



## **PUBLICATION OF DECISION LIST NUMBER 02/24-25**

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## Cabinet Decisions Tuesday 6 February 2024

### SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

FP2022 Welwyn Garden City Public Spaces Protection Order

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	Handside	None	Key	Carla Claydon Community Intervention Team Leader	Yes 14 February 2024

### DECISION:

RESOLVED

DECISION TAKEN:

Cabinet:

- a) Noted the evidence of the ongoing anti-social behaviour and its impact on the location, and noted the results of the public consultation which supported the introduction of a PSPO;
- b) Approved the introduction of a PSPO (set out at Appendix A) within the proposed area for a period of 3 years commencing on 1 April 2024.

REASON FOR THE DECISION:

The town centre in Welwyn Garden City is experiencing persistent and continuing anti-social behaviour and a number of interventions and support have not resolved the issues. Over 95% of those responding to the Council's consultation supported the implementation of a PSPO.

# Cabinet Decisions

## Tuesday 6 February 2024

### BACKGROUND:

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

### SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

FP2023 Singlers Marsh and Danesbury 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	Key	Oliver Waring Landscape and Ecology Manager	Yes 14 February 2024

### DECISION:

RESOLVED:

DECISION TAKEN:

Cabinet approved:

- a) The amended Singlers Marsh Landscape Management Plan for 2023-2033 in Appendix A; and
- b) the amended Danesbury Park Landscape Management Plan for 2023-2033 in Appendix B.

REASON FOR THE DECISION:

The Landscape Management Plans are produced to ensure the Council's Nature Reserves are maintained in a strategic and planned way. The plans typically run for 10 years and the previous management plans for both Singlers Marsh and Danesbury Park are due for renewal. Both plans were amended following public consultation.

# Cabinet Decisions

## Tuesday 6 February 2024

### BACKGROUND:

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

### SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

Resident Involvement 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	Alison Wildey Resident Involvement Manager	No

### DECISION:

RESOLVED

DECISION TAKEN:

Cabinet approved the amended Resident Involvement strategy.

REASON FOR THE DECISION:

The Regulator of Social Housing has set out Consumer Standards which providers of social housing, such as local authorities, are required to comply with. The overall aim of the strategy is to widen involvement, using what tenants and leaseholders tell us to shape our housing services. The strategy was amended following feedback.

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## Tuesday 6 February 2024

### BACKGROUND:

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

### SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

Modern Slavery Statement

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	Zoe Flaherty Community Safety Partnership Team Leader	No

### DECISION:

RESOLVED

DECISION TAKEN:

Cabinet approved the Council's Modern Slavery statement.

REASON FOR THE DECISION:

In 2015, the Modern Slavery Act (s.54) introduced the obligation on certain businesses to publish an annual modern slavery statement and local councils are also being encouraged to publish one. Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council is fully dedicated to tackling modern slavery and ensuring transparency in its procurement. It is committed to reporting on its business practices and supply chain as well as acting as a first responder and raising awareness of the issue in line with the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

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### BACKGROUND:

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### SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

Hatfield Public Space Protection Order

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	Hatfield Central and Hatfield Villages	None	Non-Key	Sue McDaid Service Director (Resident and Neighbourhood)	No

### DECISION:

RESOLVED

DECISION TAKEN:

Cabinet approved a public consultation for the review of the current PSPO that is in place in Hatfield Town Centre and to vary the PSPO to extend the designated area of the PSPO to cover Hilltop Way/High View area in Hatfield.

REASON FOR THE DECISION:

The current Hatfield PSPO expires on the 30 July 2024. The purpose of this report was to seek members' approval to undertake a public consultation on the current Hatfield Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) with the view to ascertaining whether or not the PSPO should continue for a further 3 years on expiry of the current PSPO, and whether to vary it to include an additional area.

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### BACKGROUND:

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### SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

Quarter 3 Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2023-24

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	Helen O'Keefe Assistant Director – Finance	No

### DECISION:

RESOLVED

DECISION TAKEN:

Cabinet:

- a) Noted the capital forecast outturn position;
- b) Noted the forecast position as at 31 December 2023 for funding of the capital programme and reserve balances as reflected in Table 2
- c) Approved the virements set out in Section 3.2 of the report.

### 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

PERFORMANCE exception report - quarter 3 (2023-24)

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	Kirsten Roberts Assistant Director, Customer and Transformation	No

### DECISION:

RESOLVED

DECISION TAKEN:

Cabinet noted the contents of the report and approved the proposed actions highlighted in the appendices.

REASON FOR THE DECISION:

A performance exception report is presented to Cabinet on a quarterly basis as part of our current performance management framework.

### BACKGROUND:

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