



WELWYN HATFIELD

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Please ask for:
Graham Seal

28 December 2018

Dear Councillor

You are requested to attend a meeting of the WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL CABINET to be held on Tuesday 8 January 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE.

Yours faithfully

Corporate Director
Public Protection, Planning and Governance

A G E N D A **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 4 December 2018 (previously circulated).

4. ACTIONS STATUS REPORT (Pages 5 - 6)

Report of the Corporate 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 9

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS 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 items for decision in the current Forward Plan:-

- (a) Council Tax Base 2019/20 (Forward Plan Reference FP880) (Pages 7 - 12)

Report of the Corporate Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) on approval of the Council's taxbase for the year 2019/20 and collection rate.

- (b) Budget Proposals and Medium Term Forecasts 2019/20 (Forward Plan Reference FP881) (Pages 13 - 150)

Report of the Corporate Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) presenting the budget proposals for 2019/20.

(Note: This report will be considered at the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 14 January 2019).

- (c) Former Tenant Arrears Policy (Forward Plan Reference FP889) (Pages 151 - 164)

Recommendation from the meeting of the Cabinet Housing Panel on 10 December 2018 on the adoption of this new policy.

- (d) Rent Arrears Policy - Council Tenants (Forward Plan Reference FP890) (Pages 165 - 182)

Recommendation from the meeting of the Cabinet Housing Panel on 10 December 2018 on the adoption of this new policy.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT (Pages 183 - 194)

Report of the Corporate Director (Public Protection, Planning and Governance) on the current strategic and top operational risks facing the Council.

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

10. 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 items 11 and 12 (if any) on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100(A)(3) and Paragraphs 3 (private financial or business information) and 5 (legal and professional privilege) 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

11. ITEMS OF AN EXEMPT NATURE REQUIRING KEY DECISION

To consider the following items of an exempt nature for decision in the current Forward Plan:-

- (a) Gas Maintenance - Contract Award (Forward Plan Reference FP893)
(Pages 195 - 208)

Exempt report of the Corporate Director (Housing and Communities) on the award of contract for this service.

- (b) Purchase of Property (Forward Plan Reference FP894) (Pages 209 - 226)

Exempt report of the Corporate Director (Housing and Communities) on the purchase of property as part of the Council's Affordable Housing Programme.

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

<u>Circulation:</u>	Councillors	T.Kingsbury (Chairman)	N.Pace
		D.Bell (Vice-Chairman)	B.Sarson
		S.Boulton	F.Thomson
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