

# 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)

In accordance with the allocation of seats, as determined at Review of Political Proportionality and Appointment of Committees, and having regard to the appointments 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

#### **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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*Joanne Wagstaffe, Chief Executive  
Date Not Specified*

# Appointment of Chair

19/05/2026

**COUNCIL**  
**19 MAY 2026**  
**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

**1. Summary**

1.1. To select a Chair of the Council for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.

**2. Recommendations**

2.1. That the Liberal Democrat Group be invited to put forward a nomination for the position of Chair for the 2026/27 Municipal Year.

**3. Details**

3.1. The Council's method of electing a Council Chair is based on a points system that was first agreed by Full Council on 8<sup>th</sup> March 1988 (Minute No 229/88) and 19<sup>th</sup> April 1988 (Minutes No398/88). Points are allocated to political parties each year in accordance with the number of seats held following local elections in May. Points are then added to an accumulated points total which is carried forward year on year with point deductions being made according to a number of rules set out in the original resolution and attached as an annex to this report.

3.2. Point totals are worked out in advance of each Annual Council meeting and the political party with the most points is given the opportunity to appoint a Chair of their choosing for the duration of the Municipal Year.

3.3. Ahead of Annual Council in May 2025, Labour had the most points and took up the invitation to appoint the Chair for the 2025/2026 Municipal Year. Subsequent to this, and in accordance with Rule b, 39 points were then deducted from the accumulated points total of the Labour group as set out below

<b>Group</b>	<b>Points to carry forward following Annual Council, May 2025</b>
Conservatives	26
Green	9
Labour	-9
Liberal Democrats	24

3.4. Following the District Council Elections on 7 May 2026, points have now been added to each group's total in accordance with the number of members held at the date of this meeting. This gives the cumulative points totals set out below:

<b>Group</b>	<b>Points from May 2025</b>	<b>Additional points following election</b>	<b>Total Points as at 19 May 2026</b>
Conservatives	26	14	40
Green	9	3	12
Labour	-9	2	-7
Liberal Democrats	24	18	42

- 3.5. As the Group with the highest points score, the Liberal Democrat group is invited to appoint the Chair of the Council.
- 3.6. Assuming the Liberal Democrat Group take up the invitation to appoint the Chair then under Rule b, 39 points will be deducted from the accumulated points total of the Liberal Democrat group and the point totals that will carry forward into May 2027 would be as follows:

<b>Group</b>	<b>Total Points as at 19 May 2026</b>	<b>Points to be carried forward to 2027</b>
Conservatives	40	40
Green	12	12
Labour	-7	-7
Liberal Democrats	42	3

#### **4. Options and Reasons for Recommendations**

- 4.1. Under Rule f, in the event that the party group entitled by the points scheme to hold the Chair, refuses to accept the office, 27 points will be deducted from the cumulative points total of that group and, under rule g 20 points would then also be deducted from the cumulative points total of the party group which subsequently accepted the Chair.

#### **5. Policy/Budget Reference and Implications**

- 5.1. None applicable.

#### **6. Financial, Equal Opportunities, Staffing, Environmental, Community Safety, Public Health, Customer Services Centre, Communications & Website, Risk Management and Health & Safety Implications**

- 6.1. None applicable.

#### **7. Legal Implications**

- 7.1. The Local Government Act 1972 requires that each year, the Council appoints a Chair. The relevant constitutional provisions are contained in the Appendices to Part 2 of the constitution titled 'ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL – METHOD OF ELECTION'.

## **APPENDICIES**

Appendix 1 – Agreed Methodology for Appointment of Chair

## ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

### **Scheme Approved by Council on 8th March 1988 (Minute No 229/88) and 19 April 1988 (Minute No 398/88)**

- (a) The points scheme to be applied to all party political groups and to any independent Members that may be elected to the Council from time to time.
- (b) The party political group with the most points at the time of the Annual Meeting to be entitled to take the Chair, in respect of which 39 points will be deducted from the accumulated points total of that group.
- (c) Each party political group represented on the Council be awarded one point for each seat held at the date of the Annual Council meeting.
- (d) For the purpose of the scheme, the results of any by-elections held during the year to be disregarded.
- (e) In the event of there being any vacancy on the Council at the date of the Annual Council meeting, the point(s) in respect of the vacant seat or seats be awarded to the party political group whose representative held the seat at the time the vacancy arose.
- (f) In the event of the party group entitled by the points scheme to hold the Chairmanship refusing to accept the office, 27 points to be deducted from the cumulative points total of that group.
- (g) 20 points to be deducted from the cumulative points total of the party group which accepted the Chairmanship in consequence of (f) above.
- (h) Subject to the agreement of all party group leaders if the party group entitled by the points scheme to hold the Chair conceded the office (for whatever reason) no points be deducted from the cumulative points total of that group, provided that the party group which accepted the office willingly agreed to do so subject to the deduction of 39 points from the cumulative points total.
- (i) The Chief Executive is authorised to operate and maintain the points system, and to report on the position of each party political group to the Annual meeting of the Council;
- (j) Any amendments or variations to the scheme to be subject to the formal approval of the Council.
- (k) The points accumulated by independent or temporary political groups which ceased to be represented on the Council to be distributed evenly between the remaining party political groups (or otherwise dealt with as may be agreed between Party Group Leaders).



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## THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL

**At a meeting of the Full Council held in the Watersmeet Theatre, High Street, Rickmansworth, WD3 1EH, on Tuesday, 27 January 2026 from 7.30 - 9.20 pm**

**Present:** Councillors Stephen King, Councillor Tony Humphreys,

Ian Campbell, Oliver Cooper, Stephen Cox, Steve Drury, Vicky Edwards, Elinor Gazzard, Stephen Giles-Medhurst OBE, Rue Grewal, Philip Hearn, Lisa Hudson, Khalid Hussain, Raj Khiroya, Joan King, Chris Lloyd, David Major, Keith Martin, Abbas Merali, Chris Mitchell, Debbie Morris, Ian Morris, Sarah Nelmes, Louise Price, Kevin Raeburn, Paul Rainbow, Reena Ranger, Ciaran Reed, Andrew Scarth, Narinder Sian, Mike Sims, Tom Smith, Cheryl Stungo, Jon Tankard, Chris Whately-Smith and Anne Winter

### **Officers in Attendance:**

Joanne Wagstaffe – Chief Executive Officer  
Alison Betts – Associate Director for Finance and S151 Officer  
Jonathan Boyle – Principal Lawyer and Deputy Monitoring Officer  
Matthew Barnes – Principal Planning Solicitor  
Lucy Smith – Committee and Electoral Services Manager

### **106 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Alley, Davies, Fraser, and Councillor Hudson who arrived at 20:24. Councillor Tankard left the chamber at 20:45.

