

Community Cabinet Panel  
24 July 2024

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the COMMUNITY CABINET PANEL held on Wednesday 24 July 2024 at 6.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Campus East, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE

PRESENT: Councillors L.Musk (Chair)  
R.Platt (Vice-Chairman)  
M.Holloway, M.Short (In place of B.Sarson), F.Marsh,  
T.Mitchinson and J.Otumunye

OFFICIALS R.Baker, Executive Director (Finance & Transformation)  
PRESENT: J.Guthrie, Assistant Director (Leisure, Community and Cultural  
Services)  
C.Cade, Governance Service Manager

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1. APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTION OF MEMBERS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Sarson for whom Councillor Short attended as a substitute.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the Campus West Community Cabinet Panel meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 were approved as a correct record.

3. NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER ITEM 7

There were no notifications of urgent business.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

No declarations of interest were received.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND PETITIONS

There were no public questions or petitions.

6. PERFORMANCE UPDATE

The Assistant Director (Leisure, Community & Cultural Services) explained the purpose of the new Cabinet Panel which would focus on the performance of the Council's cultural assets.

The Panel received the performance update report and presentation.

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During the discussion, the following key points were raised:

- Members congratulated the team on the performance of Campus West.
- It was clarified that the maximum capacity for Live on Stage was 326, however, seating was often required by the crew for shows.
- During school holidays children's theatre was shown at Campus West which had good attendance.
- The net controllable costs in the report show the subsidy for Camp West.
- Members commented that the Pumping Station at Mill Green would be a valuable asset to the Council. It was confirmed that the public and organisations could also hire the space.
- It was highlighted that for future meetings the Hive and the other community centres would be shown separately.

7. SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIRMAN, IS OF SUFFICIENT URGENCY TO WARRANT IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

There were no items of urgent business.

Meeting ended at 18.25