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Capital Budgets Roll Forward Report 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	10 April 2012	No	Key Forward Plan Ref: FP532	Tracy Fortune 01707 357219 t.fortune@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:
<p>A budget of £2.349M was approved for non-housing schemes and £73,000 for housing schemes to be rolled forward from the 2011/12 into the 2012/13 capital programme.</p> <p>All roll forward schemes that had not yet started would be subject to further detailed reports being brought to Members to seek approval to spend.</p>

BACKGROUND:
<p>Report of the Director (Finance and Operations) to Cabinet item 7(a) refers.</p>

LIST REFERENCE: 2/12/11-12

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Release of Capital Budgets for Hatfield Swim Centre and Hunters Bridge Concrete Works

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 Central and Handside	Cabinet	10 April 2012	No	Key Forward Plan Ref: FP540	Mike Storey (01707) 357457 m.storey@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:
The capital budgets totalling £332,000 for the two schemes of cathodic protection and roof re-surfacing at the Hatfield Swim Centre and improvements to the existing cathodic protection system at Hunters Bridge car park were released to allow the required works to be commissioned.

BACKGROUND:
Report of the Director (Finance and Operations) to Cabinet item 7(b) refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 3/12/11-12

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Review of Parking Services Off-Street Works Programme 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	10 April 2012	No	Non-Key	Tracy Warner 01707 357552 t.warner@welhat.gov.uk	No	Environment

DECISION:
The off-street works programme for 2012/13 was approved.

BACKGROUND:
Recommendation of the Cabinet Housing and Planning Panel on 23 February 2012 to the Cabinet item 9 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 4/12/11-12

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT								
Additional Parking Bays in Birds Close, Welwyn Garden City								

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	Cabinet	10 April 2012	No	Non-Key	Vikki Hatfield 01707 357555 v.hatfield@welhat.gov.uk	No	Environment

DECISION:
The remainder of the proposed scheme for the provision of additional parking bays in Birds Close, Welwyn Garden City would not continue on the basis that the legal process that was required for stopping up part of the road was likely to be unsuccessful.

BACKGROUND:
Recommendation of the Cabinet Housing and Planning Panel on 23 February 2012 to the Cabinet item 9 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 5/12/11-12

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Formal Objections to the Proposed Extension of Residential Permit Parking in Welwyn Garden City

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	Sherrards	Cabinet	10 April 2012	No	Non-Key	Tracy Warner 01707 357552 t.warner@welhat.gov.uk	No	Environment

DECISION:
After consideration of the objections, the Director (Governance) was authorised to seal and make the Traffic Regulation Order to extend the residential permit parking zone into Digswell Lodges, Digswell Rise and Gresley Close, Welwyn Garden City.

BACKGROUND:
Recommendation of the Cabinet Housing and Planning Panel on 23 February 2012 to the Cabinet item 9 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 6/12/11-12

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
New Process Regarding Traffic Regulations Orders

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

DECISION:
The new consultation process for making Road Traffic Regulation Orders was approved.

BACKGROUND:
Recommendation of the Cabinet Housing and Planning Panel on 23 February 2012 to the Cabinet item 9 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 7/12/11-12

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Review of the Current Preferred Partner Registered Social Landlord Development Group

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	10 April 2012	No	Non-Key	Jeremy Morton 01707 357723 j.morton@welhat.gov.uk	No	Social

DECISION:
<p>The existing preferred partner group and working arrangements would be ended after April 2012.</p> <p>Officers would work with a wide group of registered providers which could operate in the Borough and either had access to Homes and Communities Agency funding or were able to deliver new affordable housing via alternative funding mechanisms.</p>

BACKGROUND:
Recommendation of the Cabinet Housing and Planning Panel on 23 February 2012 to the Cabinet item 9 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 8/12/11-12

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Decommissioning of Sheltered Properties

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	10 April 2012	No	Non-Key	Husnara Malik 01707 357766 h.malik@welhat.gov.uk	No	Social

DECISION:
124 sheltered housing units would be decommissioned from sheltered housing to general needs use when they were next available for letting.

