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Our Ref Cabinet Tuesday, 25 June 2024
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To: Members of the Cabinet:

Executive Members Councillors: Daniel Allen (Chair), Val Bryant (Vice Chair),
Ian Albert, Amy Allen, Mick Debenham, Chris Hinchliff, Tamsin Thomas and
Dave Winstanley.

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

to be held in the

**COMMITTEE ROOM 2, DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES, GERNON
ROAD, LETCHWORTH, HERTS, SG6 3JF**

on

TUESDAY, 25TH JUNE, 2024 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 MARCH 2024 To take as read and approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 19 March 2024.	(Pages 5 - 14)
3.	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>Ecological Emergency</u> The Council has declared an ecological emergency and is committed to addressing the ecological emergency and nature recovery by identifying appropriate areas for habitat restoration and biodiversity net gain whilst ensuring that development limits impact on existing habitats in its process. The Council has set out to do that by a) setting measurable targets and standards for biodiversity increase, in both species and quantities, seeking to increase community engagement, b) to work with our partners to establish a Local Nature Partnership for Hertfordshire and to develop Nature Recovery Networks and Nature Recovery Strategy for Hertfordshire and c) to investigate new approaches to nature recovery such as habitat banking that deliver biodiversity objectives and provide new investment opportunities.	

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.

4. 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.

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. COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN 2023-24 (END OF YEAR) REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES

(Pages
15 - 46)

This report presents progress on delivering the Council Delivery Plan for 23-24 at the end of Quarter 4.

8. ANNUAL REPORT ON RISK MANAGEMENT GOVERNANCE REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES

(Pages
47 - 70)

To provide the Committee with an update on the effectiveness of the Risk Management Governance arrangements at North Herts Council. The review is referred on to Cabinet and Council to ensure that there is effective oversight of the governance arrangements that are in place.

9. REVENUE BUDGET OUTTURN 2023/24 REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES

(Pages
71 - 90)

The purpose of this report is to inform Cabinet of the summary position on revenue income and expenditure at the end of the financial year 2023/24.

10. INVESTMENT STRATEGY (CAPITAL AND TREASURY) END OF YEAR REVIEW 2023/24 REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES

(Pages
91 - 124)

To consider the Investment Strategy (Capital and Treasury) End of Year Outturn Review.

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| 11. | <p>KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2024/25
 REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES</p> <p>This report recommends the adoption of Council key performance indicators for 2024/25.</p> | <p>(Pages
125 -
132)</p> |
| 12. | <p>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).</p> | |
| 13. | <p>PART 2 MINUTES - 12 DECEMBER 2023
 To take as read and approve as a true record the Part 2 minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 12 December 2023.</p> | <p>133 -
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| 14. | <p>LEISURE INVESTMENT OPTIONS - PART 2
 REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – PLACE</p> <p>To consider and comment on the Leisure Investment Options available to the Council.</p> | <p>137 -
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| 15. | <p>LEISURE INVESTMENT OPTIONS - PART 1
 REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – PLACE</p> <p>To consider and comment on the Leisure Investment Options available to the Council.</p> | <p>(Pages
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