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You are requested to attend a meeting of the WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL CABINET to be held on Tuesday 4 March 2025 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 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (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. <u>NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER ITEM 12</u>

## 6. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS

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

## 7. ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL

To consider the following items:

# (a) FP2113 Community Infrastructure Levy Adoption

Recommendation from CPPP on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025:

<u>Agenda for Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel on Tuesday 18th</u>
<u>February 2025, 7.30 pm – Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council</u>

## 8. ITEMS REQUIRING KEY DECISION

To consider the following items for decision in the current Forward Plan:-

- (a) <u>FP2124 Community Engagement Strategy</u> (Pages 7 22)
  - Report of the Executive Director (Finance & Transformation)
- (b) FP2080 Tree & Woodland Strategy (Pages 23 78)
  - Report of the Executive Director (Resident Services & Climate Change)
- (c) FP2082 The Landscape Management Plan (Pages 79 134)
  - Report of the Executive Director (Resident Services & Climate Change)
- (d) FP2117 Green Belt Stage 4 Assessment (Pages 135 140)

Report of the Executive Director (Place)

#### 9. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CABINET PANELS

Recommendations from the meetings of the Council's Cabient Panels:

(a) FP2119 Review of former Tenant Arrears and Rent Arrears Policy

Recommendation from CHP on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025:

<u>Agenda for Cabinet Housing Panel on Wednesday 19th February 2025, 7.30 pm – Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council</u>

(b) FP2123 Tenancy Agreement

Recommendation from CHP on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025:

<u>Agenda for Cabinet Housing Panel on Wednesday 19th February 2025, 7.30 pm – Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council</u>

# 10. <u>RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GRANTS BOARD</u>

(a) FP2141 Community Grant Allocations 2025/26

The report for this item is to follow.

The Cabinet will receive the recommendations of the Grants Board held on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025:

Agenda for Grants Board on Thursday 20th February 2025, 6.30 pm – Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

11. <u>LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION - INTERIM PLANS SUBMISSION</u> (Pages 141 - 152)

Report of the Chief Executive

12. <u>SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIRMAN, IS</u>
OF SUFFICIENT URGENCY TO WARRANT IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

# 13. 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 14 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**

## 14. <u>ITEMS OF AN EXEMPT NATURE REQUIRING KEY DECISION</u>

To consider the following item of an exempt nature:

(a) <u>FP2115 Minor Building Works Contract</u> (Pages 153 - 156)

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

15. <u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF A CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT NATURE AT</u> THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN

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