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This document lists the decisions taken by the Cabinet at its meeting on 4 December 2018. The list covers key and non-key decisions. These decisions will come into force within ten working days of the date of this document (i.e. 22 December 2018) unless the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee calls a decision in.

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Decisions that involve expenditure over £100,000 can be called in. "Call-in" requires at least a quarter of the Members of the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee to request the "call-in", in writing, within four working days of the publication of the decision by the Cabinet, to be effective. Where the appropriate Committee has been previously involved in the decision which is being "called-in", the request should be made by Members of one of the other two Overview and Scrutiny Committees. A Notification of Call-in Form can be obtained from and should be completed, signed and returned to Graham Seal, Governance Services Manager. Either a special meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the "called-in" item(s) will be convened within three working days of the call-in request or the item will be placed on the Agenda of the next available meeting of that Committee, depending on which can be achieved earliest. The Call-In procedure does not apply where the decision being taken by the Cabinet is urgent.

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If you have any queries or wish to obtain further report information or information on a decision please refer to:

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Cabinet Decisions

Tuesday 4 December 2018

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

Council Tax Empty Homes Premium

Part 1 or 2 (Relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of Decision (i.e. Key, Non- Key, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-In & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	All Wards	No	Budget and Policy Framework	Farhad Cantel Tel: 01707 357011 f.cantel@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:

The Cabinet recommended to the Council that the current council tax 50% empty homes premium be changed as follows:

- 1 April 2019 - 100% premium for properties empty for two years or more.
- 1 April 2020 - 200% premium for properties empty for five years or more.
- 1 April 2021 - 300% premium for properties empty for ten years or more.

BACKGROUND:

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Tuesday 4 December 2018

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Trees and Woodlands Strategy - Policy 2

Part 1 or 2 (Relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of Decision (i.e. Key, Non- Key, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-In & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	All Wards	No	Forward Plan Reference FP836	Ann MacDonald Tel: 01707 357233 a.macdonald@welhat.gov.uk	No	Environment

DECISION:
The amended Trees and Woodlands Strategy was adopted, as recommended by the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee, subject to a further amendment to Principle 6 of the Policy that the mechanism for appeal against a refusal to prune or remove a tree be limited to those appeals relating to lack of light situations only.

BACKGROUND:

Cabinet Decisions

Tuesday 4 December 2018

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council - Car Park Charges - Proposed Revision of Charges for Marynard Place Car Park

Part 1 or 2 (Relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of Decision (i.e. Key, Non- Key, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-In & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	Northaw and Cuffley	No	Non-Key	Vikki Hatfield Tel: 01707 357555 v.hatfield@welhat.gov.uk	No	Environment

DECISION:

The recommendation of the Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel to agree the changes that Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council would like to make to the fees and charges in Maynard Place car park was approved.

BACKGROUND:

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Tuesday 4 December 2018

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

The Payment of Annual Grants to Voluntary Groups in 2019/20

Part 1 or 2 (Relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of Decision (i.e. Key, Non- Key, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-In & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	All Wards	No	Non-Key	Matt Rayner Tel: 01707 357174 m.rayner@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:

The recommendations of the Grants Board were agreed and Annual Community Grants would be paid as follows:

Organisation	Amount Sought	Amount Granted
CAB		£95,000.00 (previously agreed per annum for 3 years)
CVS	£9,500.00	£9,500.00
Friendship House	£15,000.00	£15,000.00
Recover	£13,892.00	£13,892.00
University of Hertfordshire	£15,000.00	£0.00
Welwyn Hatfield Women's Refuge	£33,960.00	£33,960.00

BACKGROUND:

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SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT						
Universal Credit						

Part 1 or 2 (Relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of Decision (i.e. Key, Non- Key, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-In & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	All Wards	No	Non-Key	Farhad Cantel Tel: 01707 357011 f.cantel@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:
The update on Universal Credit was noted.

