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4 March 2025

You are requested to attend a meeting of the WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL to be held on Wednesday 12 March 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Campus East, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE.

AGENDA PART 1

1. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th & 25th March 2025 (previously circulated).

2. APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for absence, if any.

3. <u>PETITIONS</u>

The Mayor will receive petitions (limited to the first three petitions presented).

4. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A period of thirty minutes will be made available for questions to be put by Members of the public to Members of the Cabinet on matters for which the Council has a responsibility or which affect the Borough.

5. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS</u>

To note declarations of Members' disclosable pecuniary interests, nondisclosable pecuniary interests and non-pecuniary interests in respect of items on the Agenda.

6. <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

To receive any announcements from the Mayor, Leader of the Council, Member of the Cabinet or the Head of Paid Service.

7. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS (Pages 5 - 6)

For a period of up to thirty minutes, a Member of the Council who has given prior notice in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15, may ask (a) the Mayor, (b) the Leader of the Council or (c) a Member of the Cabinet a question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the Borough.

The questions received for this meeting are attached. A Member asking a question may ask, without giving notice, one supplementary question of the Member to whom the first question was asked. The supplementary question must arise directly out of the reply.

8. <u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CABINET</u>

To consider recommendations from the meetings of the Cabinet:

(a) FP2113 Community Infrastructure Levy Adoption

To receive a recommendation from the Cabinet meeting which took place on the 4th March 2025: <u>Agenda for Cabinet on Tuesday 4th March 2025</u>, 6.30 pm – Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

The report for this agenda item can be found at agenda item 7 of the below link:

Public reports pack 18022025 1930 Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel.pdf

10. NOTICES OF MOTIONS UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 16 (Pages 7 - 8)

To consider notices of motions submitted under Procedure Rule 16 in such order as the Mayor shall direct. The motions received for this meeting are attached.

11. REVIEW OF POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY (Pages 9 - 12)

To receive a report of the Monitoring Officer on the review of political proportionality.

12. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2025/26 - 2028/29 (Pages 13 - 14)

To receive a report of the Assistant Director of Legal & Governance on the Members Allowance Scheme 2025/26-2028/29.

13. PURCHASE OF A PROPERTY IN WELWYN HATFIELD

Report to follow

14. <u>URGENT MATTERS</u>

To consider any matters of urgency subject to the agreement of the Mayor in

accordance with Procedure Rule 5.1(s).

15. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Council 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 17 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 2

16. PURCHASE OF A PROPERTY IN WELWYN HATFIELD

Report to follow

<u>Circulation:</u> The Mayor and Members of the Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

Senior Leadership Team

Press and Public (except Part II Items)

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