### **107 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **108 REGULATION 19 PUBLICATION DOCUMENT AND SITE ALLOCATION**

At 8.00pm, the Chair adjourned proceedings to observe a minute's silence in recognition of Holocaust Memorial Day.

Members paid tribute to the victims of the Holocaust and subsequent genocides, and reflected on the importance of remembrance and education. The Leader and other Members spoke briefly about the significance of the day, the Council's participation in commemorative events, and the need to challenge antisemitism, intolerance and hatred in all its forms.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Giles-Medhurst, moved the recommendations out in the agenda relating to the publication of the Local Plan Regulation 19 Policies.

The Council were advised that approval would enable the document to be published for statutory Regulation 19 consultation, followed by submission to the Planning Inspectorate, subject to delegated authority for minor modifications.

In moving the motion, the Leader outlined the extensive work undertaken by officers and external consultants over several years, including Green Belt review, sustainability appraisal, transport evidence and repeated public consultations. Members were advised that the proposed Local Plan sought to balance housing need, infrastructure provision and Green Belt protection retaining approximately 73% of the District as Green Belt and proposing 7,027

dwellings, equating to approximately 56% of the Government's standard method housing target.

Members debated the robustness of the evidence base, the likelihood of the Local Plan being found sound at examination, and whether a lower housing figure should have been pursued earlier under previous national planning policy frameworks. Differing views were expressed regarding the classification of land as Green Belt or grey belt, the consequences of failing to adopt a sound Local Plan, and the risk of increased speculative development in the absence of an adopted plan.

Several Members spoke in support of the proposed policies, citing the need for affordable housing, appropriate housing mix, infrastructure delivery, sustainability standards and certainty for residents. Other Members raised concerns regarding policy viability, potential impacts on development costs, and whether certain policy requirements could affect householders seeking minor development.

The Leader of the Council Announced that an amendment at Policy and Resources Committee had been accepted and would be incorporated into the policy wording.

“Part 1 – HOU1 – Housing Mix and Type (page 38).

iv. The proportions of homes to be built to the above standards should be applied to the housing mix of the development in terms of size and type in consultation with the council's housing department to ensure that developments provide a mix of sizes and types adapted of wheelchair users that reflects local need.”

Councillor Edwards proposed an amendment, seconded by Councillor Reed to Policy HOU4.

#### **“Provision for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople**

5.59 Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople have particular accommodation needs that require additional consideration. To ensure that members of these communities are able to access decent and appropriate housing with access to services including health and education, the council must make provision for accommodation to meet identified needs.

5.60 Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS) sets out the Government's planning policy for traveller sites and should be read in conjunction with the National Planning Policy Framework.

#### **HOU4 - Provision for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople**

1) The council's Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (July 2025) sets out that there is a need for 37 pitches for Gypsies and Travellers who meet the definition set out in the PPTS and a need for 6 plots for Travelling Showpeople who meet the planning definition set out in the PPTS.

2) When considering planning applications for sites for Gypsies and Travellers or Travelling Showpeople, a criteria based approach will be used. The following criteria will be taken into account:

a) Avoid areas at risk from all sources of flooding, or affected by environmental hazards that may affect residents' health or welfare;

b) Avoid causing an adverse impact on areas of recognised wildlife, heritage or landscape importance, and on the openness of the Green Belt with improvements sought;c) Have reasonable access to local services and facilities, including shops, schools and healthcare; d) Be well located to the highway network, with safe and convenient vehicular and pedestrian access to the site;

- e) Sites should be suitably designed and the layout include sufficient space to accommodate the proposed number of caravans, provision of day rooms, space for tourer caravans, landscaping, SuDs mitigation, Biodiversity Net Gain, vehicles and ancillary areas as appropriate. Adequate on-site facilities for parking, storage, waste collection, play and residential amenity should be provided;
  - f) The site must be capable of being adequately serviced by drinking water, utilities and sewerage disposal facilities;
  - g) The size and scale of the site, alone or in combination with other nearby traveller sites, respects the size and density of the local settled community and does not dominate the nearest settled community;
  - h) Provide adequate levels of privacy and residential amenities for occupiers and not have an adverse impact on the amenities of any nearby occupiers; including being able to achieve a reasonable level of visual and acoustic privacy for both people living on the site and those living nearby;
  - i) The site must be capable of being adequately serviced by drinking water, utilities and sewerage disposal facilities; and
  - j) The circumstances of the applicant and their need for pitches on the application site;
- 3) Existing Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites will be safeguarded unless there is no longer a need for their retention, or they are no longer viable.”

Councillor Giles-Medhurst indicated that above items except g) had been accepted at the Policy and Resources Committee and that as mover of the motion he was happy to accept all of the above including the now revised item g).

The Chair provided procedural clarification regarding the status of amendments considered at the Policy and Resources Committee and the application of Rule 22 of the Council's Constitution. As Full Council was the following working day to Policy and Resources Committee it was not possible for due notice to be given. However ten Members of the Council were required to support the amendment. With a show of hands, Councillors Campbell, Cooper, Edwards, Hearn, Merali, D Morris, Ranger, Reed, Sian and Sims supported the amendment.

On being put to the vote, the Chair announced the amendment CARRIED with the voting being by general assent.

The Council considered the Local Plan Regulation Part 2: Site Allocations Document.

Members debated individual site allocations, with particular reference to Green Belt impact, infrastructure capacity, sustainability, transport constraints and the interaction of site allocations with the amended policy framework. Concerns were raised regarding specific sites in Abbots Langley, Chorleywood, Maple Cross, Bedmond and other locations, including the potential cumulative impact of development and the classification of land as grey belt.

Councillor Cooper proposed an amendment, seconded by Councillor Edwards:

*“Remove the allocation of the following sites:*

- *H5 (ACFS9b, Little How Croft)*
- *H10 (CFS7, land south of the M25)*

- *H12 (CFS56, Church Hill Road, Bedmond)*
- *H15 (CFS13, land at Oxhey Lane, Watford Heath)*
- *H16 (CFS14, land north of Oxhey Lane, Carpenders Park)*
- *H17 (NCFS11, Grange Wood, Carpenders Park)*
- *H20 (CFS16, Chorleywood station car park)*
- *H32 (CFS65, Bucknalls Lane)*
- *H36 (CFS26c, west of Kings Langley estate)*
- *H37 (NSS20, land adjacent to the RES site, Egg Farm Lane)*
- *H41 (EOS7.0, land to the south of Shepherds Lane and east of M25)*
- *H53 (CFS47c, Adams Nurseries, Sarratt)”*

As this amendment was identical to a previous amendment heard at Policy and Resources Committee the previous evening, Rule 22 applied. Ten Members of the Council were required to support the amendment. With a show of hands, Councillors Campbell, Cooper, Edwards, Hearn, Hudson, Merali, D Morris, Ranger and Reed. As only 9 Members were in support of the amendment, the amendment was not put to the vote.

