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Our Ref Cabinet Tuesday, 10 September 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

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

on

TUESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 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 - 25 JUNE 2024 AND 9 JULY 2024 To take as read and approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 25 June 2024 and 9 July 2024.	(Pages 5 - 24)
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>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.

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. COMMUNITY SURVEY ROUND TWO RESULTS (MARCH-MAY 2024) REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – PLACE

(Pages
25 - 64)

To advise Cabinet of the key findings from the Community Survey Round Two results (March – May 2024).

8. COUNCIL PLAN 2024-2028 REPORT OF THE POLICY AND COMMUNITIES MANAGER

(Pages
65 - 84)

This report proposes a new Council Plan and process for finalising the Plan.

9. SUSTAINABILITY SPD REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – REGULATORY

(Pages
85 - 250)

The Sustainability Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) has been prepared to provide additional detail and clarity to the North Herts Local Plan Policy SP1: Sustainable Development in North Hertfordshire, and other relevant policies in the Plan.

10. STRATEGIC PLANNING MATTERS REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – REGULATORY

(Pages
251 -
290)

This report identifies the latest position on key planning and transport issues affecting the District.

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| 11. | <p>REVISED USE OF COMMUTED SUMS
 REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH</p> <p>Proposal to revise use of commuted sum allocation.</p> | (Pages
291 -
298) |
| 12. | <p>COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN 2024-25 (QUARTER 1) UPDATE
 REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES</p> <p>This report presents progress on delivering the Council Delivery Plan for 2024-25.</p> | (Pages
299 -
320) |
| 13. | <p>FIRST QUARTER INVESTMENT STRATEGY (CAPITAL AND TREASURY) REVIEW 2024/25
 REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES</p> <p>To receive an update on progress with delivering the capital and treasury strategy for 2024/25, as at the end of June 2024.</p> | (Pages
321 -
346) |
| 14. | <p>FIRST QUARTER REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2024/25
 REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES</p> <p>To inform Cabinet of the summary position on revenue income and expenditure forecasts for the financial year 2024/25, as at the end of the first quarter.</p> | (Pages
347 -
358) |
| 15. | <p>MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2025-2030
 REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES</p> <p>This report recommends the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for 2025/26 to 2029/30 to guide and inform the Council's Business Planning Process.</p> | (Pages
359 -
378) |