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To: Members of the Cabinet:

Councillor Mrs L.A. Needham (Chairman) (Leader of the Council);
Councillor David Levett (Portfolio Holder for Planning and Enterprise);
Councillor P.C.W. Burt (Portfolio Holder for Waste Management, Recycling and Environment);
Councillor T.W. Hone (Portfolio Holder for Finance and IT);
Councillor Tony Hunter (Portfolio Holder for Community Engagement and Rural Affairs);
Councillor Jane Gray (Portfolio Holder for Leisure);
Councillor Julian Cunningham (Portfolio Holder for Policy, Transport and Green Issues);
Councillor Bernard Lovewell (Portfolio Holder for Housing and Environmental Health).

You are invited to attend a

MEETING OF THE CABINET
to be held in

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES,
GERNON ROAD, LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY**

On

TUESDAY, 16 DECEMBER 2014, at 7.30p.m.

Yours sincerely,



David Miley
Democratic Services Manager

AGENDA
PART I

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	-
2. MINUTES – 24 NOVEMBER 2014 To take as read and approve as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 24 November 2014.	-
3. NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS Members should notify the Chairman of other business that they wish to be discussed by the Cabinet at the end of either Part I or Part II business set out in the agenda. They must state the circumstances that they consider justify the business being considered as a matter of urgency. The Chairman will decide whether the item(s) raised will be considered.	-
4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS Members are reminded that any declarations of interest in respect of any business set out in the agenda, should be declared as either a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Declarable Interest and are required to notify the Chairman of the nature of any interest declared at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenda. Members declaring a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest must withdraw from the meeting for the duration of the item. Members declaring a Declarable Interest which requires they leave the room under Paragraph 7.4 of the Code of Conduct, can speak on the item, but must leave the room before the debate and vote.	-
5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION To receive petitions, comments and questions from the public.	-
6. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OTHER COMMITTEES <i>Any items referred from other committees will be circulated as soon as they are available.</i>	-
7. STRATEGIC PLANNING MATTERS REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, HOUSING AND ENTERPRISE <i>To inform Cabinet of the current positions regarding:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Economic Development Strategy;</i>• <i>Government announcements on roads;</i>• <i>Government consultations;</i>• <i>Neighbouring authorities' plans;</i>• <i>North Hertfordshire Local Plan; and</i>• <i>Neighbourhood planning.</i>	1
8. SECOND QUARTER REVENUE MONITORING 2014/15 REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, POLICY AND GOVERNANCE <i>To consider the Second Quarter Revenue Monitoring report for 2014/15.</i>	15
9. TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID YEAR REVIEW 2014/15 REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, POLICY AND GOVERNANCE <i>To consider the Treasury Management Mid Year Review for 2014/15.</i>	29

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<p>11. THE COMMUNITY TRIGGER - ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014 REPORT OF THE HEAD OF HOUSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION <i>To seek the agreement to the proposed threshold for the community trigger, as set out in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.</i></p>	59
<p>12. COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2015/16 REPORT OF THE HEAD OF REVENUES, BENEFITS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY <i>To consider the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2015/16.</i></p>	65
<p>13. BANCROFT RECREATION GROUND, HITCHIN REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMER SERVICES AND PROJECT EXECUTIVE <i>To consider options relating to the future of Bancroft Recreation Ground, Hitchin.</i></p>	83
<p>14. POOLING OF BUSINESS RATES FOR 2015/16 ONWARDS REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, POLICY AND GOVERNANCE <i>To consider the proposed pooling of Business Rates for 2015/16 Onwards with five other Hertfordshire Local Authorities.</i></p>	95
<p>15. PROPOSED SHARED ANTI-FRAUD SERVICE REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, POLICY AND GOVERNANCE <i>To consider a proposed Shared Anti-Fraud Partnership with 5 other Hertfordshire local authorities.</i></p>	111
<p>16. PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE LEISURE CENTRE (NHLC) REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES <i>To consider a programme of improvements and replacements/refurbishments to the structure of North Herts Leisure Centre (NHLC).</i></p>	131
<p>17. POSSIBLE JOINT WORKING ON WASTE AND STREET CLEANSING CONTRACT WITH EAST HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL (EHDC) REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES <i>To consider the possibility of working with East Herts District Council on the production of an outline Business Case on a joint Waste Collection and Street Cleansing Contract.</i></p>	169
<p>18. CORPORATE BUSINESS PLANNING – DRAFT BUDGET 2015/16 REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, POLICY AND GOVERNANCE <i>To consider the Draft Budget for 2015/16.</i></p>	189

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<p>20. 0.33 HECTARE SITE, MEADOW WAY, THERFIELD REPORT OF THE HEAD OF FINANCE, PERFORMANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT <i>To consider a report on the proposed sale of a 0.33 hectare site at Meadow Way, Therfield.</i></p>	247
<p>21. THOMAS BELLAMY HOUSE AND HITCHIN MUSEUM, HITCHIN REPORT OF THE HEAD OF FINANCE, PERFORMANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT <i>To consider a report on Thomas Bellamy House and Hitchin Museum, Hitchin.</i></p>	255
<p>22. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC To consider passing the following resolution:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the following reports will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act.</p>	263
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Future Meetings:

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