

GENERAL PUBLIC SERVICES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

NOTICE AND AGENDA

For a meeting to be held on Tuesday, 1 July 2025 at 7.30 pm at Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Rickmansworth.

Members of the General Public Services and Community Engagement Committee:-

Councillors:

Sarah Nelmes (Chair)
Christopher Alley
Ian Campbell
Lisa Hudson
Stephen King

Steve Drury (Vice-Chair)
Kevin Raeburn
Paul Rainbow
Narinder Sian

*Joanne Wagstaffe, Chief Executive
Monday, 23 June 2025*

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public on agenda items at the General Public Services and Community Engagement 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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The meeting may be livestreamed and an audio recording of the meeting will be made.

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes

(Pages 5 - 8)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the General Public Services, Community Safety and Infrastructure meeting held on 18 March 2025.

3. Notice of Urgent 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.

4. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest.

5. Petition received under Council Procedure Rule 18

The Committee is asked to receive a petition which requests the Council to include Fairfield Avenue into the parking permit area being arranged for Gosforth Lane, as detailed below. The petition has been signed by 58 residents.

"We, the undersigned, call upon Three Rivers to include Fairfield Avenue into the parking permit area being arranged for Gosforth Lane. We have the same parking problems with people using the Social Centre and garage using Fairfield Avenue as a free car park, leaving residents with nowhere to park."

6. Presentation from Amanda Williams on the work of the Watford and Three Rivers Trust

(Verbal Report)

7. Variation of the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) with Restrictions for Dogs

(Pages 9 - 50)

This report requests seeks agreement to variation of the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for the restriction for dogs for the remaining period of the current PSPO i.e. until 31st March 2028.

Recommendation

That approval is granted to vary the current PSPO relating to dog control for the remainder of the current PSPO.

8. Community Safety Annual Report 2024-2025

(Pages 51 - 60)

This report presents the Annual Community Safety Report 2024-25.

Recommendation

That members of the committee consider and comment on the Community Safety Annual Report.

9. Housing Allocations Policy Review 2025

(Pages 61 - 112)

This report sets out recommended changes to the Housing Allocations Policy and seeks approval for a public consultation on the proposed changes.

Recommendation

That the Committee agrees that the recommended changes to the Council's Housing Allocations Policy are progressed to a four week (minimum) public consultation.

10. App Based Parking Payment Solution

(Pages 113 - 130)

This report recommends the Council's approach to adopting a phone app-based parking payment solution. This system would be usable at existing 'pay by plate' locations including council car parks and certain on-street locations.

Recommendation

That:

- i) Members note the report and approve officers to progress the implementation of an app-based parking payment solution including entering an agreement/contract with a provider;
- ii) Members approve the mitigations outlined in 2.5;
- iii) Members agree to not pursue the National Parking Platform but plan for future compatibility as outlined in 5.2;
- iv) Members agree for officers to progress with procuring an app under the recommendation outlined in 5.4;
- v) Members delegate the final details to progress an app-based parking solution to the Director or Finance in conjunction with the relevant Lead Member, to implement the new system in the current financial year;
- vi) That public access to the report be immediate; and
- vii) That public access to the decision be immediate.

11. Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan

(Pages 131 - 262)

Following consideration of a draft LCWIP at GPSCS&I Committee in October 2024, Officers have made further amendments and redrafted the LCWIP for adoption (Appendix A). This updated document reflects the previously agreed amendments detailed at GPSCS&I which were based on the analysis of the response to the public consultation held from 22 May to 17 July 2023.

The LCWIP is a 10-year plan which enables Three Rivers district to benefit from central government funding to improve walking and cycling routes.

Recommendation

That Members agree that the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) attached at Appendix A is adopted.

12. Other Business - if approved under item 3 above

13. Work Programme

(Pages 263 - 264)

To comment on the Committee's work programme.

Exclusion of Public and Press

If the Committee wishes to consider any items 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 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in 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).

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