

# GENERAL PUBLIC SERVICES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

## NOTICE AND AGENDA

For a meeting to be held on Tuesday, 17 March 2026 at 7.30 pm in the Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Rickmansworth WD3 1RL.

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

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*Joanne Wagstaffe, Chief Executive  
Monday, 9 March 2026*

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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**1. Apologies for Absence**

**2. Minutes**

(Pages 5 - 14)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the General Public Services and Community Engagement meeting held on 13 January 2026.

**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. Presentation by Home-Start Watford and Three Rivers**

(Verbal Report)

To receive a presentation by Home-Start Watford and Three Rivers about its work and the support available to residents.

**6. Public Health Funerals Policy**

(Pages 15 - 38)

This report recommends the adoption of a Public Health Funeral Policy.

Recommendation:

That the General Public Services and Community Engagement Committee agrees that:

1. the proposed Public Health Funerals Policy be adopted and added to the Policy Register for review every three years;
2. the professional genealogists are not used at this time; and
3. authority to make any minor amendments required to this policy be delegated to the Associate Director for Environment in consultation with the Lead Member.

**7. Budget Management Report P10 - GPS&CE**

(Pages 39 - 54)

This report covers this Committee's financial position over the medium term (2025 – 2029) as at Period 10 (end of January 2026).

The Period 10 comprehensive Budget Management report has already been presented to the Policy & Resources Committee at its meeting on 9 March 2026 which sought approval to a change in the Council's 2025 - 2029 medium-term financial plan.

Recommendation:

That Members note and comment on the contents of the report.

**8. Work Programme**

(Pages 55 - 56)

To comment on the Committee's work programme.

**9. Other Business - if approved under item 3 above**

**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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