting of the WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL CABINET held on Tuesday 23 January 2024 at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE.

PRESENT: Councillors P.Zukowskyj (Leader)  
L.Chesterman (Deputy Leader)  
S.Bonfante (Executive Member Environment)  
J.Broach (Executive Member Governance)  
M.Holloway (Executive Member Community)  
D.Jones (Executive Member Resources)  
J.Quinton (Executive Member Planning)

ALSO Councillor Kingsbury  
PRESENT:

OFFICIALS K.Ng, Chief Executive  
PRESENT: R.Baker, Executive Director (Finance & Transformation)  
S.Saunders, Legal Services Manager  
C.Cade, Governance Services Manager

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202. APOLOGIES

No declarations of interest were received.

203. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS

Councillor Chesterman declared an interest as a blue badge holder and Councillor Zukowskyj declared an interest as a county councillor.

204. ITEMS RELATING TO THE BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL

The following item was considered:

204.1. FP2014 2024/2025 Budget and Council Tax Setting

Cabinet considered the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee from it's meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

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The draft budget was previously considered at Cabinet on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024, following its review through the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Budget Task and Finish Panel.

The budget was fully scrutinised by the Budget Task and Finish Panel who received an overview of the savings proposals, the growth proposals, and the fees and charges. The Panel acknowledged the challenges faced by the Council in the medium term and discussed the 2024/25 proposals in detail. No changes were proposed by the panel, which was supported by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

It was noted that parish precepts and business rate estimates would be finalised for Full Council on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

RESOLVED:

**(unanimous)**

Cabinet recommend the budget proposals 2024/25 and Council Tax Setting to Full Council for approval.

Meeting ended at 6.40pm