

5 June 2026

Our Ref Cabinet Tuesday, 16 June 2026
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To: Members of the Cabinet:

Executive Members Councillors: Val Bryant (Chair) Sean Nolan (Vice Chair) Ian Albert, Amy Allen, Daniel Allen, Mick Debenham, Tamsin Thomas, Laura Williams and Donna Wright.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A

MEETING OF THE CABINET

to be held in the

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

on

TUESDAY, 16TH JUNE, 2026 AT 7.30 PM

Yours sincerely,

Isabelle Alajooz
Director – Governance

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Agenda **Part I**

Item		Page
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
2.	MINUTES - 14 APRIL 2026 To take as read and approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 14 April 2026.	(Pages 7 - 20)
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. STRATEGIC PLANNING MATTERS REPORT REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – PLACE

(Pages
21 - 32)

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

8. DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS SPD REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – PLACE

(Pages
33 - 138)

The Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) supports the Local Plan to secure the appropriate contributions arising from new development across the District.

9. NORTH HERTS DESIGN CODE SPD REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – PLACE

(Pages
139 -
356)

To present this Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for adoption following public consultation and amendment.

10. WASTE VEHICLES FUEL ARRANGEMENTS REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – ENVIRONMENT

(Pages
357 -
368)

Approves use of a HVO mix for the Council's large waste vehicles, that limits the additional cost to the Council (of using HVO over diesel) to approximately £5,000 per month from 1 July 2026 to 31 March 2027. This would be subject to a minimum HVO use of 20%, unless it became impossible to obtain HVO fuel.

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| 11. | GA2 ACCESS LAND
REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL ESTATES SURVEYOR | (Pages
369 -
382) |
| | Site GA2 is a strategic housing site and lies to the north-east of Great Ashby and is allocated for a new neighbourhood of approximately 600 homes. | |
| 12. | FUNDING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION (LGR)
REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES | (Pages
383 -
388) |
| | To seek agreement on how the LGR funding will be allocated, including decision making processes. | |
| 13. | 2025-26 Q4 COUNCIL PLAN UPDATE
REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES | (Pages
389 -
444) |
| | A year end update on progress against the Council Delivery Plan for 2025-26. Whilst this is a year end update it generally reflects progress as at the time the report was prepared (early May 2026). | |
| 14. | 2025-26 YEAR END REPORT OF RISK MANAGEMENT GOVERNANCE
REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES | (Pages
445 -
464) |
| | This report provides an update on the effectiveness of the Risk Management governance arrangements at the Council. | |
| 15. | REVENUE BUDGET OUTTURN 2025/26 (FINAL)
REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES | (Pages
465 -
488) |
| | 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 2025/26. | |
| 16. | TREASURY MANAGEMENT END OF YEAR REVIEW 2025/26
REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES | (Pages
489 -
512) |
| | The Council complied with its legislative and regulatory requirements throughout the year. | |
| 17. | CAPITAL END OF YEAR REVIEW 2025/26
REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES | (Pages
513 -
526) |
| | To consider the Capital End of Year Outturn Review. | |
| 18. | 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 Paragraphs 3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act (as amended). | |
| 19. | PART 2 MINUTES - 19 NOVEMBER 2025
To take as read and approve as a true record the Part 2 minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 19 November 2025. | 527 -
530 |

- 20. CHURCHGATE REGENERATION PROJECT UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS - PART 2** 531 -
REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – ENTERPRISE 534

Since the previous update to Members, further work has been undertaken to assess the viability, deliverability and regeneration potential of the Churchgate site. This report provides an update on that work and seeks approval for the additional funding required to support the next phase of the project.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – ENTERPRISE 535 -
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- 23. ALLOCATION OF MHCLG HOMELESSNESS GRANT - PART 2** 699 -
REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – REGULATORY 700

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – REGULATORY 701 -
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