Following the procedural ruling of Rule 22, Councillor Cooper proposed an alternative amendment, seconded by Councillor Edwards:

“That Site Allocation H10 be removed from the Regulation 19 Local Plan Part 2: Site Allocations document prior to publication and submission.”

The Leader of the Council advised that the matter had already been debated at length and moved the amendment to the vote.

On being put to the vote, the Chair declared the amendment LOST with the voting being For 9, Against 22, Abstentions 2.

Councillors Giles-Medhurst, Nelmes, Drury, Price, Lloyd and Whateley-Smith requested a recorded vote on the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and declared by the Chair as CARRIED with the voting as follows:

For, Councillors, Cox, Drury, Gazzard, Giles-Medhurst, Grewal, Humphreys, Hussain, Khuroya, J King, S King, Lloyd, Major, Martin, Mitchell, I Morris, Nelmes, Price, Raeburn, Rainbow, Scarth, Sian, Sims, Smith, Stungo, Whateley-Smith and Winter (26)

Against (0)

Abstentions, Councillors, Campbell, Cooper, Edwards, Hearn, Hudson, Merali, D Morris, Ranger and Reed (9)

**CHAIRMAN**

## THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL

**At a meeting of the Full Council held in the Three Rivers House, Northway, Rickmansworth, Herts WD3 1RL, on Tuesday, 10 March 2026 from 7.30pm**

**Present:** Councillors Councillor Stephen King, Councillor Tony Humphreys,

Christopher Alley, Ian Campbell Oliver Cooper, Stephen Cox, Steve Drury, Vicky Edwards, Andrea Fraser, Elinor Gazzard, Stephen Giles-Medhurst OBE, Rue Grewal, Joan King, Chris Lloyd, Keith Martin, Abbas Merali, Chris Mitchell, Debbie Morris, Ian Morris, Sarah Nelmes, Louise Price, Kevin Raeburn, Paul Rainbow, Reena Ranger, Ciaran Reed, Narinder Sian, Mike Sims, Tom Smith, Jon Tankard, Chris Whately-Smith and Anne Winter

### **Officers in Attendance:**

Kimberley Grout – Associate Director for Corporate, Customer and Community and Interim Monitoring Officer

Jonathan Boyle – Principal Lawyer and Deputy Monitoring Officer

Lucy Smith – Committee and Electoral Services Manager

### **127 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Khiroya, I Morris, Price, Davies, Stungo, Hearn, Hudson, Scarth, Hussain.

Apologies for lateness were received for Councillor Edwards and Campbell.

### **128 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **129 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - HERONSGATE AND LOUDWATER**

The Council received a report setting out proposals following a Community Governance Review, including the incorporation of Heronsgate and Loudwater into Chorleywood Parish Council, an increase in the number of parish councillors from 17 to 19, and the deferral of parish elections to 2027.

The Chair permitted Jon Bishop, representing Chorleywood Parish Council and the Chorleywood Residents' Association, to address the Council. Mr Bishop spoke in support of the proposals and the progression of the Review, highlighting the work undertaken locally and the importance of providing clarity and certainty for residents.

Councillor Giles-Medhurst introduced the report and moved the recommendations. The proposals reflected a request from Chorleywood Parish Council and consultation responses which supported the changes, including alignment of parish elections with the wider electoral cycle. Councillor Nelmes seconded the motion and reserved the right to speak.

During the debate, Councillor Cooper proposed an amendment, seconded by Councillor Reed, seeking to provide assurance that Heronsgate would have its own ward. In doing so, Councillor Cooper highlighted that consultation responses from Heronsgate residents strongly favoured joining Chorleywood only if a separate ward was established.

Advice was provided by the Monitoring Officer that, whilst the Council could extend existing parish wards, it could not create a new parish ward without undertaking a further Community

Governance Review covering the whole parish area. It was confirmed that the current review had not included the necessary level of consultation to lawfully introduce new warding arrangements.

Members discussed the implications of this advice, including the need to ensure any decision was legally robust and not open to challenge. Concerns were raised regarding the expectations of Heronsgate residents and how these could be addressed within the statutory framework.

Following further discussion, Councillor Cooper withdrew his amendment. Councillor Giles-Medhurst then moved a revised amendment to the substantive motion, incorporating a commitment to undertake a further Community Governance Review in advance of the 2027 elections and noting the aspiration for a single member ward for Heronsgate. The amendment also reflected the interim position regarding representation. This amendment was seconded by Councillor Mitchell.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was declared CARRIED by the Chair, the voting being by General Assent.

On being put to the vote, the substantive motion as amended by Councillor Giles-Medhurst was put to the vote and declared CARRIED by the Chair, the voting being by General Assent.

RESOLVED:

This Council agree:

- The unparished area of Heronsgate join Chorleywood Parish Council.
- The unparished area of Loudwater join Chorleywood Parish Council
- The number of Councillors for Chorleywood Parish Council to rise from 17 to 19.
- Chorleywood Parish Council's election cycle be delayed a year to fall in line with the 2027 parish elections.
- A new CGR to take place in 2027.

NOTE: Councillor Ranger entered the Chamber at 7:33pm

NOTE: Councillor Alley entered the Chamber at 7.33pm

NOTE: Councillor Edwards entered the Chamber at 7.37pm

NOTE: Councillor Campbell entered the Chamber at 7.37pm

**CHAIRMAN**

## THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL

**At a meeting of the Full Council held in the Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Rickmansworth, on Tuesday, 24 February 2026 from 7.30 - 10.30 pm**

**Present:** Councillors Councillor Stephen King, Councillor Tony Humphreys,

Christopher Alley, Ian Campbell, Oliver Cooper, Harry Davies, Steve Drury, Vicky Edwards, Andrea Fraser, Elinor Gazzard, Stephen Giles-Medhurst OBE, Rue Grewal, Philip Hearn, Raj Khiraya, Joan King, Chris Lloyd, David Major, Keith Martin, Abbas Merali, Chris Mitchell, Debbie Morris, Sarah Nelmes, Louise Price, Kevin Raeburn, Paul Rainbow, Reena Ranger, Ciaran Reed, Andrew Scarth, Narinder Sian, Tom Smith, Cheryl Stungo, Jon Tankard, Chris Whately-Smith and Anne Winter

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Joanne Wagstaffe – Chief Executive Officer

Kimberley Grout – Associate Director for Corporate, Customer and Community and Monitoring Officer

Alison Betts – Associate Director for Finance and S151 Officer

Jonathan Boyle – Principal lawyer and Deputy Monitoring Officer

Lucy Smith – Committee and Electoral Services Manager

### **109 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Stephen Cox, Lisa Hudson, Khalid Hussain, Ian Morris and Mike Sims.

### **110 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 09 December 2025 were considered.

An amendment was proposed by Councillor Cooper to correct paragraphs three and four. The Leader of the Council Councillor Giles-Medhurst confirmed that the proposed corrections were accepted as factual amendments.

That, subject to the agreed amendment, the minutes of 9 December 2025 were approved as a correct record.

### **111 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Joan King and Stephen King declared pecuniary interests in item 10, Review of Statement of Licensing Policy and would leave the Chamber for the duration of the item.

Councillor Sarah Nelmes declared a non pecuniary interest in item 8F, Community and Voluntary Sector Grant Agreements due to membership of a management committee associated with a grant recipient.

Councillor Drury declared a pecuniary interest in item 8F, Community and Voluntary Sector Grant Agreements and would leave the Chamber for the duration of the item.

### **112 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Harry Davies paid tribute to Eleanor Clarke, Councillor of Three Rivers District Council from 1999 to 2003 and Hertfordshire County Council from 2001 to 2005. Other Councillors spoke warmly of Eleanor, noting her contribution and she would be sorely missed.

The Chair of the Council announced details of the Chairman's Charity events, including a quiz night to be held at the Penn Chamber in the evening of the 17 April. and a Golf Day being held at Rickmansworth Golf Course on Saturday 14 March which includes a game of golf, breakfast and lunch.

As an order of business Item 8(d) was moved on the agenda as it formed an appendix to Item 7(a).

### **113 PETITIONS**

No petitions were received.

### **114 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Four public questions had been submitted in advance of the meeting and published with the agenda.

Barry Grant was not present to ask a supplementary question.

Jon Bishop, on behalf of Chorleywood Residents' Association and Three Rivers Joint Residents asked a supplementary question regarding the timeline for progression for the Regulation 19 and how speculative planning applications would be prevented. The Leader of the Council, Councillor Giles-Medhurst replied that Officers had advised that Government officers hoped to respond as quickly as possible but the inclusion of additional sites would delay progression. The only effective way to prevent speculative applications was to progress the Local Plan.

Gary Ansell was not present to ask a supplementary question.

Sue Webb, on behalf of the Lemonfield Group asked a supplementary question regarding a petition concerning a proposed HMO and requested that the Council issue an Article 4 Direction. The Leader of the Council, Councillor Giles-Medhurst replied that an Article 4 Direction requires Secretary of State agreement and must be supported by robust evidence and that officers advice was that sufficient evidence was not currently available. The Council must determine applications in accordance with planning legislation and policy.

### **115 BUDGET PAPERS**

#### **115a MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2026/27 TO 2028/29 LIBERAL DEMOCRAT PROPOSALS**

The Leader introduced the Medium Term Financial Plan 2026/27 Liberal Democrat Proposals, referring to the recent peer review and confirming that the budget had been fully costed and signed off by the Director of Finance. It was emphasized that the proposals represented a balanced budget with investment in key priorities.

During the debate, Members expressed differing views on the proposals. Supporters of the budget highlighted investment in social housing, sustainability initiatives, leisure provision and community services. Reference was made to continued weekly waste collections, property investment returns and funding allocated to conservation appraisals and Local Plan work. It was stated that the Council remained in a comparatively strong financial position.

Other Members raised concerns regarding the use of reserves and whether sufficient savings and efficiency measures had been identified. Reference was made to opportunities for technological efficiencies whether these had been fully explored. Questions were raised regarding the delivery of previous budget commitments, the pace of conservation area appraisals, and the allocation of funding in connection with the Afghan resettlement

programme. Concerns were also expressed about the protection of Green Belt land and whether sufficient financial provision had been made in that regard.

In responding to the debate, the Leader addressed the principal issues raised by Members.

In relation to concerns about the use of reserves, it was stated that the Council's reserves position remained prudent and proportionate. The Leader emphasized that reserves were being used strategically to support investment and transformation, not to support unsustainable revenue expenditure.

Responding to comments regarding the efficient savings and the use of technology including artificial intelligence, the Leader stated that the Council continued to pursue efficiencies and service improvements through digital transformation. It was acknowledged that technological change must be implemented responsibly and in a way that protected service standards and statutory compliance.

In relation to conservation area appraisals, the Leader recognized that progress had been slower than originally anticipated, largely due to resource pressures and competing priorities, particularly Local Plan work. It was confirmed that additional provision had been included within the budget to accelerate this work.

Addressing Local Plan funding and protection of the Green Belt, the Leader confirmed that specific budget provision had been made for Local Plan work in the base budget, alongside earmarked reserves. It was emphasized that sufficient funding was available should additional legal or consultancy support be required.

On Article 4 Directions and HMOs, the Leader reiterated that such directions required robust evidence and carried financial implications, including potential compensation risks. It was stated that the cost of introducing an Article 4 Direction could be significant and that the Council must act within the legislative framework.

The Leader concluded by stating that the budget contained no service cuts and no redundancies, maintained weekly waste collections, sustained investment in leisure and environmental services, and demonstrated sound financial management.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and declared as CARRIED by the Chair with the voting as follows:

For Councillors, Davies, Drury, Gazzard, Giles-Medhurst, Grewal, Humphreys, Khuroya, J King, S King, Lloyd, Major, Martin, Mitchell, Nemes, Price, Raeburn, Rainbow, Scarth, Sian, Smith, Stungo, Tankard, Whatley-Smith, Winter (24)

Against Councillors, Alley, Campbell, Cooper, Edwards, Fraser, Hearn, Merali, D Morris, Rander, Reed (10).

Councillor Grewal left the meeting at 21:06 after the vote.

## **116 SPECIAL EXPENSES**

Councillor Price introduced the item and moved the recommendations in relation to Special Expenses, which were seconded by Councillor Giles-Medhurst.

In introducing the report, it was explained that Special Expenses were levied in accordance with the statutory framework to reflect the services provided in particular parts of the District and not elsewhere, and that the calculations had been undertaken in line with established methodology. It was noted that parishes declare the services they provide and that the District Council determines its Special Expenses accordingly.

During the debate, Members raised a number of issues concerning the allocation and transparency of Special Expenses.

Concerns were expressed regarding the continued inclusion of Watersmeet within the Special Expenses calculation. It was suggested that Watersmeet did not operate in the same way as other community facilities and that its inclusion disproportionately impacted residents in Rickmansworth. Reference was also made to business rates paid in respect of Watersmeet and whether alternative governance arrangements, such as a charitable trust model, might be explored in the future.

Members also debated the position of the Aquadrome. It was argued by some Members that the Aquadrome represented a key asset for Rickmansworth residents and that the condition and management of certain areas had given rise to concern. Questions were raised regarding whether expenditure allocated through Special Expenses was sufficiently transparent and whether residents could clearly see how the funds were being applied. Particular reference was made to car park conditions and long term management plans.

