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SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT								
Fuel Poverty Strategy								

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	All	Cabinet	1 February 2011	No	Non Key	Peter Hill 01707 357404 p.hill@welhat.gov.uk Vin Appasawmy 01707 357399 v.appasawmy@welhat.gov.uk	No	Social

DECISION:
The Fuel Poverty Strategy and Action Plan was approved.

BACKGROUND:
Recommendation of the Cabinet Housing and Planning Panel on 11 January 2011 to the Cabinet item 10 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 2/11/10-11

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT								
Douglas Tilbe House								

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	Howlands Ward	Cabinet	1 February 2011	No	Non Key	Bob Jewell 01707 357449 b.jewell@welhat.gov.uk	No	Social

DECISION:
The Cabinet agreed to Age UK receiving an additional grant of £30,000 in 2011/12 to facilitate activities at Douglas Tilbe House.

BACKGROUND:
Report of the Director (Finance and Operations) to the Cabinet item 12 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 3/11/10-11

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT								
Campus East Garages								

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	Handside Ward	Cabinet	1 February 2011	No	Non Key	Mike Storey 01707 357457 m.storey@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:
<p>The rent for all new lettings at Campus East garages would be increased to £481.50 plus VAT per annum for all residential lettings and £850 plus VAT per annum for all commercial lettings.</p> <p>As at 5 September 2011 all existing residential tenant rent would be increased to £481.50 plus VAT per annum, in line with the garage rents across the Borough and the existing commercial tenant rent would be increased to £850 plus VAT per annum.</p>

BACKGROUND:
Report of the Director (Governance) to the Cabinet item 13 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 4/11/10-11

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Changes to Pricing Structure of General Fund Garages

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	All	Cabinet	1 February 2011	No	Budget and Policy Framework Recommendation to Council	Geoff Sampson 01707 357458 g.sampson@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:
<p>Garage rents across the portfolio would be increased by 10% from £437.50 to £481.25 plus VAT per annum.</p> <p>The current pattern of weekly payments over 50 weeks of the year would continue.</p> <p>There would be flexibility to offer garages to existing as well as new tenants at a discounted rate of £393.75, 10% below the current rate and 18% below the new proposed rate on blocks with a void rate of 50% or over.</p> <p>The increase in garage rents would be applied from 5 September 2011.</p> <p>The Cabinet recommended the Council at its special meeting on 24 February 2011 to approve the increase in garage rents and this change to the 2011/12 budget.</p>

BACKGROUND:
Report of the Director (Governance) to the Cabinet item 14 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 5/11/10-11

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT								
Revenue Budget Monitoring at 31 December 2010 (Month 9)								

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	All	Cabinet	1 February 2011	No	Non-Key	Geoff May 01707 357312 g.may@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:
<p>The changes to the forecast outturn as at 31 December 2010 were agreed and would be included in the current budget which would then in turn be used as the new basis for comparison to the forecast outturn.</p> <p>All service managers would be informed that any significant changes to the forecast outturn which could not be met by similar savings would need a report to the Executive Board to request additional funds.</p> <p>The forecast outturn in the Housing Revenue Account was agreed as the new current budget.</p> <p>The position on debts and rechargeable works was noted.</p>

BACKGROUND:
<p>Report of the Director (Finance and Operations) to the Cabinet item 15 refers.</p>

LIST REFERENCE: 6/11/10-11

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Capital Budget Monitoring at 31 December 2010 (Period 9)

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	All	Cabinet	1 February 2011	No	Non-Key	Geoff May 01707 357312 g.may@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:
<p>The overall position on capital spend, including the Major Repairs Allowance, funding and reserves was noted.</p> <p>The current capital budget to period 9 at 31 December 2010 was noted.</p> <p>The forecast capital budget outturn at period 9 reflecting the charges in the current budget was approved.</p> <p>The Prudential Indicators at period 9 were noted.</p> <p>The phasing of schemes would continue to be reviewed and consideration given as to whether there would be slippage into 2011/12 to be reflected in the forecast outturn for period 10.</p> <p>The risks relating to the capital programme and funding were noted.</p>

BACKGROUND:
Report of the Director (Finance and Operations) to the Cabinet item 16 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 7/11/10-11

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Social Rented Housing Reform

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	All	Cabinet	1 February 2011	No	Non-Key	Chris Conway 01707 357346 c.conway@welhat.gov.uk	No	Social

