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WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL

Minutes of a special meeting of the WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL held on Monday 12 June 2017 at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE.

PRESENT: Councillors L.Sparks (Mayor)

B.Fitzsimon (Deputy Mayor)

R.Basch, H.Beckett, D.Bell, D.Bennett, M.Birleson, J.Boulton, S.Boulton, H.Bower, L.Brandon, J.Broach,

H.Bromley, N.Chapman, A.Chesterman,

L.Chesterman, M.Cook, M.Cowan, J.Cragg, I.Dean, J.Dean, J.Fitzpatrick, G.Hayes, M.Holloway, K.Holman,

S.Johnston, T.Kingsbury, M.Larkins, T.Lyons, P.Mabbott, G.Michaelides, N.Pace, M.Perkins,

H.Quenet, S.Roberts, B.Sarson, N.Taylor, F.Thomson,

R.Trigg, J.Weston, P.Zukowskyj

OFFICIALS Chief Executive (R.Bridge)

PRESENT: Executive Director (Public Protection, Planning and Governance) (N.Long)

Executive Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) (K.Ng)

Executive Director (Housing and Communities) (S. Russell)

Head of Law and Administration (M.Martinus) Governance Services Manager (G.R.Seal) Governance Services Officer (S.Hulks) Senior Communications Officer (L.Bertram)

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13. <u>APOLOGIES</u>:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T.Bailey, J.Beckerman, C.Gillett, S.Markiewicz, T.Mitchinson, P.Shah and K.Thorpe.

The Mayor welcomed newly elected Councillor T.Lyons to her first Council meeting.

The Mayor said that it was good to see Councillor L.Chesterman back this evening and hoped that Councillor S.Markiewicz's operation went well today.

14. REVIEW OF POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY:

Report of the Chief Executive further reviewing the political proportionality of Member appointments to Committees, which had been agreed at the Annual Council meeting on 22 May, to take account of the Hatfield Villages Ward by-election on 8 June 2017.

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The outcome of the review, which met the legal requirement to reflect the overall political composition of the Council in the appointment of Members to Committees, was set out on Appendix A to the report.

It was moved by Councillor R.Trigg, seconded by Councillor J.Dean and

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the further review of political proportionality of Member appointments to Committees and the proposed changes to the allocation of seats, as set out in Appendix A to the Chief Executive's report, be approved.
- (2) That changes to the appointment of the membership of Committees be made in accordance with the revised allocation of seats.

15. <u>APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:</u>

Changes to the appointment of the membership of Committees which had been agreed at the Annual Council meeting on 22 May, to take account of the Hatfield Villages Ward by-election on 8 June 2017, were set out in Appendix B for approval in accordance with the revised allocation of seats, as agreed in the previous Agenda item at this meeting (set out in Appendix A) (Minute 14 refers).

It was moved by Councillor J.Dean, seconded by Councillor M.Perkins and

RESOLVED:

That the appointment of the membership of Committees with their respective Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen, as set out in Appendix B to Agenda Item 4, be approved.

Meeting ended at 7.35pm GS