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Where the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is of the opinion that an executive decision which relates to an area covered by the Committee yet to be made or made but not yet implemented would be, contrary to the policy framework, or contrary to or not wholly in accordance with the Council's budget, then it should seek advice from the Monitoring Officer and/or Executive Director (Finance and Transformation).

If you have any queries or wish to obtain further report information or information on a decision please refer to:
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SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

Budget Proposals and Medium Term Financial Forecasts 2023/24

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
Part 1	All Wards	No	Forward Plan Reference FP1143	Richard Baker Tel: 01707 357425 r.baker@welhat.gov.uk	Yes 19 January 2023

DECISION:

- (1) Cabinet noted the recommendations from Cabinet, and the Statement of the Chief Financial Officer on the robustness of budgets and adequacy of reserves (appendix N)
- (2) Cabinet also noted that the following amounts for the year 2023/24 have been set in accordance with regulations made under Sections 31A and 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

	<u>100% TAXBASE</u>	<u>99.40% TAXBASE</u>
Welwyn Garden City	18,054.8	17,946.5
Hatfield	12,463.3	12,388.5
Welwyn	4,796.5	4,767.7
Ayot St Lawrence	68.6	68.2
Ayot St Peter	110.8	110.1
North Mymms	4,458.1	4,431.4
Essendon	438.7	436.1
Northaw & Cuffley	3,121.4	3,102.7
Woolmer Green	619.6	615.9
Total	44,131.8	43,867.1

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- (3) Cabinet approved the following budget proposals and note that any comments from Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be returned to Special Cabinet on 24 January 2023 for consideration, before final recommendations are made to Council:
- (4) General Fund
- (4.1) The proposed General Fund Budget as summarised in Appendix A, and detailed in appendix B.
- (4.2) The inclusion of the savings and growth proposals into the budget as detailed in appendices C and D.
- (4.3) The fees and charges which have been incorporated into the budget proposals, as set out in appendix E.
- (4.4) The increase in the Council's Band D Tax of £6.66 (2.97%), taking the average Band D Tax to £230.76 for 2023/24.
- (4.5) That the Special Expenses Scheme as set out in section 3.5 continue into 2023/24, and the Special Expenses detailed in Appendix M be approved for inclusion in the Council Tax for 2023/24.
- (5) Housing Revenue Account (HRA)
- (5.1) That dwelling rents are increased by 7% in accordance with Government legislation, resulting in an average rent of £121.89 per week.
- (5.2) To continue the policy of charging formula rent when vacant properties are re-let.
- (5.3) The Housing Revenue Account budget as shown in appendix F.
- (5.4) The fees and charges which have been incorporated into the budget proposals, as set out in appendix H.
- (5.5) The Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) to maintain HRA working balances to a minimum of 5% of rental income.
- (6) Capital Programme
- (6.1) The Capital Programme for 2023/24 to 2027/28 as set out in Appendix I.
- (6.2) The Capital Financing for the Capital Programme, for 2023/24 to 2027/28 as set out in Appendix J, and note the forecast capital balances in Appendix K.
- (7) Medium Term Financial Strategy
- (7.1) The Medium-Term Financial Strategy and Financial Governance Framework, including all annexes and prudential indicators for 2023/24 – 2026/27 as set out in appendix L.

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SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

Textile Consortium

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
Part 1 & 2	All Wards	No	Forward Plan Reference FP1156	Kirsten Roberts Tel: 01707 357177 k.roberts@welhat.gov.uk	Yes 19 January 2023

DECISION:

Cabinet agreed to award the contract for Textile Services to East London Textiles Limited for a three- year period with a possible extension of up to two years, commencing on 1 April 2023.

BACKGROUND:

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Shared Anti-Fraud Service

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
Part 2	All Wards	No	Forward Plan Reference FP1155	Richard Baker Tel: 01707 357425 r.baker@welhat.gov.uk	Yes 19 January 2023

DECISION:

Cabinet approved the Council entering into the Shared Anti-fraud Service partnership managed by Hertfordshire County Council from 1 April 2023.

BACKGROUND:

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WRITE OFFS OVER £10,000.00

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
Part 2	All Wards	No	Non-Key	Farhad Cantel Tel: 01707 357011 f.cantel@welhat.gov.uk	No

DECISION:

Cabinet agreed to one non-domestic rates write offs.

BACKGROUND: