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To: Members of the Cabinet:

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

to be held in the

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

on

TUESDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 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 - 19 SEPTEMBER 2023 To take as read and approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 19 September 2023.	(Pages 5 - 18)
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.	

Declarations of Interest

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. ALLOCATION OF (ADDITIONAL) HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION GRANT

(Pages
19 - 22)

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR – HOUSING & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

To review the additional in-year allocation of £199.9k of Homeless Prevention Grant for 2023/24, to support Ukrainian households and to help meet wider homelessness pressures.

8. STRATEGIC PLANNING MATTERS

(Pages
23 - 44)

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – REGULATORY

To identify the latest position on key planning and transport issues affecting the District.

9. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2024-29

(Pages
45 - 62)

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES

To inform Cabinet of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for 2024/25 to 2028/29 to guide and inform the Council's Business Planning Process. The focus is primarily on setting a budget for 2024/25, as well as determining the actions that will be necessary in setting a longer term budget following on from that.

10. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider passing the following resolution: 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 report will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act (as amended).

11. **WASTE, RECYCLING AND STREET CLEANSING SERVICE DESIGN - PART 2** 63 - 68
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – PLACE

To inform Cabinet that officers are currently undergoing a competitive dialogue procurement and are seeking a decision from Cabinet on further service design options that can be considered in order to achieve the long-term financial sustainability of the service and the Council.

12. **WASTE, RECYCLING AND STREET CLEANSING SERVICE DESIGN - PART 1** (Pages 69 - 78)
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – PLACE

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