

NOTICE OF MOTIONS UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 16

To consider the following notice of motions submitted under Procedure Rule 16:

**1. The following motion has been submitted by Councillor Skottowe, and will be seconded by Councillor Musk**

In light of the accelerated timetable for Local Government Reorganisation as set out by the Government which is likely to see the abolition of the Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council and the introduction of directly elected Mayors and Unitary Authorities by May 2028, the Council recommends that a democratically elected Parish/Town council is established for Welwyn Garden City and a review of the other Parish or Town Councils in the Borough be conducted. This would allow greater democratic control over local assets and keep their governance truly local. The Council should aim to have this set up by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2028 (or at least before this council is abolished).

This Council resolves to produce an initial report setting out how and when a Community Governance Review should be started, addressing the setting up of new Parish/Town councils where appropriate and detailing the process of asset transfer between the existing Borough Council and the new and existing Parish/Town Councils. This should be presented to cabinet as soon as possible thereafter during 2025.