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

to be held in the

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

on

TUESDAY, 27TH JUNE, 2023 AT 7.30 PM

Yours sincerely,

Jeanette Thompson
Service Director – Legal and Community

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Agenda **Part I**

Item	Page
1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
2. MINUTES - 14 MARCH 2023 To take as read and approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 14 March 2023.	(Pages 7 - 14)
3. NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS Members should notify the Chair of other business which they wish to be discussed at the end of either Part I or Part II business set out in the agenda. They must state the circumstances which they consider justify the business being considered as a matter of urgency. The Chair will decide whether any item(s) raised will be considered.	
4. 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.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To receive petitions, comments and questions from the public.

6. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Any Items referred from other committees will be circulated as soon as they are available.

7. REPORT AND REFERRAL FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: CORPORATE PEER CHALLENGE REPORT & ACTION PLAN

(Pages
15 - 40)

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – LEGAL & COMMUNITY

In 2020 the LGA Corporate Peer Challenge (CPC) undertook a review, the review report and Action Plan were agreed through Cabinet on 24 March 2020 and 23 June 2020, respectively. A follow up review was undertaken by (different) LGA CPC Peers during 2022 and a further LGA Peer Committee Support report was issued in January 2023 (Appendix A). This concentrated on the Overview & Scrutiny and Finance, Audit and Risk Committees and a number of further recommendations have been made. These have been separated out into the Action Plan (Appendix B) with response and proposed actions for the Committees consideration and recommendations to Cabinet.

8. REPORT AND REFERRAL FROM FINANCE, AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE: LGA REVIEW ACTION PLAN

(Pages
41 - 62)

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES

The Council commissioned the Local Government Association to provide peer support in relation to the impact and effectiveness of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee. The peer support process took place during 2022 and was a combination of a desktop review, watching meeting videos and talking to relevant Members and Officers. A report was provided to the Council in January 2023 with their findings and recommendations. This report considers the recommendations in relation to the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee.

9. THE ALLOCATION OF DLUHC'S HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION GRANT AND DOMESTIC ABUSE FUNDING AWARDS FOR 2023/24 AND 2024/25

(Pages
63 - 74)

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – REGULATORY

This report details proposals for the allocation of this funding for specialist homelessness services for local people.

10. LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING FUND ROUND TWO
REPORT OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

(Pages
75 - 106)

This report updates on progress with the first round allocation and Cabinet is asked to consider and decide upon the Council's response to the second round allocation.

- 11. LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN (LCWIP) UPDATE AND CONSULTATION REPORT** (Pages 107 - 142)
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – REGULATORY
- Following public consultation of the draft North Herts (LCWIP) in the autumn of 2022, Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) has analysed the feedback and produced a Consultation Report and a Summary of Changes Report for consideration and endorsement by North Herts Council prior to the preparation of a final draft of the LCWIP to present to HCC Highways and Transport Cabinet Panel later in the year.
- 12. ACTIVE NORTH HERTS STRATEGY** (Pages 143 - 180)
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – PLACE
- To seek Cabinet's approval to adopt the new Active North Herts Strategy.
- 13. STRATEGIC PLANNING MATTERS** (Pages 181 - 242)
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – REGULATORY
- To identify the latest position on key planning and transport issues affecting the District.
- 14. NORTH HERTS PLACE NARRATIVE** (Pages 243 - 268)
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – PLACE
- To outline the Council's proposed Place Narrative for North Herts.
- 15. WASTE SHARED SERVICE: CLIENT TEAM AND CORPORATE SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS** (Pages 269 - 312)
REPORT OF THE SHARED SERVICE MANAGER – WASTE MANAGEMENT
- This report follows on from previous reports provided to Overview & Scrutiny and the Executive regarding the future management of waste.
- 16. ASHWELL CONSERVATION AREA** (Pages 313 - 412)
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – REGULATORY
- To consider the representations made in response to the consultation on the draft Ashwell Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan (CAAMP) and the proposed boundary changes for the Ashwell Conservation Area.
- 17. PIRTON CONSERVATION AREA** (Pages 413 - 510)
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – REGULATORY
- To consider the representations made in response to the consultation on the draft Pirton Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan (CAAMP) and the proposed boundary changes for the Pirton Conservation Area.
- 18. Q4 UPDATE ON PROGRESS AGAINST THE COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN 22-23** (Pages 511 - 542)
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES
- An update on the projects, risks and performance indicators linked to delivery of the Council Plan 22-23.

- 19. REVENUE BUDGET OUTTURN 2022/23** (Pages
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES 543 -
560)
- To inform Cabinet of the summary position on revenue income and expenditure as at the end of the financial year 2022/23.
- 20. INVESTMENT STRATEGY (CAPITAL AND TREASURY) END OF YEAR** (Pages
REVIEW 2022/23 561 -
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES 592)
- To consider the Investment Strategy (Capital and Treasury) End of Year Outturn Review.
- 21. YEAR END REPORT ON RISK MANAGEMENT GOVERNANCE** (Pages
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES 593 -
694)
- A report on risk management governance at the Council for 22-23