



WELWYN HATFIELD

The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020) came into force on Saturday 4 April 2020 to enable councils to hold remote committee meetings during the Covid 19 pandemic period. This is to ensure local authorities can conduct business during this current public health emergency.

This meeting will be held remotely under these regulations, via Zoom.

Please ask for:
Alison Marston

* Reporting to Cabinet

19 February 2021

Dear Councillor

You are requested to attend a meeting of the WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL CABINET HOUSING PANEL to be held on Tuesday 2 March 2021 at 7.30 pm via Zoom.

Yours faithfully

Corporate Director
Public Protection, Planning and Governance

AGENDA PART 1

1. SUBSTITUTIONS
To note any substitution of Panel Members in accordance with Council Procedure Rules.
2. APOLOGIES
3. MINUTES
To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2020 (previously circulated).
4. ACTIONS UPDATE (Pages 5 - 6)
Report of the Corporate Director (Public Protection, Planning and Governance) which lists the actions from the last Panel meeting and their current status.
5. NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER ITEM 14

6. 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.

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND PETITIONS

Up to thirty 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.

8. AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMME UPDATE (Pages 7 - 14)

Report of the Corporate Director (Housing and Community) to provide an update on the council's Affordable Housing Programme.

9. DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT FUNDING AND USE OF BETTER CARE FUND (Pages 15 - 20)

Report of the Corporate Director (Housing and Communities) on the proposed use of funding.

10. AIDS AND ADAPTATIONS POLICY (Pages 21 - 40)

Report of the Corporate Director (Housing and Communities) presenting the new Aids and Adaptations Policy which sets out the scope and criteria applied when assessing aids and adaptations requests for council housing.

11. RESPONSIVE REPAIRS SERVICE UPDATE (Pages 41 - 46)

Report of the Corporate Director (Housing and Communities) providing an update on the responsive repairs service.

12. WINTER GAS PLAN (Pages 47 - 48)

Report of the Corporate Director (Housing and Communities) to provide an update on the Winter Gas Plan.

13. NOW HOUSING PERFORMANCE UPDATE (Pages 49 - 82)

Report of the Shareholder Group, Now Housing Limited; introduced by the Head of Housing Operations (the council's advisor).

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

15. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Panel 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 Paragraph 4 (consultations or negotiations relating to labour relations) 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 AN EXEMPT NATURE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Circulation: Councillors N.Pace (Chairman) M.Holloway
J.Boulton (Vice-Chairman) T.Jackson-Mynott
M.Birleson R.Lass
E.Boulton H.Quenet
M.Cook F.Thomson
A.Dennis

Co-opted Members:-
Tenants' Panel Representatives
To be appointed

Independent Representatives

R.Paris

Corporate Management Team
Press and Public (except Part II Items)

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