



WELWYN HATFIELD

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You are requested to attend a meeting of the WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL CABINET to be held on Tuesday 5 December 2023 at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE.

AGENDA **PART 1**

1. **MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2023 (previously circulated).

2. **APOLOGIES**

3. **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 Cabinet and to receive any petitions.

4. **ACTIONS STATUS REPORT (Pages 5 - 6)**

Report of the Executive Director (Finance and Transformation) 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) FP2021 Biodiversity Duty - first consideration statement (Pages 7 - 18)

To receive a report of the Service Director (Resident and Neighbourhood) on biodiversity duty.

- (b) FP2016 Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy & Strategy (Pages 19 - 26)

To receive a report of the Executive Director (Finance & Transformation) on the Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy & Strategy.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CABINET PANELS

Recommendations from the meeting of the Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel on 9 November 2023:

- (a) Self Build and Custom Housebuilding Note

The reports & minutes for the Self Build and Custom Housebuilding Guidance note can be found here:

<https://democracy.welhat.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=266&MIId=1644&Ver=4>

- (b) Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule (Pages 27 - 244)

The minutes and reports for the proposed consultation on community infrastructure levy draft charging schedule can be found here:

<https://democracy.welhat.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=266&MIId=1644&Ver=4>

An addendum to the reports has been published for this item.

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 Item 11 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100(A)(3) and Paragraph 3 (private financial or business information) 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. ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF A CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT NATURE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN

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