



WELWYN HATFIELD

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Please ask for:
Marie Lowe

* Reporting to Cabinet

16 June 2017

Dear Councillor

You are requested to attend a meeting of the WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL CABINET HOUSING PANEL to be held on Monday 26 June 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. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

To note that Councillors J.Boulton and M.Perkins were appointed Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee for the 2017/18 municipal year at the Cabinet meeting on 12 June 2017.

2. SUBSTITUTIONS

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

3. APOLOGIES

4. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2017 (previously circulated).

5. ACTIONS UPDATE (Pages 5 - 6)

Report of the Executive Director (Public Protection, Planning and Governance) which lists the actions from previous meetings and their current status.
6. NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER ITEM 14
7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To note declarations of Members' disclosable pecuniary interests, non-disclosable pecuniary interests and non-pecuniary interests in respect of items on this Agenda.
8. 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.
9. FIRE SAFETY IN FLATS

Presentation from the Head of Property Services on fire safety in flats following the Grenfell Tower block fire.
10. PROPOSED SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE NEW CABINET HOUSING PANEL

Presentation by Executive Director (Housing and Communities) on the proposed scope of work for the new Cabinet Housing Panel.
11. OVERVIEW OF THE HOUSING SERVICE

Presentation by the Heads of Housing Services providing an overview of the Housing Service.
12. HOMELESSNESS REDUCTION ACT 2017 UPDATE (Pages 7 - 12)

Report of the Executive Director (Housing And Communities) providing an update on the Homeless Reduction Act 2017 which will expand the duties of Councils to prevent homelessness for all homeless households.
13. REPORT ON THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW STATUTORY ENFORCEMENT POWERS FOR PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING (Pages 13 - 16)

Report of the Executive Director (Housing and Communities) setting out the introduction of new statutory enforcement powers for the Council under the Housing and Planning Act 2016.
14. SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIRMAN, IS OF SUFFICIENT URGENCY TO WARRANT IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION (Pages 17 - 24)

15. EXCLUSION OF THE 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 16 (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.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN EXEMPT NATURE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR

<u>Circulation:</u>	Councillors	J.Boulton (Chairman)	M.Holloway
		M.Perkins (Vice-Chairman)	K.Holman
		M.Birleson	S.Johnston
		M.Cook	H.Quenet
		J.Cragg	F.Thomson

Co-opted Members:-

Tenants' Panel Representatives

R.Read and B.Robbins

Independent Representatives

R.Paris and S.Smith

Executive Board

Press and Public (except Part II Items)

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