Other Members spoke in support of the existing arrangements, stating that land owned and maintained by the District Council necessarily required appropriate funding and that the methodology for apportionment had been consistently applied. It was emphasized that the budget itself had already been approved and that the Special Expenses decision concerned the allocation of costs rather than the overall level of expenditure.

A further issue raised during debate was the relationship between parish precepts and Special Expenses, and whether the two should be presented more distinctly in future documentation to assist clarity for residents.

Councillor Cooper moved an amendment which was seconded by Councillor Fraser

“To remove Watersmeet from the Special Expenses Calculation”

The Monitoring Officer advised that if the amendment were carried, the council would not be able to set the Council Tax at this meeting and an extraordinary meeting would be required. It was further advised that while the overall budget would not change, there would be implications for Council Tax billing and cashflow timing, particularly in relation to payments due to Hertfordshire County Council.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was declared LOST by the Chair with the voting being

For Councillors, Alley, Campbell, Edwards, Fraser, Hearn, Merali, D Morris, Ranger, Reed, Sian and Stungo (12)

Against Councillors, Davies, Drury, Gazzard, Giles-Medhurst, Humphreys, Khiroya, J King, S King, Lloyd, Major, Martin, Nelmes, Price, Raeburn, Rainbow, Scarth, Smith, Tankard, Whatley-Smith and Winter. (20)

Abstention Councillors, Mitchell. (1)

The substantive motion was put to a recorded vote and declared CARRIED by the Chair, with the voting being

For Councillors, Davies, Drury, Gazzard, Giles-Medhurst, Humphreys, Khiroya, J King, S King, Lloyd, Major, Martin, Mitchell, Nelmes, Price, Raeburn, Rainbow, Scarth, Sian, Smith, Stungo, Tankard, Whatley-Smith and Winter. (23)

Against Councillors, Alley, Campbell, Cooper, Edwards, Fraser, Hearn, Merali, D Morris, Ranger and Reed. (10)

## **116a COUNCIL TAX - DISTRICT ELEMENT**

Councillor Price moved the recommendations relating to the District element of the Council Tax. It was explained that the calculation combined the District element, Special Expenses and Parish Precepts and that the 2.99% increase was calculated across the total district tax base. Councillor Giles-Medhurst seconded the motion.

On being put to the vote the substantive motion was declared CARRIED by the Chair with the voting being

For Councillors, Davies, Drury, Gazzard, Giles-Medhurst, Humphreys, Khiroya, J King, S King, Lloyd, Major, Martin, Mitchell, Nelmes, Price, Raeburn, Rainbow, Scarth, Sian, Smith, Stungo, Tankard, Whatley-Smith and Winter (23)

Against Councillors, Alley, Campbell, Cooper, Edwards, Fraser, Hearn, Merali, Morris, Ranger and Reed. (10)

## **117 SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX - 2026/27**

Councillor Price moved the recommendations to set the Council Tax, incorporating the Hertfordshire County Council and Police and Crime Commissioner precepts. Councillor Giles-Medhurst seconded the motion.

On being to the vote, the substantive motion was declared CARRIED by the Chair, the voting being

For Councillors, Davies, Drury, Gazzard, Giles-Medhurst, Humphreys, Khiroya, J King, S King, Lloyd, Major, Martin, Mitchell, Nelmes, Price, Raeburn, Rainbow, Scarth, Sian, Smith, Stungo, Tankard, Whatley-Smith and Winter. (23)

Against Councillors, Alley, Campbell, Cooper, Edwards, Fraser, Hearn, Merali, D Morris, Ranger and Reed. (10)

## **118 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **118a COUNCIL PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2026**

Councillor Giles-Medhurst moved the recommendation to approve and publish the Council Pay Policy Statement 2026. The motion was seconded by Councillor Nelmes.

In introducing the item, it was noted that the Pay Policy Statement was a statutory requirement.

During debate concern was raised that the report had not been discussed in detail at committee stage and that the list of posts subject to market factor supplements did not include traffic engineers. It was suggested that recruitment difficulties in this area were well established and that without appropriate market supplements the Council would struggle to deliver its parking programme commitments.

On being put to the vote, the motion was declared CARRIED by the Chair, the voting being 23 votes for, 10 votes against.

### **118b COUNCIL PLAN 2026-2029 - FINAL**

Councillor Giles-Medhurst moved that Full Council adopt the Council Plan 2026/2029. The motion was seconded by Councillor Nelmes.

Members noted that the plan had been considered by the Service Committees and the Policy and Resources Committee, and that minor amendments had been incorporated following

Member feedback. The Leader advised that the Council would reflect upon comments arising from the recent peer review, particularly in relation to targets and performance measures.

During debate, concern was expressed that the formal peer review report had not yet been received and that Members were relying on informal feedback. It was confirmed that the formal report was due mid-march but that summary feedback had been presented and circulated.

The motion was put to the vote and declared CARRIED by the Chair with the voting being 23 votes For, 0 votes Against and 10 Abstentions.

**118c FINAL SERVICE PLANS 2026-29**

The recommendations in the report were moved by Councillor Giles-Medhurst and seconded by Councillor Nelmes.

It was reported that the Service Plans had been considered at Service Committees and Policy and Resources Committee and that minor amendments had been incorporated following Member comments.

During debate, reference was made to postal vote renewal requirements and the proportion of postal voters who had not been renewed. Concern was expressed regarding potential disengagement among vulnerable residents, particularly those in care homes and retirement accommodation. It was suggested that further work be undertaken through the relevant Service Committee work programme to encourage renewals although no amendment was proposed.

It was confirmed that reminder communications had been issued to affected electors and that officers were continuing to monitor renewal figures.

The motion was agreed by general assent.

**119 FINANCIAL PLANNING - RECOMMENDATIONS**

As an order of business Item 8(d) was moved on the agenda as it formed an appendix to Item 7(a).

**119a BIODIVERSITY DUTY REPORT 2026**

Councillor Tankard introduced the report and moved the recommendations in the report. The recommendations were seconded by Councillor Lloyd.

In introducing the item, it was noted that the report strengthened the Council's biodiversity approach and included monitoring of biodiversity net gain delivery. It was reported that the majority of biodiversity net gain projects within the district had been delivered on site.

During debate, reference was made to biodiversity net gain calculations and the potential to secure further biodiversity improvements, particularly in relation to waterways and speculative development. It was suggested that additional opportunities should be explored.

In response, it was stated that biodiversity net gain operated in accordance with the statutory metric applicable to individual development sites and that gains must relate to the characteristics of those sites.

The motion was agreed by general assent.

**119b COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANT AGREEMENTS**

Councillor Drury declared a pecuniary interest and left the chamber at 22:03.

Councillor Lloyd introduced the report and moved the recommendation which was seconded by Councillor Giles-Medhurst.

Whilst presenting the report, reference was made to the range of organisations supported through the grants programme, including advice services, community transport, youth and mental health provision, and voluntary sector partners. It was noted that the grant provided to Citizens Advice was among the largest made by district and borough councils in Hertfordshire.

