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30 December 2016

Dear Councillor

You are requested to attend a meeting of the WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL CABINET to be held on Tuesday 10 January 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE.

Yours faithfully

Executive Director

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Public Protection, Planning and Governance

AGENDA PART 1

1. APOLOGIES

2. <u>PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND PETITIONS</u>

Up to fifteen minutes will be made available for questions from members of the public on issues relating to the work of the Cabinet and to receive any petitions.

3. <u>ACTIONS STATUS REPORT</u> (Pages 5 - 6)

Report of the Executive Director (Public Protection, Planning and Governance) on the status of actions agreed at the last Cabinet meeting.

4. <u>NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER</u> ITEM 14

5. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS</u>

To note declarations of Members' disclosable pecuniary interests, nondisclosable pecuniary interests and non-pecuniary interests in respect of items on the Agenda.

6. <u>ITEM RELATING TO THE BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL</u>

To consider the following item:-

(a) Campus West Tower (Pages 7 - 10)

Report of the Executive Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) on urgent repairs required to the tower at Campus West.

7. <u>ITEMS REQUIRING KEY DECISION</u>

To consider the following items for decision in the current Forward Plan:-

(a) Council Tax Base 2017/18 (Forward Plan Reference FP767) (Pages 11 - 20)

Report of the Executive Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) on the calculation of the Council Tax Base for 2017/18.

(b) Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017/18 - 2018/20 (Forward Plan Reference FP769) (Pages 21 - 62)

Report of the Executive Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) setting out the financial strategy for 2017/18 to 2019/20 providing a framework for the Council to plan and manage its resources.

(c) <u>Housing Revenue Account Budget - 2017/18 (Forward Plan Reference</u> FP768) (Pages 63 - 76)

Report of the Executive Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) on the Housing Revenue Account budget for 2017/18 together with the proposed rent decrease in line with proposed Government legislation.

(d) <u>General Fund Budget 2017/18 (Forward Plan Reference FP768)</u> (Pages 77 - 204)

Report of the Executive Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) presenting a first view of the General Fund revenue budget for 2017/18.

(e) <u>Capital Programme - 2017/18 to 2021/22 (Forward Plan Reference FP768)</u> (Pages 205 - 232)

Report of the Executive Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) providing details of capital expenditure and funding for the period 2017/18 to 2021/22.

(f) <u>Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18 (Forward Plan Reference</u> FP770) (Pages 233 - 254)

Report of the Executive Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) presenting the proposed Treasury Management Strategy for 2017/18.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

There are no recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Committees to be considered.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CABINET PANELS

There are no recommendations from Cabinet Panels to be considered.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEES

There are no recommendations from Scrutiny Sub-Committees to be considered.

11. COUNCIL'S ACHIEVEMENT LIST (Pages 255 - 260)

Report of the Executive Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) summarising Council achievements for the second quarter of 2016/17.

12. <u>PERFORMANCE EXCEPTION REPORT - NOVEMBER 2016</u> (Pages 261 - 270)

Report of the Executive Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) summarising strategic performance data for quarter two of 2016/17.

13. RISK MANAGEMENT (Pages 271 - 292)

Report of the Executive Director (Public Protection, Planning and Governance) on the current top strategic and operational risks facing the Council.

14. <u>SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIRMAN, IS</u> OF SUFFICIENT URGENCY TO WARRANT IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION:

15. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Cabinet is asked to resolve:

That under Section 100(A)(2) and (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be now excluded from the meeting for Items 16, 17, 18 and 19 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100(A)(3) and Paragraphs 3 (private financial or business information) and 5 (legal and professional privilege) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act (as amended).

In resolving to exclude the public in respect of the exempt information, it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

PART II

16. <u>ITEMS OF AN EXEMPT NATURE RELATING TO THE BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL</u>

To consider the following item of an exempt nature:-

(a) Acquisition of Culpitt House, 70-74 and 80-86 Town Centre, Hatfield (Forward Plan Reference FP784) (Pages 293 - 300)

Exempt report of the Executive Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) on the opportunity to acquire a number of properties in Hatfield Town Centre to add to the Council's holdings in the town.

17. <u>HIGH VIEW PROCUREMENT</u> (Pages 301 - 304)

Exempt report of the Executive Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) on the appointment of a preferred bidder for this redevelopment project.

18. CREMATORIUM PROCUREMENT (Pages 305 - 324)

Exempt report of the Executive Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) on the next stage of the procurement for the redevelopment project.

19. <u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF A CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT NATURE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN</u>

Circulation: Councillors J Dean (Leader) M Perkins (Deputy Leader)

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