

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

NOTICE AND AGENDA

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the Council to be held in the Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Northway, Rickmansworth on Tuesday, 20 February 2024 at 7.30 pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(Pages 5 - 14)

To confirm as being a correct record the minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 12 December 2023, and for them to be signed by the Chair.

3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive an update on the Chair's activities since the last meeting.

4. PETITIONS

To consider any petitions received by the Council under Procedure Rule 18.

5. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

(Pages 15 - 22)

To receive any questions from the public submitted under Procedure Rule 15 and to note the answers provided.

6. FINANCIAL PLANNING

(Pages 23 - 98)

To consider the Council's financial position and set the Council budget for 2024/25.

Background papers:

- Financial Planning – Revenue Services
- Financial Planning – Capital Strategy and the Treasury Management Policy
- Advice of the Monitoring Officer
- Council Tax Support Scheme 2020/25
- [Budget Procedure Rules](#) – Rule 17

6.1 FINANCIAL PLANNING 2024-2027 - RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP

(Pages 99 - 108)

Medium Term Financial Plan 2024/25 to 2026/27 – Liberal Democrat Group

6.2	FINANCIAL PLANNING 2024-2027 - RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GREEN GROUP Medium Term Financial Plan 2024/25 to 2026/27 – Green Group	(Pages 109 - 114)
7.	SPECIAL EXPENSES This report reviews the Council's general and special expenses.	(Pages 115 - 120)
8.	COUNCIL TAX DISTRICT ELEMENT This report allows the Council to set the district element of the Council Tax for 2024/25. This includes the parish precepts.	(Pages 121 - 128)
8.1	SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX This report allows the Council to set the Council Tax for 2024/25.	(Pages 129 - 156)
9.	COUNCIL PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2024 The annual report of the Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2024 for review prior to publishing on the Council's website.	(Pages 157 - 182)
10.	POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS To consider the following recommendations arising from the meetings of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 4 December 2023 and 29 January 2024: 4 December 2023 i. Procurement Strategy That the Procurement Strategy is approved and adopted by the Council. 29 January 2024 ii. Standards Procedures That Council adopt: a) The draft standards procedure at Annex 1. b) The revisions to Part 2, Article 9 of the constitution at Annex 2. iii. Recording of Private Meetings That Council adopt: a) The additional wording to the Protocol on Member/Officer Relations b) The additional wording to the Member Code of Conduct detailed at Annex 2	(Pages 183 - 262)
11.	LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING FUND The Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) was announced in December 2022 and is a project aimed at providing longer term accommodation for Afghan	(Pages 263 - 274)

and Ukrainian families (LAHF1) and just Afghan families (LAHF2) who have arrived in the UK via various resettlement schemes. Full Council received a report in February 2023 which provided more detail about the scheme, the funding criteria and the proposals for how the Council intends to utilise the LAHF funds to provide homes in our District. The LAHF fund is administered by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC). A further Full Council report detailing the proposed disposal of three former garage sites for development was discussed and approved in December 2023.

12. CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES FOLLOWING THE RESTRUCTURE OF THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

The following report looks to review, and propose changes to the Constitution following the restructure of the Council's Senior Leadership Team.

13. SERVICE PLANS 2024-27 (Pages 275 - 398)

To agree the 2024-27 Service Plans

14. REGULATORY SERVICES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS (Pages 399 - 422)

This report summarises the outcomes of the statutory review of the Polling Places in the Three Rivers area.

15. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS (Pages 423 - 428)

The Localism Act 2011 places a statutory duty on the Authority to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by its elected and co-opted members. The Act requires the Authority to have local arrangements to handle any misconduct complaints including the appointment of Independent Persons.

16. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

To note changes to the membership of the Licensing and Regulatory Services Committees.

17. LEADER AND LEAD MEMBER REPORTS (Pages 429 - 450)

To receive written reports from the Lead Members on activities falling within their remit since the last meeting of Full Council.

- Leader's report
- Economic Development and Planning Policy
- Public Services
- Housing, Wellbeing and Health
- Leisure
- Sustainability and Climate Change
- Community Partnerships
- Resources

18. QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER AND LEAD MEMBERS (Pages 451 - 474)

To receive the answers to questions submitted to the Leader and Lead Members.

19. REPORTS OF, AND QUESTIONS TO, COMMITTEE CHAIRS

(Pages 475 - 478)

To receive written reports from the Chairs of the Audit, Planning, Licensing and Regulatory Committees and any questions of those Chairs.

- Planning Committee Chair's report
- Licensing and Regulatory Services Committees Chair's report
- Question to the Chair of Licensing Committee and Regulatory Services Committee

20. MOTIONS

(Pages 479 - 484)

To consider any Motions submitted under Council Procedure 11.

Note: Exclusion of Public and Press

If Council wishes to consider any items in private, it will be necessary for the following resolution to be passed:

“that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act. It has been decided by the Council that in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.”

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