During debate, Members spoke in support of the voluntary sector and highlighted the value of discretionary grants, particularly at a time when many authorities were reducing support.

On being put to the vote, the motion was declared CARRIED by the Chair with the voting being by general assent.

Councillor Drury returned to the Chamber at 22:08.

**119c FIXED PENALTY NOTICES**

Councillor Nelmes introduced the report and proposed the recommendations. Councillors Giles-Medhurst seconded the recommendations.

It was explained that environmental fixed penalty levels would remain unchanged and that fees and charges would be set at £4450 in order to reduce unnecessary court proceedings.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Cooper and seconded by Councillor Alley.

“The Fixed Penalties Notices for the following offences be set at the following levels with immediate effect:

<b>Offence</b>	<b>FPN</b>	<b>Reduced charge</b>
Abandoning a vehicle	£200	No early payment discount
Depositing litter	£500	£250
Unauthorised distribution of literature	£150	No early payment discount
Failure to produce waste carrier registration documents	£300	No early payment discount
Graffiti and fly posting	£500	No early payment discount
Waste receptacles (placing the wrong items in your bins)	£60	£40
Failure to produce waste transfer notes	£300	No early payment discount
Fly-tipping	£1,000	No early payment discount
Breach of Community Protection Notice	£100	No early payment discount
Littering from vehicles	£500	No early payment discount
Domestic duty of care under s34(1) or s34(1A) (i.e. for waste carriers)	£600	No early payment discount
Domestic duty of care	£600	£336

under s34(2A) (i.e. for households)		
Nuisance vehicles	£100	No early payment discount

During debate on the amendment, it was stated that the average court fine was lower than the proposed fixed penalty level and that reducing the fixed penalty could encourage offenders to pursue court proceedings. It was suggested that deterrence should remain a key consideration.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was declared LOST by the Chair, the voting being 10 votes For, 23 votes Against.

The substantive motion was then put to the vote and was declared CARRIED by the Chair, the voting being 23 votes For, 10 votes Against.

## **120 CIVIL PENALTY NOTICE POLICY**

Councillor Drury moved the recommendation to adopt the Civil Penalty Notice Policy which was seconded by Councillor Giles-Medhurst.

During the debate, Members discussed enforcement powers, Landlord compliance, and the need to ensure proportionality and effectiveness of civil penalties in advance of the implementation of the Renters' Rights Act.

It was agreed that the policy be adopted and that authority be delegated to the Policy and Resources Committee to review and amend the policy if necessary through urgent action.

On being put to the vote, the motion was declared CARRIED by the Chair, the voting being by general assent.

## **121 REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

Councillors Joan King and Stephen King declared a pecuniary interest in the item and left the Chamber at 22:27 and the Vice Chair took the Chair for this item.

The recommendations were moved by Councillor Davies and seconded by Councillor Giles-Medhurst.

On being put to the vote, the motion was declared CARRIED by the Vice-Chair, the voting being by general assent.

Councillors Joan King and Stephen King returned to the Chamber at 22:28.

## **122 ANNUAL COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES REVIEW**

Councillor Giles-Medhurst moved the recommendations and Councillor Price seconded. Councillor Giles-Medhurst pointed out the recommendation were from the independent panel and the uplift was in line with the pay award with staff and it had been customs and practice, irrespective of party views to always accept the independent panel recommendations.

During debate reference was made to the overall performance of the Council and the appropriateness of the proposed uplift.

On being put to the vote, the motion was declared CARRIED by the Chair, the voting being 23 votes For, 10 votes Against.

## **123 APPEALS UNDER 64 OF PART 4 ACCESS TO INFORMATION PROCEDURE RULES**

This item was not reached.

**124 LEAD MEMBER REPORTS**

This item was not reached.

**125 QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER AND LEAD MEMBERS**

This item was not reached.

**126 MOTIONS**

This item was not reached.

**CHAIRMAN**

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# 12. Review of Political Proportionality 19/05/2026

**Annual Council  
19 May 2026**

**Review of Proportionality**

Committees

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Seats Available</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Liberal Democrats</b>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>Total</b>
Council Tax Setting Committee	7	3	1	0	3	0	0	7
Planning Committee	9	3	1	1	4	0	0	9
Regulatory Services Committee	9	3	1	1	4	0	0	9
Licensing Committee	9	3	1	1	4	0	0	9
Policy and Resources Committee	13	5	1	1	6	0	0	13
Climate Change and Leisure Committee	9	3	1	1	4	0	0	9
General Public Services and Public Engagement	9	3	1	1	4	0	0	9
Audit Committee	9	3	1	1	4	0	0	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>74</b>
Percentage		35%	11%	9%	45%	0%	0%	100%

<b>New Composition May 26</b>							
<b>Political Party</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Liberal Democrats</b>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>Total</b>
Council Composition (Groups)	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>39</b>
Proportional Allocation *	35.90%	7.69%	5.13%	46.15%	2.56%	2.56%	100.00%

<b>New - Proposed 2026/27</b>	<b>Seats Available</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Liberal Democrats</b>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>Total</b>
Constitution Sub Committee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Local Plan Committee	9	3	1	1	4	0	0	9
Equality Sub Committee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Percentage</b>		<b>33%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Appointed by Policy and Resources Committee**

<b>New - Proposed 2026/27</b>	<b>Seats Available</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Liberal Democrats</b>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>Total</b>
Shareholder and Commercial Ventures Panel	9	3	1	1	4	0	0	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Percentage</b>		<b>33%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>100%</b>



# 13. Appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs 19/05/2026

**Full Council**

PART I

**Appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs**

**For Council to appoint the Chairs and Vice-Chairs as follows:**

	<b>Liberal Democrat proposal</b>	<b>Conservative proposal</b>
<b>Policy &amp; Resources Chair</b>	Stephen Giles-Medhurst	Oliver Cooper
<b>Policy &amp; Resources Vice Chair</b>	Louise Price	Vicky Edwards
<b>General Public Services and Community Engagement Chair</b>	Steve Drury	Ian Campbell, Kerry Milliken
<b>General Public Services and Community Engagement Vice Chair</b>	Paul Rainbow	
<b>Planning Chair</b>	Chris Whately-Smith	Debbie Morris
<b>Planning Vice Chair</b>	Elinor Gazzard	Reena Ranger
<b>Climate Change and Leisure Chair</b>	Chris Lloyd	Andrea Fraser
<b>Climate Change and Leisure Vice Chair</b>	Aidan Bentley	
<b>Licensing Chair</b>	Harry Davies	Ciaran Reed
<b>Licensing Vice Chair</b>	Raj Khiroya	Anaika Chopra
<b>Regulatory Services Chair</b>	Harry Davies	Ciaran Reed
<b>Regulatory Services Vice Chair</b>	Raj Khiroya	Anaika Chopra
<b>Audit Chair</b>	Tony Humphreys	Matthew Hunt
<b>Audit Vice Chair</b>	Keith Martin	Lisa Hudson
<b>Council Tax Setting Committee Chair</b>	Stephen Giles-Medhurst	Oliver Cooper
<b>Council Tax Setting Committee Vice Chair</b>	Louise Price	Kavan Trivedi
<b>Local Plan Sub-Committee Chair</b>	Stephen Giles-Medhurst	Vicky Edwards
<b>Local Plan Sub-Committee Vice Chair</b>	Louise Price	Oliver Cooper
<b>Shareholder and Commercial Ventures</b>	Stephen Giles-Medhurst	Oliver Cooper

