

# ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

You are hereby summoned to a meeting to be held in the Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Northway, Rickmansworth on Tuesday, 19 May 2026 at 7.30 pm

Councillors:

Christopher Alley  
Aidan Bentley  
Oliver Cooper  
Ian Campbell  
Anaika Chopra  
Stephen Cox  
Harry Davies  
Steve Drury  
Vicky Edwards  
Andrea Fraser  
Elinor Gazzard  
Stephen Giles-Medhurst OBE  
Shelley Gormley  
Lisa Hudson  
Tony Humphreys  
Matthew Hunt  
Raj Khiroya  
Joan King  
Chris Lloyd

David Major  
Keith Martin  
Kerry Milliken  
Chris Mitchell  
Debbie Morris  
Ian Morris  
Krutika Patel  
Louise Price  
Kevin Raeburn  
Reena Ranger  
Ciaran Reed  
Andrew Scarth  
Narinder Sian  
Mike Sims  
Tom Smith  
Cheryl Stungo  
Jon Tankard  
Kavan Trivedi  
Chris Whately-Smith

**1. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL**

(Pages 5  
- 10)

To appoint the Chair of the Council for the ensuing Municipal Year.

**2. CHAIR ELECT**

The Chair Elect to make the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and to acknowledge the honour conferred.

**3. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING CHAIR**

The retiring Chair to reply and to receive a scroll from the new Chair thanking the retiring Chair for their Term of Office. (Retiring Chair to take the Vice-Chair's seat and to move to the main chamber area after their reply).

**4. APPOINTMENT OF THE VICE-CHAIR OF COUNCIL**

To elect the Vice-Chair of the Council for the ensuing Municipal Year.

**5. VICE-CHAIR ELECT**

The Vice-Chair Elect to make the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and to acknowledge the honour conferred

**6. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are invited to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and Non Pecuniary Interests they may have with respect to matters which are to be considered at this meeting.

**8. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

(Pages  
11 - 26)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 27 January 2026, 24 February 2026 and 10 March 2026.

**9. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair to make their announcements.

**10. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

To appoint the Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.

**11. TO APPOINT THE DEPUTY LEADER AND LEAD MEMBERS**

The Leader to advise the Council in relation to:

- a) The appointment of the Deputy Leader
- b) The appointment of Lead Members and their portfolio areas

For Council to then make the appointments.

**12. REVIEW OF POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

(Pages  
27 - 30)

To appoint the committees of the Council for the ensuing year, to determine the number of Members on each committee and to review the political proportionality of the committees.

- a) Policy and Resources Committee
- b) General Public Services and Community Engagement Committee
- c) Climate Change and Leisure Committee
- d) Planning Committee
- e) Licensing Committee
- f) Regulatory Services Committee
- g) Audit Committee
- h) Council Tax Setting Committee

**13. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES**

(Pages  
31 - 34)

To appoint Chairs and Vice-Chairs to the Committees established in item 11, Review of Political Proportionality and Appointment of Committees.

In accordance with the allocation of seats, as determined at Review of

Political Proportionality and Appointment of Committees, and having regard to the nominations of the political groups (to be laid on the table), to appoint Members to the following Committees for the 2026/27 Municipal Year:

- a) Policy and Resources Committee
- b) General Public Services and Community Engagement Committee
- c) Climate Change and Leisure Committee
- d) Planning Committee
- e) Licensing Committee
- f) Regulatory Services Committee
- g) Audit Committee
- h) Council Tax Setting Committee

#### **14. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES**

(Pages  
35 - 38)

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- a) Policy and Resources Committee
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#### **15. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

(Pages  
39 - 44)

To appoint council representatives to outside bodies:

- East of England Local Government Association – Reserved to Leader
- Chilterns Conservation Board
- Denham Aerodrome Consultative Committee
- Herts Waste Partnership
- LGA General Assembly – Reserved to Leader
- Hertfordshire Building Preservation Trust LTD
- Herts County Council Health Scrutiny Committee
- Three Rivers Museum Trust
- Moor Park Mansion Heritage Foundation Trust
- New Agreement Traffic Management Act 2004 Adjudication Joint Committee- PATROLAJC
- Abbots Langley Community Centre Management Committee
- Hertfordshire Police and Crime Scrutiny Panel
- Hertfordshire Armed Forces Covenant
- Herts Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership
- Herts Growth Board
- South Oxhey Community Board
- South West Herts Strategic Planning Members Group
- Watford and Three Rivers Trust
- Seniors Champion
- Young Persons Champion
- Member Training Champion

**16. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES OF COUNCIL** (Pages 45 - 50)

To appoint the following Sub Committees of the Council and to appoint the membership thereof having regard to the nominations of the political groups, as laid:

- Local Plan Sub Committee
- Shareholder Scrutiny Committee
- Connecting Three Rivers
- Community Safety board
- Environmental Forum
- Equalities Forum
- Seniors Forum
- Youth Council
- Internal Complaints Panel
- Staff Employer Forum

**17. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS OF THE LOCAL AREA FORUMS** (Pages 51 - 54)

Council considered the proposed appointments to the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Local Area Forums for the ensuing municipal year.

**18. SUMMARY OF DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS**

To note the results of the recent District Council elections.

**18.1 ELECTION RESULTS** (Pages 55 - 60)

**General Enquiries: Please contact the Committee Team at [committeeteam@threerivers.gov.uk](mailto:committeeteam@threerivers.gov.uk)**

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