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SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Proposed Hertfordshire Highways Agency Agreements

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	All	Cabinet	12 April 2011	No	Key Forward Plan Ref:FP448	Ann MacDonald 01707 357233 a.macdonald@welhat.gov.uk	No	Environment

DECISION:
Authority to conclude the two highway agency agreements was delegated to the Director (Strategy and Development) and the Director (Finance and Operations), in conjunction with the Executive Member.

BACKGROUND:
Joint report of the Director (Finance and Operations) and the Director (Strategy and Development) to the Cabinet item 7(a) refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 2/13/10-11

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Hertfordshire Waste Partnership Agreement

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	All	Cabinet	12 April 2011	No	Key Forward Plan Ref:FP487	Durk Reyner 01707 357160 d.reyner@welhat.gov.uk	No	Environment

DECISION:
<p>The Cabinet agreed to join the Hertfordshire Waste Partnership based on the draft Agreement submitted.</p> <p>The Cabinet would continue with the appointment of the Member whose portfolio it was to manage waste services, as the Council's representative on the Hertfordshire Waste Partnership.</p> <p>Authority was delegated to the Director (Finance and Operations), in consultation with the Executive Member, to agree the final Agreement, subject to it being on the basis of the draft.</p>

BACKGROUND:
Report of the Director (Finance and Operations) to the Cabinet item 7(b) refers.

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SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT								
Interim Housing Strategy 2011/12								

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	All	Cabinet	12 April 2011	No	Key Forward Plan Ref:FP488	Sian Chambers 01707 357640 s.chambers@welhat.gov.uk	No	Social

DECISION:
<p>The interim Housing Strategy and Delivery Plan were approved.</p> <p>Authority was delegated to the Director (Strategy and Development), in consultation with the Executive Member, to make any minor changes to the text and/or targets within the Strategy document or Delivery Plan.</p> <p>The proposal to develop a longer term Housing Strategy and linked Homeless Strategy for the period 2013 to 2018 was approved.</p>

BACKGROUND:
<p>Report of the Director (Strategy and Development) to the Cabinet item 7(c) refers.</p>

LIST REFERENCE: 4/13/10-11

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Houses in Multiple Occupation in Hatfield – Article 4 Direction

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	Hatfield	Cabinet	12 April 2011	No	Key Forward Plan Ref:FP490	Sarah Barker 01707 357539 s.barker@welhat.gov.uk	No	Environment

DECISION:
The intention of the Director (Strategy and Development) to confirm the non-immediate Article 4 Direction in accordance with delegated powers was endorsed.

BACKGROUND:
Recommendation of the Cabinet Housing and Planning Panel on 22 March 2011 to the Cabinet item 7(d) refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 5/13/10-11

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Revised Timetable for the Production of the Welwyn Hatfield Core Strategy and Other Local Development Framework Documents

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	All	Cabinet	12 April 2011	No	Key Forward Plan Ref: FP491	Carol Hyland 01707 357548 c.hyland@welhat.gov.uk Simon Chivers 01707 357347 s.chivers@welhat.gov.uk	No	Environment

DECISION:
<p>The Council would publish the revised timetable for the production of the Welwyn Hatfield Core Strategy and the associated Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule, together with the timetable for consultation on a number of draft Supplementary Planning Documents in 2011.</p> <p>The Director (Strategy and Development) was authorised to agree any minor amendments to the revised timetable, following consultation with the Executive Member, Chairman and Opposition Spokesman of the Panel.</p> <p>The Director (Strategy and Development) was authorised to publish future revisions to the timetable for the production of development plan documents in order to provide real time public information.</p>

BACKGROUND:
Recommendation of Cabinet Housing and Planning Panel on 22 March 2011 to the Cabinet item 7(e) refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 6/13/10-11

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Welwyn Hatfield Core Strategy – Consultation on Housing Growth Numbers

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	All	Cabinet	12 April 2011	No	Key Forward Plan Ref: FP492	Paul Everard 01707 357518 p.everard@welhat.gov.uk	No	Environment

DECISION:
The public would be consulted on a range of possible housing targets for housing growth numbers in Welwyn Hatfield for the period 2011 to 2031 that would inform the production of the Council's Core Strategy.

BACKGROUND:
Recommendation of the Cabinet Housing and Planning Panel on 22 March 2011 to the Cabinet item 7(f) refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 7/13/10-11

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
The High View Supplementary Planning Document

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	Hatfield South Ward	Cabinet	12 April 2011	No	Key Forward Plan Ref: FP494	Rebecca Morgan 01707 357423 r.morgan@welhat.gov.uk	No	Environment

DECISION:
<p>The revised High View Supplementary Planning Document was adopted in accordance with Regulation 17 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Regulations 2004).</p> <p>The Director (Strategy and Development) was authorised to agree further minor alterations to finalise the Supplementary Planning Document, following consultation with the Executive Member and the Chairman and Opposition Spokesperson of the Cabinet Housing and Planning Panel.</p>

BACKGROUND:
Recommendation of the Cabinet Housing and Planning Panel on 22 March 2011 to the Cabinet item 7(g) refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 8/13/10-11

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Capital Budgets Roll Forwards Report 2011/12