<b>Scrutiny Panel Chair</b>		
<b>Shareholder and Commercial Ventures Scrutiny Panel Vice Chair</b>	Louise Price	Matthew Hunt



# 14. Appointment of Members to Committees 19/05/2026

**Full Council  
19 May 2026**

PART I

**Appointment of Members to Committees**

Group Leaders have nominated the following members to sit on Committees for 2026/27:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Seats</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Liberal Democrat</b>
Policy and Resources Conservative (5) Green (1) Labour (1) Lib Dems (6)	13	Oliver Cooper Chris Alley Vicky Edwards Andrea Fraser Kavan Trivedi	Narinder Sian	Stephen Cox	Steve Drury Stephen Giles-Medhurst Chris Lloyd Paul Rainbow Louise Price Aidan Bentley
Planning Conservative (3) Green (1) Labour (1) Lib Dems (4)	11	Debbie Morris Oliver Cooper Reena Ranger	Chris Mitchell	Stephen Cox	Raj Khiroya Tom Smith Elinor Gazzard Chris Whatley-Smith
Planning (named substitutes)		Vicky Edwards Andrea Fraser Krutika Patel			Stephen Giles-Medhurst Andrew Scarth Louise Price Chris Lloyd Steve Drury
Licensing Conservative (3) Green (1) Labour (1) Lib Dems (4)	9	Ciaran Reed Anaika Chopra Debbie Morris	Narinder Sian	Stephen Cox	Harry Davies Raj Khiroya Andrew Scarth Keith Martin
Regulatory Services	9	Ciaran Reed	Narinder Sian	Stephen Cox	Harry Davies

Conservative (3) Green (1) Labour (1) Lib Dems (4)		Anaika Chopra Debbie Morris			Raj Khuroya Andrew Scarth Keith Martin
General Public Services and Community Engagement Conservative (3) Green (1) Labour (1) Lib Dems (4)	9	Chris Alley Ian Campbell Krutika Patel	Cheryl Stungo	Joan King	Steve Drury Paul Rainbow Kevin Raeburn Shelley Gormley
Climate Change and Leisure Conservative (3) Green (1) Labour (1) Lib Dems (4)	9	Andrea Fraser Kerry Milliken Kavan Trivedi	Chris Mitchell	Joan King	Raj Khuroya Chris Lloyd Aidan Bentley Jon Tankard
Audit Conservative (3) Green (1) Labour (1) Lib Dems (4)	9	Ciaran Reed Lisa Hudson Matthew Hunt	Chris Mitchell		Tony Humphreys Keith Martin Shelley Gormley David Major
Council Tax Setting Conservative (3) Green (1) Labour (0) Lib Dems (3)	7	Oliver Cooper Matthew Hunt Kavan Trivedi	Chris Mitchell		Stephen Giles-Medhurst Chris Lloyd Louise Price



# 15. Appointment of Members to Outside Bodies 19/05/2026

**PART I**

**Appointment of Members to Outside Bodies**

**For Council to appoint members to the following outside bodies and roles:**

Body	Number of seats to be filled	Liberal Democrat Nominee(s)	Conservative Nominee(s)
East of England Local Government Association - Reserved to Leader	1	Stephen Giles-Medhurst	
Chilterns Conservation Board	1	Louise Price	
Denham Aerodrome Consultative Committee	1	Raj Khiroya	
Herts Waste Partnership	2 (one to be a substitute member)	Paul Rainbow Stephen Giles-Medhurst	
LGA General Assembly - Reserved to Leader	2 (one to be a substitute member)	Stephen Giles-Medhurst Louise Price	
Hertfordshire Building Preservation Trust Ltd	1	Elinor Gazzard	
Herts County Council Health Scrutiny Committee	2 (one to be a substitute member)	Tony Humphreys Steve Drury	
Three Rivers Museum Trust	1	Steve Drury	
Moor Park Mansion Heritage Foundation Trust	4 (1 per group)	Cheryl Stungo Andrew Scarth	Reena Ranger

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New Agreement Traffic Management Act 2004 Adjudication Joint Committee- PATROLAJC	2 (One to be a substitute member)	Paul Rainbow Stephen Giles-Medhurst	
Abbots Langley Community Centre- Management Committee	1	David Major	
Hertfordshire Police and Crime Scrutiny Panel	2 (one to be a substitute member)	Andrew Scarth Tony Humphreys (Sub)	
Hertfordshire Armed Forces Covenant	1	Jon Tankard	
Herts Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership (HCCSP)	2	Chris Mitchell, Jon Tankard Chris Lloyd (Sub)	
Herts Growth Board	2 (one to be a substitute member)	Stephen Giles-Medhurst Louise Price	
South Oxhey Community Board (run/organised by Countryside/Home Group)	1	Not applicable	
South West Herts Strategic Planning Members Group (SPMG)	2 (one to be a substitute member)	Stephen Giles-Medhurst Sub Louise Price	
Watford and Three Rivers Trust (observer rep required)	1	Narinder Sian	
Seniors' Champion	1	Cheryl Stungo	Lisa Hudson
Young Persons' Champion	1	Tom Smith	Ciaran Reed

Member Training Champion	1	Louise Price	
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**16. Appointments  
to sub  
committees and  
other bodies  
19/05/2026**

**Full Council  
19 February 2026**

PART I

**Appointments to Sub-Committees and other bodies**

**For Council to appoint the following members:**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Seats</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Liberal Democrat</b>
Local Plan	9	Oliver Cooper Vicky Edwards Krutika Patel	Chris Mitchell	Stephen Cox	Stephen Giles-Medhurst Louise Price Steve Drury Kevin Raeburn
Shareholder and Commercial Ventures	9	Oliver Cooper Matthew Hunt Kavan Trivedi	Narinder Sian	Stephen Cox	Stephen Giles-Medhurst Louise Price Chris Lloyd Steve Drury

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**Appointments and Appeals Committees:**

To be constituted as 7 members, being 3 Liberal Democrat, 2 Conservative, 1 Green and 1 Labour, to be nominated by group leaders if meetings are convened

