

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

NOTICE AND AGENDA

For a meeting to be held in the Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Northway, Rickmansworth on Thursday, 8 October 2026 at 7.30 pm

Members of the Policy and Resources Committee:-

Councillors:

Stephen Giles-Medhurst OBE (Chair)
Christopher Alley
Aidan Bentley
Oliver Cooper
Stephen Cox
Steve Drury
Vicky Edwards
Andrea Fraser

Louise Price (Vice-Chair)
Chris Lloyd
Paul Rainbow
Narinder Sian
Kavan Trivedi
Raj Khiroya
Ian Morris
Mike Sims

*Joanne Wagstaffe, Chief Executive
Wednesday, 30 September 2026*

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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 receive any apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

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To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 01 June and 29 June 2026.

3. 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.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest.

5. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2026

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19 - 68)

To Council:

- That the revenue budget virements as set out in Appendices 1 to 3 and noted in paragraph 4.1.4 be approved and incorporated into the three-year medium-term financial plan.
- That the revenue budget supplementary estimates of £0.272m as set out in appendices 1 to 3 and noted in paragraph 4.1.5 be approved and incorporated into the three-year medium-term financial plan.
- That the revenue variances to be managed of £0.128m as set out in appendices 1 to 3 and noted in paragraph 4.1.6 be noted.
- That the capital budgets of £0.277m as set out in appendices 1 to 3 and noted in paragraph 4.4.2 be approved and incorporated into the three-year medium-term financial plan.

6. PLANNING COMMITTEES AND THE NATIONAL SCHEME OF DELEGATION OF PLANNING FUNCTIONS

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69 - 120)

That Policy and Resources recommend to Council:

- To agree the process and procedure detailed in Appendix 4, with minor amendments delegated to the Director of Finance and Head of Regulatory 2 Services in consultation with the Lead Member for Planning and the Chair of the Planning Committee.
- To agree the required changes to the constitution and as detailed in Appendix 5 to enable the new regulations, process and procedures to be implemented, including:

- Define the nominated officer(s)/member(s).
- Define Own Interest.
- Receipt of a petition can no longer trigger a committee call-in.
- Set the maximum number of Planning Committee at 13. and any other changes required with minor amendments delegated to the Director of Finance and Head of Regulatory Services in consultation with the Lead Member for Planning and the Chair of the Planning Committee:
 - To delegate authority to the Director of Finance in consultation with the Head of Planning Policy and Conservation to update the Statement of Community Involvement to align with the changes to the constitution, together with such other necessary changes
 - That public access to the report be immediate.
 - That public access to the decision be immediate.

7. BUSINESS SOLAR PANEL GRANT

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That:

- Policy and Resources Committee approve the revised terms of the Solar PV and Battery Grant Scheme:
 - Increasing the maximum grant available from £3,000 to £6,500 per eligible small and medium enterprises, with a requirement for 50% match funding
 - Extending eligible organisations to include community buildings, in addition to eligible small and medium enterprises
 - Extending the duration of the grant scheme until March 2028

8. AQUADROME PROJECT - MATCH FUNDING REQUEST

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That:

- The Policy and Resources Committee recommends to Full Council that £165,000 of capital funds be allocated to be used as match funding towards the Aquadrome Project as detailed at point 1.5 and between points 3.7 and 3.10, should a funding application to the Community Infrastructure Levy be unsuccessful.
- That public access to the report be immediate.
- That public access to the decision be immediate.

9. CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

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That:

- The Committee approves the revised Cemetery Rules and Regulations attached at Appendix A.
- The Committee authorises officers to implement the revised Cemetery Rules and Regulations and publish them on the Council's website.
- The Committee approves the removal or cutting back of trees identified as causing damage to memorials or requiring significant maintenance, with works being carried out sensitively and, wherever practicable, following communication with affected families.
- The Committee approves the removal of redundant and unsafe benches and confirms that in circumstances where the Council wishes to replace a bench in an existing location, replacement memorial benches will be permitted only by the Council and installed only by the Council in accordance with the Council's current policy. The Council will make every effort to contact the family of the memorialised prior to bench removal.

10. CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE STRATEGY 2026-29

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That:

- Policy & Resources Committee agree and adopt the Customer Experience Strategy 2026-2029.

11. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

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That the Committee agree the following draft recommendations and to move to stage 2 of the consultation:

- *Little Green Lane:* To change the ward boundary around the proposed development site north of Little Green Lane from Sarratt Parish Council to Croxley Green Parish Council.
- *Penn and Mill End, Maple Cross and West Hyde:*
To create a separate parish council for Penn and Mill End, Maple Cross and West Hyde area subject to confirmation of the boundary, electorate, council size, name and financial viability.

OR

- To merge the unparished areas of Penn and Mill End with Batchworth Community Council, and Maple Cross and West Hyde with Chorleywood Parish Council.

OR

- Consult on two new separate parish councils of Penn and Mill End, and Maple Cross and West Hyde subject to confirmation of the boundary, electorate, council size, name and financial viability.

OR

- Take no action at this time.
- *Heronsgate:* To prepare a mapped single-member Hersongate parish ward within Chorleywood Parish, without increasing the overall

number of Chorleywood Parish Councillors by moving 1 Councillor from the Chorleywood South Ward to the new Heronsgate Ward as discussed at the Policy and Resources Meeting on 09 March 2026.

- To make no other changes to existing parish boundaries, parish wards, parish names, parish status or councillor numbers at this stage, except for changes consequential upon recommendations 2.1.1 to 2.1.3.
- To proceed to the second stage of consultation on the draft recommendations once the required maps, electorate forecasts and implementation information have been prepared.

12. WORK PROGRAMME

To note the work programme.

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13. OTHER BUSINESS - IF APPROVED UNDER ITEM 3 ABOVE

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