BACKGROUND:

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SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

Performance Exception Report – Quarter 2 (2018-19)

Part 1 or 2 (Relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of Decision (i.e. Key, Non- Key, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call- In & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	All Wards	No	Non-Key	Paul Underwood Tel: 01707 357220 p.underwood@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:

The summary of strategic performance was noted and proposed actions highlighted were approved.

BACKGROUND:

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Tuesday 4 December 2018

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT						
Council Achievements List – July to September 2018						

Part 1 or 2 (Relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of Decision (i.e. Key, Non- Key, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-In & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	All Wards	No	Non-Key	Thom Burn 01707 357245 t.burn@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:
The Achievements List for Quarter 2 of 2018/19 was noted.

BACKGROUND:

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Tuesday 4 December 2018

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

Appointments to Cabinet Panels, Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies

Part 1 or 2 (Relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of Decision (i.e. Key, Non- Key, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-In & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	All Wards	No	Non-Key	Graham Seal 01707 357444 g.seal@welhat.gov.uk	No	-

DECISION:

The appointment of Members to Cabinet Panels, Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies was approved to include the appointment of Councillor S.Wrenn as a Member of the General Procurement Board.

BACKGROUND:

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Tuesday 4 December 2018

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

Lawn Cemetery in Southway, Hatfield - Petition

Part 1 or 2 (Relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of Decision (i.e. Key, Non- Key, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-In & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	Hatfield South West	No	Non-Key	Zoe Woodward Tel: 01707 357184 z.woodward@welhat.gov.uk	No	Environment

DECISION:

The recommendation of the Council to consult the views of the Cross Party Crematorium Procurement Group on the issues raised in the public petition submitted to the Council meeting on 19 November 2018 before making a decision on the way forward for grave clearance at the Lawn Cemetery was approved.

BACKGROUND:

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SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

Public Realm Improvements at White Lion Square, Hatfield Town Centre

Part 1 or 2 (Relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of Decision (i.e. Key, Non- Key, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-In & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
2	Hatfield Central	No	Forward Plan Reference FP891	Richard Baker Tel: 01707 357425 r.baker@welhat.gov.uk	Yes by 13 December 2018	Resources

DECISION:

The Cabinet agreed with the recommendation of the Member Procurement Board to award the contract for Public Realm Improvements to Borrás Construction Ltd.

BACKGROUND:

Cabinet Decisions

Tuesday 4 December 2018

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

Multi-Storey Car Park, The Common and Temporary Deck Car Park, Lemsford Road, Hatfield Town Centre

Part 1 or 2 (Relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of Decision (i.e. Key, Non- Key, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-In & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
2	Hatfield Central	No	Forward Plan Reference FP892	Richard Baker Tel: 01707 357425 r.baker@welhat.gov.uk	Yes by 13 December 2018	Resources

DECISION:

The Cabinet agreed with the recommendation of the Member Procurement Board to award the contract for the Multi Storey Car Park to Bourne Parking Ltd (part of Bourne Construction Engineering Ltd).

BACKGROUND:

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SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT						
Purchase of Property for Temporary Accommodation						

Part 1 or 2 (Relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of Decision (i.e. Key, Non- Key, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-In & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
2	Peartree	No	Non-Key	Doug Livingstone Tel: 01707 357352 d.livingstone@welhat.gov.uk	Yes by 13 December 2018	Social

DECISION:
The Cabinet agreed the purchase of property for temporary accommodation subject to appropriate legal conveyance.

BACKGROUND:

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SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT						
Stanborough Park North Development						

Part 1 or 2 (Relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of Decision (i.e. Key, Non- Key, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-In & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
2	Handside	No	Non-Key	Ka Ng Tel: 01707 357275 k.ng@welhat.gov.uk	Yes by 13 December 2018	Resources

DECISION:
Subject to planning application determination, the Cabinet agreed in principle with the proposed Stanborough Park North development.

BACKGROUND: