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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, 25TH JANUARY, 2024

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 - 23 NOVEMBER 2023 To take as read and approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 23 November 2023.	5 - 12
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).

7. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

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

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8. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

To consider any items referred from other Committees. Any items referred to this meeting will be published as a supplementary document.

9. REVIEW OF MEMBERS ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2024/25

REPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER

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To agree the Member's Allowances Scheme 2024/2025 having taken into account the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel ('IRP').

10. COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2024/2025

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – CUSTOMERS

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To approve the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) for North Hertfordshire for 2024/2025.

11. Q2 INVESTMENT STRATEGY (INTEGRATED CAPITAL AND TREASURY) MONITORING

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES

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To update Council on progress with delivering the capital and treasury strategy for 2023/24, as at the end of September 2023.

12. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REPORT - DEFERRED FROM 23 NOVEMBER 2023

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – LEGAL AND COMMUNITY.

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This report covers proposed:

- Changes to section 8 Planning Control Committee's Terms of Reference:
- Removal of Appendices 1-2 to Section 8, with these to be incorporated in a new Procedure document (Appendix A), with the aim of addressing issues that have arisen during the last year.
- Minor change to section 14 delegations for some Service Directors – regarding attestation of the Common seal.

N.B this item has been deferred from the Council meeting of 23 November 2023 (see 246) and subsequently the Area Forum recommendation 2.6, for noting, has been dealt with by Delegated Decision 6 December 2023 and

therefore removed from this version of the earlier report.