



# WELWYN HATFIELD

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Please ask for:  
Graham Seal

28 July 2017

Dear Councillor

You are requested to attend a meeting of the WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL CABINET to be held on Tuesday 8 August 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

2. 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 Cabinet and to receive any petitions.

3. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2017 (previously circulated).

4. ACTIONS STATUS REPORT (Pages 5 - 6)

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

5. NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER ITEM 14

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 the Agenda.

7. ITEMS REQUIRING KEY DECISION

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

(a) Business Rates - Budget Changes and New Discretionary Rate Relief (Forward Plan Reference FP813) (Pages 7 - 12)

Report of the Executive Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) on the final guidelines agreed under the delegated authority given by the Cabinet and in consultation with Hertfordshire County Council, together with an update on budget announcements.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

To consider the following recommendation from the meeting of the Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 27 July 2017.

(a) Consultation on the Police and Crime Commissioner's Proposal to Collaborate Officially with Herts Fire and Rescue (Pages 13 - 20)

Public consultation on the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire's proposal to bring the governance of police and fire services within the same organisation.

9. REVENUE BUDGET QUARTER 1 MONITORING FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2017/18 (Pages 21 - 48)

Report of the Executive Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) presenting the revenue outturn for the first three months of the financial year 2017/18 and outlining main variances from the approved original budget for both the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account services.

10. BUDGET CAPITAL MONITORING AS AT 30 JUNE 2017 (PERIOD 3) (Pages 49 - 62)

Report of the Executive Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) presenting the capital expenditure and associated funding for the first quarter of the current financial year.

11. WEBCASTING AND RECORDING OF MEETINGS (Pages 63 - 66)

Report of the Executive Director (Public Protection, Planning and Governance) proposing to start and provide a webcasting and recording service for meetings in the Council Chamber.

12. NEW STREETSCENE CONTRACT (Pages 67 - 74)

Report of the Executive Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) on the timetable for the procurement of the new Streetscene contract and the appointment of a Member Board.

13. COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT - HARDSHIP RELIEF AND DISCRETIONARY HOUSING PAYMENT UPDATE (Pages 75 - 78)

Report of the Executive Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) providing an update on the operation of the scheme in the first quarter of 2017/18.

14. SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIRMAN, IS 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 Item 16 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100(A)(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**

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

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