

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

NOTICE AND AGENDA

For a meeting to be held in the Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Northway, Rickmansworth on Monday, 1 December 2025 at 7.30 pm

Members of the Policy and Resources Committee:-

Councillors:

Stephen Giles-Medhurst OBE (Chair)
Oliver Cooper
Stephen Cox
Steve Drury
Vicky Edwards
Rue Grewal
Philip Hearn

Sarah Nelmes (Vice-Chair)
Chris Lloyd
Chris Mitchell
Louise Price
Reena Ranger
Jon Tankard

*Joanne Wagstaffe, Chief Executive
Friday, 21 November 2025*

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public on agenda items at the Policy and Resources Committee meetings. Details of the procedure are provided below:

For those wishing to speak:

Members of the public are entitled to register and identify which item(s) they wish to speak on from the published agenda for the meeting. Those who wish to register to speak are asked to register on the night of the meeting from 7pm. Please note that contributions will be limited to one person speaking for and one against each item for not more than three minutes.

In the event of registering your interest to speak on an agenda item but not taking up that right because the item is deferred, you will be given the right to speak on that item at the next meeting of the Committee.

Those wishing to observe the meeting are requested to arrive from 7pm.

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To note any apologies for absence.

2. NOTICE OF OTHER BUSINESS

Items of other business notified under Council Procedure Rule 30 to be announced, together with the special circumstances that justify their consideration as a matter of urgency. The Chair to rule on the admission of such items.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest.

4. FEES AND CHARGES 2026/27

(Pages 5
- 40)

That:

- Council is recommended to approve the Fees and Charges set out in the schedule at Appendix 1 to be effective from 12 January 2026
- Council is recommended to approve the Fees and Charges set out in the schedule at Appendix 2 to be effective from 1 April 2026
- Council is recommended to approve the Fees and Charges set out in the schedule at Appendix 3 to be effective from 1 April 2026
- Council is recommended to approve the Fees and Charges set out in the schedule at Appendix 4 to be effective from 1 April 2026
- Council is recommended to approve the Fees and Charges set out in the schedule at Appendix 5 to be effective from 1 April 2026

5. STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER 2025

(Pages
41 - 46)

That:

- Policy and Resources Committee agree the revised Strategic Risk Register (Appendix A), including the additional strategic risks identified.
- The Committee agrees to give delegated Authority to Associate Director of Corporate, Customer and Community to authorise minor changes to the register, such as terminology, clarification, or administrative corrections with no significant impact.

6. HOUSING ALLOCATIONS POLICY REVIEW 2025

(Pages
47 -
1258)

That:

- Committee to review, provide comment if required and agree the recommended changes to the council's Housing Allocations Policy for adoption.

7. SERVICE PLANS 2025-2028 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

(Pages
1259 -
1274)

That:

- **Amendment 1 proposed – New CIL charging schedule:** Officers recommend that the update to the CIL charging schedule be included in the 2026-2029 service plans when there is officer resource and service budget available to cover the time and costs of completing the update, not in the current years' service plan.
- **Amendment 2 proposed – Commercial cinema to Watersmeet:** Officer recommendation is not to include the proposed amendments of exploring outsourcing Watersmeet to a commercial operator or any other operating model but instead to focus on delivering the existing Watersmeet business plan and to continue its current trajectory towards cost neutrality.
- **Amendment 3 proposed – Rescue Plan for Rickmansworth Aquadrome:** The proposed amendment is unnecessary as the Aquadrome Programme is already listed as a project within the Natural Infrastructure Service Plan and covers all aspects of the Aquadrome.
- **Amendment 4 proposed – Mitigate rise in fly tipping:** There is no evidence that this is the case. No changes have been made to Recycling Centre operations, and those being consulted on should, if brought in, bring forward a greater level of recycling so it does not need to be included in the service plan.
- **Amendment 5 proposed – Increase take-up of trade waste service:** Officer recommendation is not to include this as a project, as we already offer a service in line with Simpler Recycling.

8. SERVICE PLANS 2026-2029

(Pages
1275 -
1382)

That:

- Policy and Resources provide any comments or suggested amends to the 2026–2029 service plans. Final service plans will be approved by Council in conjunction with the budget.

Committee Decision on Public Access:-

1. Public access to report - immediate

- Revenues and Benefits
- Finance
- Committee, Elections and Legal
- Property and Major Projects
- Planning Policy and Conservation (Local Plan/Right To Build Register)
- Customer Experience (excluding Watersmeet)
- Strategy and Partnerships (Corporate Services)

- Regulatory Services (CIL, Land Charges)

9. OTHER BUSINESS - if approved under item 3 above

10. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

If the Committee wishes to consider the remaining item in private, it will be appropriate for a resolution to be passed in the following terms:-

“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 X 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.”

(Note: If other confidential business is approved under item 3, it will also be necessary to specify the class of exempt or confidential information in the additional items.)

1. OTHER BUSINESS - IF APPROVED UNDER ITEM 3 ABOVE

To receive any declarations of interest.

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