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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, GERNON
ROAD, LETCHWORTH**

on

THURSDAY, 13 JULY 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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1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
2.	MINUTES - 25 MAY 2023 To take as read and approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 25 May 2023.	5 - 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. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

To consider any questions submitted by Members of the Council, in accordance with Standing Order 4.8.11 (b). Any questions received prior to the deadline will be published as supplements.

7. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

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To consider any motions, due notice of which have been given in accordance with Standing Order 4.8.12.

8. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

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Referrals included:

6A – Referral from Cabinet: Active North Herts Strategy

6B – Referral from Cabinet: Revenue Budget Outturn 2022/23

6C – Referral from Cabinet: Investment Strategy (Capital and Treasury)
End of Year Review 2022/23

6D – Referral from Cabinet: Year End Report on Risk Management
Governance

6E – Referral from Finance, Audit and Risk Committee: Finance, Audit and
Risk Committee Annual Report 2022-2023

9. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

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REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY 2022-2023

To consider the Annual report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the 2022/2023 Civic Year.

10. FINANCE, AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

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REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR: RESOURCES

To consider the Annual Report of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee for the 2022/23 Civic Year.

11. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

This is the Annual Report in relation to ethical standards for the last year. It covers the work of the Committee as well as the issues that have arisen locally and nationally on ethical standards matters.

12. AMENDMENTS TO THE HERTFORDSHIRE GROWTH BOARD STANDING ORDERS IN RELATION TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR AND PRE-EMPTIVELY SEEKING AUTHORITY TO AMEND SERVICE DIRECTOR: REGULATORY DELEGATIONS 61 - 66
REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AND SERVICE DIRECTOR: LEGAL AND COMMUNITIES

The purpose of this report is to authorise amendments to Standing Order 4.2 of Appendix 1 Annex A of the Hertfordshire Growth Board (HGB) Standing Orders in relation to the appointment of the Chair & Vice Chair (in Section 11 of the Council's Constitution).

It is also to seek pre-emptive permission to amend relevant sections of the Constitution, in relation to the Service Director: Regulatory's delegations (predominantly in sections 12 and 14) that relate to Housing & Environmental Health, and for the Monitoring Officer to do so if/ when the recruitment to the temporary post has been successful.