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If you have any queries or wish to obtain further report information or information on a decision please refer to:
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LIST REFERENCE: 1/10/11-12

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Approval of Expenditure on the Housing Revenue Account Self-Financing Load

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	7 February 2012	No	Key Forward Plan Ref: FP530	Ka Ng 01707 357425 k.ng@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:
The Council was recommended to approve the current 2011/12 capital expenditure being increased by the amount that was due to be paid over to the Department for Communities and Local Government in respect of Housing Revenue Account self-financing (currently estimated at £306M) noting that the borrowing would be from the Public Works Loan Board which would offer a special reduced rate for this transaction with a further report being made to the Cabinet on 6 March 2012 in respect of the loan structure.

BACKGROUND:
Report of the Director (Finance and Operations) to Cabinet item 6(a) refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 2/10/11-12

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT								
Houses in Multiple Occupation Supplementary Planning Document								

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	7 February 2012	No	Key Forward Plan Ref: FP528	Sarah Barker 01707 357539 s.barker@welhat.gov.uk	No	Social

DECISION:
The Houses in Multiple Occupation Supplementary Planning Document was adopted in accordance with Regulations 17, 18 and 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 as amended.

BACKGROUND:
Recommendation of the Cabinet Housing and Planning Panel on 10 January 2012 to the Cabinet item 7(a) refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 3/10/11-12

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT								
Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document								

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	7 February 2012	No	Key Forward Plan Ref: FP527	Rebecca Morgan 01707 357423 r.morgan@welhat.gov.uk	No	Environment

DECISION:
The Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document was adopted in accordance with Regulations 17, 18 and 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 as amended.

BACKGROUND:
Recommendation of the Cabinet Housing and Planning Panel on 10 January 2012 to the Cabinet item 7(b) refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 4/10/11-12

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Review of Parking Services Work Programme 2011/12 and 2012/13

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	7 February 2012	No	Non-Key	Vikki Hatfield 01707 357555 v.hatfield@welhat.gov.uk	No	Environment

DECISION:
The proposed parking restrictions and improvements work programme for 2012/13 and the selection criteria for future schemes were approved.

BACKGROUND:
Recommendation of the Cabinet Housing and Planning Panel on 10 January 2012 to the Cabinet item 10 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 5/10/11-12

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Splashlands

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	Cabinet	7 February 2012	No	Non-Key	Mike Storey 01707 357457 m.storey@welhat.gov.uk	No	Social

DECISION:
<p>The splitting of the Splashlands project into two phases with phase one being the high ropes, highway alterations, entrance and car park and some basic landscaping for the former lido site and phase two being the wet and adventure play area was approved.</p> <p>The release of the capital budget of £1.35M in the 2012/13 capital programme for the first phase of the project was approved.</p> <p>The commencement of the tender process for phase one of the Splashlands project was authorised.</p> <p>Any surplus made from the venture in 2012/14 by Finesse Leisure would be retained and made available for any later phases of the project.</p>

BACKGROUND:
Report of the Director (Finance and Operations) to Cabinet item 11 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 6/10/11-12

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Chantry Lane, Hatfield Chalk Mines

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	Hatfield West	Cabinet	7 February 2012	No	Non-Key	Bob Jewell 01707 357449 b.jewell@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:

The announcement from the Homes and Communities Agency of £1,949,158 of funds to remediate the Chalk Mines in the Chantry Lane area of Hatfield was welcomed.

The proposed project plan was noted.

Delegated authority was given to the Director (Finance and Operations) in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Executive Member, Resources within the scope of the project plan to procure the necessary contractors to investigate further and remediate the problem.

The Cabinet agreed to alternative procedures in accordance with Contract Standing Orders to make the appointment of Mace as the project engineers for the duration of the project because of their relevant expertise and previous experience and knowledge of the project.

BACKGROUND:

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

LIST REFERENCE: 7/10/11-12

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Localism Act 2011 – Local Business Rates Discounts

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	7 February 2012	No	Non-Key	Farhad Cantel 01707 357011 f.cantel@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:
The Council was recommended to agree to continue to assist rate payers with the discount and rate relief schemes currently available and not award local discounts except under exceptional circumstances and in accordance with the existing scheme for rate relief in cases of hardship.

BACKGROUND:
Report of the Director (Finance and Operations) to Cabinet item 13 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 8/10/11-12

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Revenue Budget Monitoring at 31 December 2011 (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	7 February 2012	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 2011 were agreed and included in the current budget which in turn would then be used as the basis of 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 a similar level of savings would require a report to the Cabinet requesting additional funds.</p> <p>The forecast outturn reduction of £666,000 in the Housing Revenue Account was agreed as the new current budget which would form the basis of comparison with the forecast outturn for the last quarter of the year.</p> <p>The position on debts and rechargeable works was noted.</p>

BACKGROUND:
Report of the Director (Finance and Operations) to Cabinet item 14 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 9/10/11-12

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Capital Budget Monitoring at 31 December 2011 (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	7 February 2012	No	Non-Key	Tracy Fortune 01707 357219 t.fortune@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:
The report was noted.

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

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SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Splashlands

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	Cabinet	7 February 2012	No	Non-Key	Mike Storey 01707 357457 m.storey@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:
The exempt Finesse Leisure business plan for the operation of the high ropes part of the Splashlands project was noted.

BACKGROUND:
Exempt report of the Director (Finance and Operations) to Cabinet item 18 refers. As the report contains confidential/exempt information it is not available to the press or public.