DECISION:
<p>A Member Task and Finish Group was set up to consider the implications of the Government's housing policy and related reform and recommend to the Cabinet, reporting through the Housing and Planning Cabinet Panel, the appropriate policies and processes that needed to be in place in response to these.</p> <p>The Task and Finish Group was constituted of seven Members in the ratio of five from the Administration group and one each from the opposition groups.</p> <p>The Task and Finish Group would have appropriate officer support and a representative from the Welwyn Hatfield Community Housing Trust.</p>

BACKGROUND:
Report of the Director (Strategy and Development) to the Cabinet item 17 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 8/11/10-11

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Splashlands Procurement Board

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	Handside Ward	Cabinet	1 February 2011	No	Non-Key	Andrew Harper 01707 357371 a.harper@welhat.gov.uk	No	Social

DECISION:
The Cabinet confirmed the appointment of the Splashlands Procurement Board and its Terms of Reference to oversee all procurements undertaken by the Council in relation to the construction, setting up and operation of the new Splashlands site at Stanborough Park, Welwyn Garden City and in all procurements to approve the tender list, evaluation criteria for assessment of tenders and to recommend to the Cabinet contract award.

BACKGROUND:
Report of the Director (Governance) to Cabinet item 18 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 9/11/10-11

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT								
Approval to Authorise Officer to Attend Magistrates' Court and Valuation Tribunal								

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	All	Cabinet	1 February 2011	No	Non-Key	Farhad Cantel 01707 357011 f.cantel@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:
In accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Cabinet authorised Fay Leversha, Council Tax Officer to prosecute or defend or appear on behalf of the Council in proceedings before the Magistrates Court and the Valuation Tribunal.

BACKGROUND:
Report of the Director (Finance and Operations) to the Cabinet item 19 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 10/11/10-11

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Award of Contract for External Refurbishment of Queensway House

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
2	Hatfield Central Ward	Cabinet	1 February 2011	No	Key Forward Plan Ref: FP484	Andrew Harper 01707 357371 a.harper@welhat.gov.uk	Yes 10 February 2011	Social

DECISION:
The contract for the external refurbishment of Queensway House, Hatfield was awarded to Mulalley Ltd and the full budget of £1.251M released from the capital programme.

BACKGROUND:
Exempt report of the Director (Strategy and Development) to Cabinet item 22(a) refers. As the report contains confidential/exempt information it is not available to the press or public.

LIST REFERENCE: 11/11/10-11

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Award of Contract for All Weather Pitches at King George V Playing Field

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
2	Howlands Ward	Cabinet	1 February 2011	No	Key Forward Plan Ref: FP485	Andrew Harper 01707 357371 a.harper@welhat.gov.uk	No	Social

DECISION:
The contract for the construction of all weather pitches at King George V Playing Fields, Welwyn Garden City was awarded to SC Slatter Ltd and £200,000 released from the capital programme as a financial loan to Finesse Leisure.

BACKGROUND:
Exempt report of the Director (Finance and Operations) to Cabinet item 22(b) refers. As the report contains confidential/exempt information it is not available to the press or public.

LIST REFERENCE: 12/11/10-11

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT								
Award of Textile Consortium Contract								

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
2	All	Cabinet	1 February 2011	No	Key Forward Plan Ref: FP486	Andrew Harper 01707 357371 a.harper@welhat.gov.uk Durk Reyner 01707 357160 d.reyner@welhat.gov.uk	No	Environment

DECISION:
The award of a five year contract to CTR was agreed commencing on 1 April 2011.

BACKGROUND:
Exempt report of the Director (Finance and Operations) to Cabinet item 22(c) refers. As the report contains confidential/exempt information it is not available to the press or public.

LIST REFERENCE: 13/11/10-11

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Award of Pest Control Contract

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
2	All	Cabinet	1 February 2011	No	Non Key	Andrew Harper 01707 357371 a.harper@welhat.gov.uk	No	Environment

DECISION:

The award of the Council's pest control contract to SDK Kilsyth for a four year period commencing on 1 April 2011 and the adoption of the pricing option (option 2 in the exempt report) to maintain a subsidised service was agreed.

BACKGROUND:

Exempt report of the Director (Strategy and Development) to Cabinet item 23 refers. As the report contains confidential/exempt information it is not available to the press or public.

LIST REFERENCE: 14/11/10-11

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT								
Stanborough Park – High Ropes Operator								

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
2	Handside Ward	Cabinet	1 February 2011	No	Non Key	Andrew Harper 01707 357371 a.harper@welhat.gov.uk	No	Social

DECISION:
Finesse Leisure was awarded the concession to operate the High Ropes at Stanborough Park, subject to no ongoing costs being borne by the Council.

BACKGROUND:
Exempt report of the Director (Governance) to Cabinet item 24 refers. As the report contains confidential/exempt information it is not available to the press or public.