



## **PUBLICATION OF DECISION LIST NUMBER 5/12-13**

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This document lists the decisions taken by the Cabinet at its meeting on 9 October 2012. The list covers key and non-key decisions. These decisions will come into force within ten working days of the date of this document (i.e. 26 October 2012) unless the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee calls a decision in.

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**LIST REFERENCE: 1/5/12-13**

<b>SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT</b>								
The Selection of a Housing Target and Distribution Strategy for the Core Strategy								

<b>Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)</b>	<b>Wards affected by the Decision</b>	<b>Decision taken by</b>	<b>Date decision taken</b>	<b>Interest declared in respect of the Decision</b>	<b>Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>	<b>Eligible for Call-in &amp; Date to be called in by</b>	<b>Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>
1	All	Cabinet	9 October 2012	No	Forward Plan Reference: FP554	Sue Tiley 01707 357268 <a href="mailto:s.tiley@welhat.gov.uk">s.tiley@welhat.gov.uk</a>	No	Environment

<b>DECISION:</b>
<p>The Cabinet agreed a housing target of 7,200 dwellings for the period 2011- 2029.</p> <p>Option 4 (growth focused mainly towards Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield) was selected as the preferred strategy for the distribution of growth.</p> <p>The vision and objectives for the Emerging Core Strategy were approved.</p>

<b>BACKGROUND:</b>
<p>Recommendation of the Cabinet Housing and Planning Panel on 27 September 2012 to the Cabinet item 7(a) refers.</p>

**LIST REFERENCE: 2/5/12-13**

<b>SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT</b>
Update on Estate Management Scheme – Consideration of Applications for Energy Efficiency Measures and Roof Alternations

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	9 October 2012	No	Non-Key	Richard Aston 01707 357298 <a href="mailto:r.aston@welhat.gov.uk">r.aston@welhat.gov.uk</a>	No	Environment

<b>DECISION:</b>
<p>The approach to consultation would be as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the Welwyn Garden City Estate Management Scheme areas, which were also covered by a Conservation Area designation to only allow energy efficiency measures and other roof alterations where they were sited on the roof slopes which were not overly dominant when viewed from any surrounding public vantage point, save for where the architectural design of an individual property dictated otherwise.</li> <li>• Within all other Welwyn Garden City Estates Management Scheme areas to adopt this approach on traditional arts and crafts style properties and on more modern housing designs to allow the sensitive siting of such installations on principal elevations, on a case by case basis provided that they did not appear out of keeping with the design of the property and did not cover the majority of the roof slope.</li> <li>• In all cases to continue to weigh the environmental benefits of the proposals against the visual impact.</li> </ul> <p>This approach would be used in respect of other roof alterations such as dormer windows and roof lights.</p>

<b>BACKGROUND:</b>
Recommendation of the Estate Management Appeal Panel on 18 July 2012 to the Cabinet item 9 refers.

**LIST REFERENCE: 3/5/12-13**

<b>SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT</b>
Hatfield Swim Centre Roof – Water Ingress

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 Central	Cabinet	9 October 2012	No	Budget item for recommendation to Council	Mike Storey 01707 357457 <a href="mailto:m.storey@welhat.gov.uk">m.storey@welhat.gov.uk</a>	No	Resources

<b>DECISION:</b>
Following consideration of the two options in respect of extra work that had been discovered to deal with water ingress to the Hatfield Swim Centre roof, option two to replace the rotted timbers but leave alone the insulation and vapour barrier was agreed and the Council was recommended to approve an additional sum of £50,000 being incorporated into the project budget to cover the extra cost.

<b>BACKGROUND:</b>
Report of the Director (Finance and Operations) to Cabinet item 12 refers

**LIST REFERENCE: 4/5/12-13**

<b>SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT</b>
Release of Funds to Implement Netcall

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	9 October 2012	No	Budget item for recommendation to Council	Chris Conway 01707 357346 <a href="mailto:c.conway@welhat.gov.uk">c.conway@welhat.gov.uk</a>	No	Resources

<b>DECISION:</b>
<p>Revised implementation of the Netcall software would be pursued without the realised revenue savings.</p> <p>Capital funds of £67,500 would be released to proceed with the implementation of Netcall on the basis that a growth of £1,800 built into the original 2012/13 budget would not be required and savings of £14,375 would not be achieved.</p> <p>The Council was recommended to approve an in-year growth of £12,575 required for 2012/13 with the revenue implications of the project for future years being dealt with as part of the 2013/14 budget setting process.</p>

<b>BACKGROUND:</b>
Report of the Director (Strategy and Development) to Cabinet item 13 refers.

**LIST REFERENCE: 5/5/12-13**

**SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT**

Consent to make Three Planning Applications for Shops in Hatfield Town Centre

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 Central	Cabinet	9 October 2012	No	Non-Key	Mike Storey 01707 357457 <a href="mailto:m.storey@welhat.gov.uk">m.storey@welhat.gov.uk</a>	No	Resources

**DECISION:**

Consent was given to making three planning applications for shops in Hatfield Town Centre and a budget of £50,000 established as part of the capital programme for Hatfield Town Centre unit refurbishment and released to be funded by transferring the capital budget established for the Hatfield Town Centre regeneration legal and consultancy fees which would not result in any additional resources on the capital programme.

**BACKGROUND:**

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



**LIST REFERENCE: 6/5/12-13**

<b>SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT</b>
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	9 October 2012	No	Non-Key	Nancy Sardari-Kermani 01707 357271 <a href="mailto:n.sardari-kermani@welhat.gov.uk">n.sardari-kermani@welhat.gov.uk</a>	No	Resources

<b>DECISION:</b>
The Council's achievements from mid-June to mid-September 2012 were noted.

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

**LIST REFERENCE: 7/5/12-13**

**SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT**

Selection of Registered Provider for the Re-Development of the Hyde Site, Hollybush Lane, Welwyn Garden City for an Affordable Housing Scheme and Re-provision of the Existing Community Facility

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2	All	Cabinet	9 October 2012	No	Key Decision Forward Plan Reference: FP558	Jeremy Morton 01707 357723 <a href="mailto:j.morton@welhat.gov.uk">j.morton@welhat.gov.uk</a>	No	Social

**DECISION:**

Appropriate legal powers would be exercised to dispose of this asset to Affinity Sutton Housing Group in reliance on legislation and statutory instruments, obtaining where required any consent from the Secretary of States, for a capital receipt of £500,000 to build out the affordable rented homes and community facility as set out in the tender document.

On satisfactory completion, the community facility and associated land for parking would be transferred back to the General Fund for £1.

Delegated authority was given to the Director (Strategy and Development), in consultation with the Executive Member (Housing and Community), to agree minor changes to the scheme with the registered provider where the need arose.

**BACKGROUND:**

Exempt report of the Director (Strategy and Development) to Cabinet item 18(a) refers. As the report contains confidential/exempt information it is not available to the press or public.

**LIST REFERENCE: 8/5/12-13**

**SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT**

Award of Sale of Recovered Newspaper Contract

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2	All	Cabinet	9 October 2012	No	Key Decision Forward Plan Reference: FP563	Andrew Harper 01707 357371 <a href="mailto:a.harper@welhat.gov.uk">a.harper@welhat.gov.uk</a>	No	Resources

**DECISION:**

A two year contract with an option to extend for a further year was awarded to UPM commencing on 1 December 2012.

**BACKGROUND:**

Exempt report of the Director (Finance and Operations) to Cabinet item 18(b) refers. As the report contains confidential/exempt information it is not available to the press or public.