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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, COUNCIL OFFICES, GERNON ROAD,
LETCWORTH, HERTS, SG6 3JF**

on

WEDNESDAY, 15TH JANUARY, 2025

at

7.30 PM

Yours sincerely,

Jeanette Thompson
Service Director – Legal and Community

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2. 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.	
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. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To receive petitions, comments and questions from the public.

5. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

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To consider any items referred from other Committees.

5a) Referral from Extraordinary Cabinet – 26 November 2024 – East of Luton Strategic Masterplan Framework

6. EAST OF LUTON STRATEGIC MASTERPLAN FRAMEWORK REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING MANAGER

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This report asks Full Council to approve the Strategic Masterplan Framework for land to the east of Luton. 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.

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REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – LEGAL & COMMUNITY AND
THE MONITORING OFFICER

N.B. This item was deferred from the Council meeting of 28 November 2024.

This report presents a summary of the areas reviewed and any in principle recommendations of the Constitutional & Governance Working Group ('Working Group') in relation to the following:

- The Planning Control Committee meetings and Sub-Committees (including start times/ potential end times).
- Standards Committee – recommendation to review the Terms of Reference to include other meaningful areas of remit.
- Council Procedure Rules to be reviewed and amended in respect of Member Motions and Questions, (including agenda management, number, length of time on debate/ remit/ and Member speeches).

The report also covers areas considered but not recommended for change at this stage.

- 8. APPOINTMENT OF REPLACEMENT RESERVE INDEPENDENT PERSON** 191 -
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This report seeks approval to appoint a replacement Reserve Independent Person ('IP') for a period of up to 4 years (as per the recommendation below), firstly 2 years and potential extension for a further 2 years up to the maximum period, such appointments to take effect from 16 January 2025, following the resignation of Stephen Tant from the role of Reserve IP.

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- 11. NOTICE OF MOTIONS - DEFERRED FROM 28 NOVEMBER 2024** 211 -
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An amendment to the motion received is included within this pack.