



WELWYN HATFIELD

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Please ask for:
Graham Seal

27 January 2017

Dear Councillor

You are requested to attend a special meeting of the COUNCIL to be held on Monday 6 February 2017 at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE

Yours faithfully

Executive Director
Public Protection, Planning and Governance

AGENDA **PART 1**

1. **APOLOGIES**

To receive apologies for absence, if any.

2. **MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the special meeting held on 9 January 2017 (previously circulated).

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS**

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

4. **APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE** (Pages 5 - 8)

Report of the Chief Executive on the confirmation of the appointment of the new Chief Executive.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CABINET

To consider recommendations from the meetings of the Cabinet on 10 and 24 (special) January 2017 (attached):-

10 January 2017

- (a) Campus West Tower - Urgent Repairs (Pages 9 - 14)
- (b) Acquisition of Culpitt House, 70-74 and 80-86 Town Centre, Hatfield (Pages 15 - 16)

24 January 2017 (special)

- (c) Pension Fund Triennial Valuation 2016 (Pages 17 - 24)

(Note: As recommendation (b) relates to an exempt Cabinet report any discussion on this item will have to take place in the Part II Private and Confidential part of the meeting after the Press and Public have been excluded under Agenda item 9).

6. BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2017/18 (Pages 25 - 108)

Report of the Executive Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) setting out the proposals for approval of the 2017/18 budgets for revenue (General Fund and Housing Revenue Account) and capital and also asking the Council to approve the Borough element of the Council Tax for 2017/18 (final approval would be sought at the special Council meeting on 23 February 2017) and the Treasury Strategy.

7. EXTERNAL AUDITOR APPOINTMENTS (Pages 109 - 122)

Report of the Executive Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) on a change to the method of selecting and appointing auditors and seeking approval to the Council joining the national appointment scheme as recommended by the Audit Committee at its meeting on 16 January 2017.

8. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Council 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 item 9 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100A(3) and Paragraph 3 (private financial or business information) 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

9. MATTER ARISING FROM THE CABINET OF AN EXEMPT NATURE

- (a) Acquisition of Culpitt House, 70-74 and 80-86 Town Centre, Hatfield
(Pages 123 - 130)

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.

Circulation: The Mayor and Members of the Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council
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