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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, 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, GERON  
ROAD, LETCHWORTH, HERTS DG6 3JF**

on

**TUESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 2024 AT 7.30 PM**

Yours sincerely,

Jeanette Thompson  
Service Director – Legal and Community

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## **Agenda** **Part I**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Page</b>
<b>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	
<b>2. NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS</b> 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.	
<b>3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> <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. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

To receive petitions, comments and questions from the public.

#### **5. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

Any Items referred from other committees will be circulated as soon as they are available.

#### **6. CHESFIELD CONSERVATION AREA**

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – REGULATORY

(Pages 5  
- 76)

The purpose of this report is to consider whether further public consultation should be undertaken on revised proposals for the designation of a Conservation Area at Chesfield.

#### **7. LAND EAST OF LUTON STRATEGIC MASTERPLAN FRAMEWORK**

REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING MANAGER

(Pages  
77 - 236)

This report asks Cabinet to recommend the approval of the Strategic Masterplan Framework for land to the east of Luton to Full Council. This site is allocated for development in the Council's adopted Local Plan (Sites EL1, 2 & 3, Policy SP19) as a strategic site for approximately 2,100 homes and supporting infrastructure.

#### **8. LGO COMPLAINT REPORT**

REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGER

(Pages  
237 -  
258)

The Environmental Protection & Housing Team of Environmental Health wrongly delayed serving an abatement notice on a business after it had identified that it was causing a statutory noise nuisance.

**9. SUPPORTED HOUSING SCHEME FOR WOMEN** (Pages  
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – HOUSING AND 259 -  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH 268)

To consider the allocation of £73k of ringfenced MHCLG Homelessness Prevention Grant to Herts County Council to match fund the two-year pilot of Druglink's Supported Housing Scheme for Women.