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To: The Chair and Members of North Hertfordshire District Council

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

to be held in the

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES, GERONON
ROAD, LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY, SG6 3JF**

on

THURSDAY, 25 MAY 2023

at

7.30 PM

Yours sincerely,

Jeanette Thompson
Service Director – Legal and Community

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Agenda **Part I**

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2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
3. ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2023/2024	
4. MINUTES - 18 APRIL 2023 To take as read and approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 18 April 2023.	5 - 14
5. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS <u>Climate Emergency</u> The Council has declared a climate emergency and is committed to achieving a target of zero carbon emissions by 2030 and helping local people and businesses to reduce their own carbon emissions. A Cabinet Panel on the Environment has been established to engage with local people on matters relating to the climate emergency and advise the council on how to achieve these climate change objectives. A Climate Change Implementation group of councillors and council officers meets regularly to produce plans and monitor progress. Actions taken or currently underway include switching to green energy, incentives for low emission taxis, expanding tree planting and working to cut food waste. In addition the council is a member of the Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership, working with other councils across Hertfordshire to reduce the county's carbon emissions and climate impact. The Council's dedicated webpage on Climate Change includes details of the council's climate change strategy, the work of the Cabinet Panel on the Environment and a monthly briefing on progress. <u>Declarations of Interest</u> 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 Chair 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, wishing to exercise a 'Councillor Speaking Right', must declare this at the same time as the interest, move to the public area before speaking to the item and then must leave the room before the debate and vote.	

- 6. DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS (INCLUDING ALL POLLS) - 4 MAY 2023** 15 - 28
REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER
- To receive a report detailing the results of the District, Town and Parish Council polls held on 4 May 2023.
- 7. APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY LEADER OF COUNCIL, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET AND DEPUTY EXECUTIVE MEMBERS FOR 2023/24** 29 - 32
REPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER
- To inform the Council of the Leader's appointment of members of the Cabinet for 2023/24.
- 8. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES, JOINT COMMITTEES AND PANELS FOR 2023/24** 33 - 38
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- 9. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES FOR 2023/24** 39 - 42
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- To inform the Council of the appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees (except Area Forums) for 2023/24.
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**
The Annual Meeting of Council will adjourn to allow meetings of each Area Forum to convene and elect Chairs and Vice Chairs for the civic year 2023-2024.
- 11. KEY DECISIONS - LEADER'S ANNUAL REPORT ON CASES OF SPECIAL URGENCY** 43 - 48
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- 12. SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2023/24** 49 - 56
REPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER
- To seek approval to a programme of ordinary meetings of the Council for the Civic Year 2023/24.
- 13. NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER BODIES FOR 2023/24** 57 - 60
REPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER
- The purpose of this report is to present a list setting out the nomination of representatives on Outside Organisations and Other Bodies for 2023/24.

14. NOTICE OF URGENT MOTION

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To consider an urgent motion, due notice of which has been given in accordance with Standing Order 4.8.12 and agreed with the Managing Director as urgent under clause 14.6.5(a)(iv) of the Council's Constitution.