BACKGROUND:
Recommendation of the Cabinet Housing and Planning Panel on 23 February 2012 to the Cabinet item 9 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 9/12/11-12

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT								
Education Scrutiny Sub-Committee								

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	10 April 2012	No	Non-Key	Suzanne Hulks 01707 357467 s.hulks@welhat.gov.uk	No	N/A

DECISION:
<p>The Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee had expressed concern about the poor performance figures of the schools in the Borough and set up an Education Scrutiny Sub-Committee to look at these.</p> <p>The Cabinet approved the Sub-Committee's recommendations.</p>

BACKGROUND:
<p>Recommendation of the Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 28 March 2012 to the Cabinet item 10 refers.</p>

LIST REFERENCE: 10/12/11-12

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT								
Planning Enforcement Policy								

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	10 April 2012	No	Non-Key	Tracy Harvey 01707 357239 t.harvey@welhat.gov.uk	No	Environment

DECISION:
The draft Planning Enforcement Policy was approved for consultation purposes.

BACKGROUND:
Recommendation of the Planning Control Committee on 1 March 2012 to the Cabinet item 11 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 11/12/11-12

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT								
Extension of Community Alarm 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
1	All	Cabinet	10 April 2012	No	Non-Key	Andrew Harper (01707) 357371 a.harper@welhat.gov.uk	No	Social

DECISION:
The contract with Delta Communications to undertake maintenance to emergency alarms in sheltered housing was extended for a further year to 31 March 2013.

BACKGROUND:
Report of the Director (Strategy and Development) to Cabinet item 12 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 12/12/11-12

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Capital Programme 2012/13 - Release of Funds

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	10 April 2012	No	Non-Key	Warwick Turnbull 01707 357260 w.turnbull@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:
The release of funds of £50,000 from the 2012/13 capital programme for a replacement server for the revenues and benefits system was approved.

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

LIST REFERENCE: 13/12/11-12

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Review of the Policy to Maximise the Delivery of Affordable Housing through the Disposal of Surplus Council Land and Property

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1	All	Cabinet	10 April 2012	No	Non-Key	Jeremy Morton 01707 357723 j.morton@welhat.gov.uk	No	Social

DECISION:
An officer group to include representatives from Corporate Property, Finance and Community and Housing services would meet on a regular basis to discuss and agree the suitability and appropriateness of available land and/or assets for disposal for the delivery of affordable housing.

BACKGROUND:
Report of the Director (Strategy and Development) to Cabinet item 14 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 14/12/11-12

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Council's Achievements List

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	10 April 2012	No	Non-Key	Helen Wheller 01707 357245 h.wheller@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:
The Council's achievements list for the period from December 2011 until early March 2012 was noted.

BACKGROUND:
Report of the Director (Strategy and Development) to Cabinet item 15 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 15/12/11-12

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Campus West Procurement

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	10 April 2012	No	Key Forward Plan Ref: FP531	Andrew Harper (01707) 357371 a.harper@welhat.gov.uk	No	Social

DECISION:
The recommendation from the Member led Project Board to discontinue the procurement process and for the service to continue to be delivered in house was approved.

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

LIST REFERENCE: 16/12/11-12

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Boundary House- Proposed Sale and Schedule of Dilapidations

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	Hollybush	Cabinet	10 April 2012	No	Key Forward Plan Ref: FP539	Mike Storey 01707 357457 m.storey@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:
The inclusion of Boundary House, Welwyn Garden City in an auction at a reserve price was approved.

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

LIST REFERENCE: 17/12/11-12

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Moors Walk Bond Settlement

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	Haldens	Cabinet	10 April 2012	No	Non-Key	Mike Storey 01707 357457 m.storey@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:
The outcome of negotiations in respect of a full and final settlement of the completion bond in respect of the Moors Walk development was noted.

BACKGROUND:
Exempt report of the Director (Finance and Operations) to Cabinet item 19 refers. As the report contains confidential/exempt information it is not available to the press or public.

LIST REFERENCE: 18/12/11-12

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
51 Brockswood Lane, Welwyn Garden City

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	10 April 2012	No	Non-Key	Geoff Sampson 01707 357458 g.sampson@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:
The grant of an option for three years to buy a parcel of land adjacent to private land at 51 Brockswood Lane, Welwyn Garden City was approved.

BACKGROUND:
Exempt report of the Director (Finance and Operations) to Cabinet item 20 refers. As the report contains confidential/exempt information it is not available to the press or public.

LIST REFERENCE: 19/12/11-12

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Agency Staff 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	10 April 2012	No	Non-Key	Andrew Harper (01707) 357371 a.harper@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:

That the Council enter into an initial one year contract commencing on 1 August 2012 with the Carlisle Group for the provision of agency staff with an option to extend to August 2016 depending on performance which would also enable the Council to move to the Hertfordshire County Council contract after a year should there be a business case to do so.

BACKGROUND:

Exempt report of the Director (Governance) to Cabinet item 21 refers. As the report contains confidential/exempt information it is not available to the press or public.