**Standards Committee:**

To be nominated as per the constitution if convened

**Other organisations and bodies:**

		<b>Liberal Democrat Nominee(s)</b>	<b>Conservative Nominee(s)</b>
<b>Connecting Three Rivers</b>	2	Louise Price Narinder Sian	
<b>Community Safety Board (Police and Crime Commissioner Board)</b>	1	Andrew Scarth	
<b>Environmental Forum</b>	7	Jon Tankard Chris Lloyd Raj Khiroya Kevin Raeburn Louise Price Cheryl Stungo Andrea Fraser	
<b>Environmental Forum Chair</b>	1	Jon Tankard	
<b>Environmental Forum Vice-Chair</b>	1	Chris Mitchell	
<b>Equalities Forum Chair</b>	1	Narinder Sian	
<b>Equalities Forum Vice-Chair</b>	1	Kevin Raeburn	
<b>Seniors' Forum</b>	1	Lisa Hudson, Cheryl Stungo Co Chair	Lisa Hudson

<b>Youth Council</b>	One Member from each Group	Cheryl Stungo, Ciaran Reed, Tom Smith, Stephen Cox	Ciaran Reed
<b>Internal Complaints Panel</b>		To be notified on as required basis	
<b>Staff Employer Forum</b>		To be notified on as required basis	



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<b>Audit Chair</b>	Tony Humphreys	Matthew Hunt
<b>Audit Vice Chair</b>	Keith Martin	Lisa Hudson
<b>Council Tax Setting Committee Chair</b>	Stephen Giles-Medhurst	Oliver Cooper
<b>Council Tax Setting Committee Vice Chair</b>	Louise Price	Kavan Trivedi
<b>Local Plan Sub-Committee Chair</b>	Stephen Giles-Medhurst	Vicky Edwards
<b>Local Plan Sub-Committee Vice Chair</b>	Louise Price	Oliver Cooper
<b>Shareholder and Commercial Ventures</b>	Stephen Giles-Medhurst	Oliver Cooper

<b>Scrutiny Panel Chair</b>		
<b>Shareholder and Commercial Ventures Scrutiny Panel Vice Chair</b>	Louise Price	Matthew Hunt



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<b>WARD</b>	<b>NAMES OF CANDIDATES</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>NO. OF VOTES (* = Elected)</b>
Abbots Langley and Bedmond	Campbell, Ian Culliton, Pierce Lay, Jane Lloyd, Kodi-Chantal Powell, Jane	Conservatives Labour Party Liberal Democrats Reform UK Green Party	926* 80 753 436 226
Carpenders Park	Grewal, Rue Jones, Matt Patel, Krutika Thomas, Martin Wilkinson, Don	Independent Green Party Conservatives Reform UK Labour Party	650 187 970* 572 156
Chorleywood North and Sarratt	Ansell, Caroline Margaret Gallagher, Margaret Hunt, Matthew Kalsi, Mohinder Loader, Peter	Reform UK Labour Party Conservatives Liberal Democrats Green Party	576 92 1203* 481 199
Chorleywood South and Maple Cross	Hearn, Philip Johnson, Natalie Monk, John Price, Louise Stafford, Roger	Conservatives Reform UK Labour Party Liberal Democrats Green Party	857 511 67 1000* 258
Dickinson	Barnes, Rupert Mitchell, Chris Swift Gillett, Jeni Wall, Alison Wasay, Atif	Conservatives Green Party Councillor Labour Party Reform UK Liberal Democrats	235 1234* 59 445 455
Durrants	Delius, Andy  Drury, Steve Evans, Dominic Milner Grillo, John Marathe, Neil	Green Party -Save our Green Space Liberal Democrats Reform UK Labour Party Conservatives	441  1242* 417 50 219
<b>Gade Valley</b>	Bentley, Aidan Christopher Colledge-Miller, Jo Dhir, Sachin Gallagher, Andrew Prochnik, Bruce	<b>Liberal Democrats</b> <b>Conservatives</b> <b>Reform UK</b> <b>Green Party</b> <b>Labour Party</b>	<b>716*</b> <b>697</b> <b>508</b> <b>162</b> <b>100</b>
<b>Leavesden</b>	<b>Gray, Colin James</b> <b>Jervis, Anne</b> <b>Raeburn, Kevin</b> <b>Rayment, Michael John,</b> <b>Rowe, Nicky</b> <b>Shattock, Richard</b>	<b>Labour Party</b> <b>Conservatives</b> <b>Liberal Democrats</b> <b>Green Party</b> <b>Reform UK</b> <b>Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition</b>	<b>114</b> <b>438</b> <b>888*</b> <b>193</b> <b>538</b> <b>19</b>
<b>Moor Park and Eastbury</b>	<b>Blatchford Pace, Jan</b> <b>Chopra, Anaika</b> <b>Harman, Peter Terence</b> <b>Khan, Mashkoor</b> <b>Shah, Shailja</b>	<b>Green Party</b> <b>Conservatives</b> <b>Liberal Democrats</b> <b>Labour Party</b> <b>Reform UK</b>	<b>193</b> <b>1025*</b> <b>224</b> <b>63</b> <b>262</b>
<b>Oxhey Hall and Hayling</b>	<b>Gormley, Shelley</b> <b>Patel, Vishal</b> <b>St John, Jason</b> <b>Trainor, Alex James</b> <b>Yeates, Noah</b>	<b>Liberal Democrats</b> <b>Conservatives</b> <b>Labour Party</b> <b>Reform UK</b> <b>Green Party</b>	<b>866*</b> <b>396</b> <b>146</b> <b>746</b> <b>201</b>
<b>Penn and Mill End</b>	Clarke, Dane Bradley Cox, Joanne Victoria	<b>Reform UK</b> <b>Labour Party</b>	<b>623</b> <b>86</b>

	Lee, Malcolm Milliken, Kerry Nelmes, Sarah Jane	<b>Green Party</b> <b>Conservatives</b> <b>Liberal Democrats</b>	<b>204</b> <b>892*</b> <b>574</b>
<b>Rickmansworth Town</b>	Clifford, Melvyn Paul Critcher, Kelly Fraser, Andrea Lockett, Philip Sorkin, Katy	<b>Reform UK</b> <b>Green Party</b> <b>Conservatives</b> <b>Labour Party</b> <b>Liberal Democrats</b>	<b>373</b> <b>282</b> <b>1380*</b> <b>85</b> <b>667</b>
<b>South Oxhey</b>	King, Stephen Michael James Lawrence, Chris Smith, Taylor Edward George Southall, Rhys Ieuan Trivedi, Kavan	<b>Labour Party</b>  <b>Green Party</b> <b>Reform UK</b>  <b>Liberal Democrats</b> <b>Conservatives</b>	<b>465</b>  <b>201</b> <b>712</b>  <b>85</b> <b>795*</b>





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