



# WELWYN HATFIELD

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Please ask for:  
Suzanne Hulks

**\*PLEASE NOTE TIME**

8 November 2016

Dear Councillor

You are requested to attend a meeting of the WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL SOCIAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE to be held on **Wednesday**, 16th November, 2016 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE

Yours faithfully

Director (Governance)

## AGENDA PART 1

1. SUBSTITUTION OF MEMBERS

To note any substitution of Committee Members in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 19 – 22.

2. APOLOGIES

3. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2016 (previously circulated).

4. ACTIONS UPDATE (Pages 5 - 6)

Report of the Director (Governance) lists the actions from previous meetings and their current status.

5. NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER ITEM 20:

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

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

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND PETITIONS

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

8. FINESSE MONITORING REPORT (Pages 7 - 14)

Report of the Executive Director which provides information on the work of Finesse for the period 1 July to 30 September 2016.

9. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (Pages 15 - 34)

Report of the Executive Director which provides this Committee with the performance indicator data collected for those services that fall within its remit.

10. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE (Pages 35 - 42)

Report of the Executive Director which provides Members with an update on the work of the Community Safety Partnership.

11. WELFARE BENEFIT REFORM (Pages 43 - 48)

Report of the Executive Director which provides an update on the government's benefit reforms and the Council's response to them.

12. STRATEGIC HOUSING UPDATE (Pages 49 - 56)

Report of the Executive Director which provides an update on the work of the strategic housing service and an overview of the current key issues.

13. OLDER PERSONS HOUSING STRATEGY 2017-2022 (Pages 57 - 114)

Report of the Executive Director which provides information on the draft Older Persons Housing Strategy.

14. COMMITTEE OVERVIEW WORK PROGRAMME 2015-2016 (Pages 115 - 116)

The pro-forma which sets out the Committee's overview work programme has been updated since the last meeting to enable forward planning of items to be considered to take place. Items which the Committee agrees it would like to consider will be scheduled into the work programme.

15. RESPONSE FROM CABINET TO RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

There are no responses to report to this meeting.

16. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SCRUTINY

To consider

- (1) whether any Cabinet decisions should be scrutinised post-implementation (Paragraph 14.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules)
- (2) whether any items which relate to areas covered by the Committee which a member of the Committee may wish to raise with a view to deciding whether an issue should be scrutinised.

17. COMMITTEE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2015-2016

To consider any issues for review relating to areas covered by the Committee.

Where the Committee decides an issue should be reviewed a Review Group (ratio 3:2 with an Administration Chairman) should be appointed to review the specific item.

18. RESPONSE FROM CABINET/COUNCIL TO SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS

There are no responses to report to this meeting.

19. COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION

To receive any request from a Councillor for a discussion on behalf of residents on an issue affecting a single council ward where local problems have arisen and other methods of resolution have been exhausted.

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

21. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee 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 23 (if any) on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100A(3) and 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.

22. ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF A CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT NATURE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN

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