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call- in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	All	Cabinet	12 April 2011	No	Key Forward Plan Ref: FP493	Tracy Fortune 01707 357219 t.fortune@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:
<p>A budget of £1.983M for schemes to be rolled forward for non-housing schemes and £442,000 for housing schemes from the 2010/11 capital programme to 2011/12 was approved.</p> <p>All roll forward schemes that had not yet started would be subject to further detailed reports to the Cabinet to seek approval to spend.</p>

BACKGROUND:
Report of the Director (Finance and Operations) to Cabinet item 7(h) refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 9/13/10-11

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Welwyn Hatfield Single Equality Scheme 2011-2014

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	All	Cabinet	12 April 2011	No	Non-Key	Paul Underwood 01707 357220 p.underwood@welhat.gov.uk	No	Social

DECISION:
The Single Equality Scheme 2011 to 2014 was approved so that further consultation with community partners could continue over the summer and autumn months to create a clearer understanding of local equalities issues.

BACKGROUND:
Recommendation of the Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 24 March 2011 to the Cabinet item 8 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 10/13/10-11

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Welwyn Hatfield Sports Facilities Study

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	All	Cabinet	12 April 2011	No	Non-Key	Matthew Rayner 01707 357174 m.rayner@welhat.gov.uk	No	Social

DECISION:
The Welwyn Hatfield Draft Sports Facilities Study was approved.

BACKGROUND:
Recommendation of the Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 24 March 2011 to the Cabinet item 8 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 11/13/10-11

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Scrutiny of the Council's Total Spend on Consultants in the Last Three Financial Years

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1	All	Cabinet	12 April 2011	No	Non-Key	Bob Baldock 01707 357277 b.baldock@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:
<p>Members would be made aware of the facility to individually examine the Council's budget on a need to know basis.</p> <p>The Pathfinder Project, which had now become a joint working forum between the County Council and all District and Borough Councils in Hertfordshire, together with shared services were recommended as an alternative to consultants where possible.</p> <p>The spreadsheet detailing the expenditure incurred on consultants in the last three financial years was noted in the Part li Private and Confidential section of the meeting.</p>

BACKGROUND:
Recommendation of the Resources Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 13 December 2010 to the Cabinet item 10 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 12/13/10-11

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Hydropower Capital Project

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	Hatfield East Ward	Cabinet	12 April 2011	No	Non-Key	Carol Rigby 01707 357114 c.rigby@welhat.gov.uk	No	Social

DECISION:
The release of funds of £98,000 from the capital programme 2011/12 was approved for the hydropower project at the mill and museum.

BACKGROUND:
Report of the Director (Finance and Operations) to the Cabinet item 11 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 13/13/10-11

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Appointment of Valuers for Housing Stock Desk Top Asset Valuations

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	All	Cabinet	12 April 2011	No	Non-Key	Pam Kettle 01707 357275 p.kettle@welhat.gov.uk Stephen Allen 01707 357425 s.allen@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:
<p>The appointment of the District Valuation Service to undertake desk top valuations for the Council's housing stock for inclusion in the balance sheet and notes in the Statement of Accounts for the four years from 2011/12 onwards was approved.</p> <p>Due to the level of specialist expertise and knowledge of the Council's housing stock by the District Valuation Service an exception was made to the Council's Contract Procedure Rules to allow the appointment to be made without a procurement exercise taking place.</p>

BACKGROUND:
Report of the Director (Strategy and Development) to Cabinet item 12 refers.

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SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Quarterly Update on Treasury Activities

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1	All	Cabinet	12 April 2011	No	Non-Key	Kevin Hurd 01707 357227 k.hurd@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:
The current treasury position was noted.

BACKGROUND:
Report of the Director (Finance and Operations) to Cabinet item 13 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 15/13/10-11

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Allotment Rent Increase

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	All	Cabinet	12 April 2011	No	Non-Key	Ann MacDonald 01707 357233 a.macdonald@welhat.gov.uk	No	Environment

DECISION:
<p>It was agreed that the rent for 25 square meters of allotment land with water would be increased from £6.20 to £11.03 per annum.</p> <p>It was agreed that the rent for 25 square meters of allotment land without water would be increased from £5.15 to £6.72 per annum.</p> <p>The increases in rent to be phased in over two years effective from April 2012 and April 2013.</p>

BACKGROUND:
Report of the Director (Strategy and Development) to Cabinet item 14 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 16/13/10-11

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Council's Achievements List

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	All	Cabinet	12 April 2011	No	Non Key	Nancy Sardari-Kermani 01707 357271 n.sardari-kermani@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:
The Council's achievements were noted.

BACKGROUND:
Report of the Director (Strategy and Development) to Cabinet item 15 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 17/13/10-11

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
On Street Car Parking Enforcement

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1	All	Cabinet	12 April 2011	No	Non Key	Bob Jewell 01707 357449 b.jewell@welhat.gov.uk	No	Environment

DECISION:
Delegated power was given to the Director (Finance and Operations), in conjunction with the Executive Member, to agree a detailed specification for the tender for on-street car parking enforcement and to make an agreement with East Hertfordshire District Council to act as lead authority to manage the tender process and subsequent control of any fines.

BACKGROUND:
Report of the Director (Finance and Operations) to Cabinet item 16 refers.