



# WELWYN HATFIELD

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11 March 2025

You are requested to attend a meeting of the WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL CABINET HOUSING PANEL to be held on Wednesday 19 March 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE.

## **AGENDA** **PART 1**

1. **APOLOGIES & SUBSTITUTIONS**

To note any substitution of Panel Members in accordance with Council Procedure Rules.

2. **MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2025 (previously circulated).

3. **NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER ITEM 14**

4. **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.

5. **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.

6. **REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE POLICY** (Pages 5 - 46)

Report of the Executive Director (Resident Services and Climate Change).

7. **AWAAB'S LAW - DAMP AND MOULD AND OTHER HAZARDS IN HOUSING**  
(Pages 47 - 50)

Report of the Executive Director (Resident Services and Climate Change)

8. DAMP AND MOULD POLICY REVISION (Pages 51 - 66)

Report of the Executive Director (Resident Services and Climate Change)

9. REVISION OF THE DOMESTIC ABUSE POLICY (Pages 67 - 86)

Report of the Executive Director (Resident Services & Climate Change)

10. MUTUAL EXCHANGE POLICY REVISION (Pages 87 - 108)

Report of the Executive Director (Resident Services and Climate Change)

11. DECANT POLICY (Pages 109 - 150)

Report of the Executive Director (Resident Services and Climate Change)

12. AIDS AND ADAPTATIONS POLICY (Pages 151 - 176)

Report of the Executive Director (Resident Services and Climate Change)

13. HOMELESSNESS AND ROUGH SLEEPING STRATEGY 2025 - 2029 (Pages 177 - 196)

Report of the Executive Director (Place)

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 M.Birleson L.Chesterman  
J.Cragg J.Otumunye  
R.Lass A.Nix  
T.Rowse (Vice-Chairman) S.Khan  
R.Trigg P.Zukowskyj  
J.Weston M.Hobbs (Chair)

Co-opted Members:-  
Tenants' Panel Representatives

Anthony Goodwin  
Ardita McHugh

Independent Representatives

R.Paris

Senior Leadership Team  
Press and Public (except Part II Items)

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