



# CABINET

**Monday, 7th September, 2015**

**7.00 pm**

**Town Hall Watford**

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Welcome to this meeting. We hope you find these notes useful.

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## **CABINET MEMBERSHIP**

Mayor	D Thornhill	(Chair)
Councillor	D Scudder	(Deputy Mayor)
Councillors	S Johnson, I Sharpe, P Taylor and M Watkin	

## **AGENDA**

### **PART A - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

#### **2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST (IF ANY)**

#### **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2015 to be submitted and signed.

Copies of the minutes of this meeting are usually available seven working days following the meeting.

*(All minutes are available on the Council's [website](#).)*

#### **4. CONDUCT OF MEETING**

The Cabinet may wish to consider whether there are any items on which there is general agreement which could be considered now, to enable discussion to focus on those items where the Cabinet sees a need for further debate.

#### **5. A REVIEW OF THE CEMETERY SERVICE IN WATFORD (Pages 5 - 112)**

A report of the Environmental Services Client Manager (Parks and Streets)

A petition in the following terms has also been received:

“Petition calling for weekend burials in Watford Cemeteries

We the undersigned call upon Watford Council make it possible for burials to occur in Watford cemeteries on weekends and bank holidays. This is to ensure that the service meets the needs of all residents of Watford and in a distressful time is not made worse by a delay in burials. We further call on the council to ensure that there is suitable cemetery provision as a matter of urgency as space within the existing cemetery is running out.”

At the time of publication of the agenda, the petition contained over 2000 signatures. This includes the requisite 30 signatures from Watford residents.

**6. VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMISSIONING FRAMEWORK 2016-2019** (Pages 113 - 130)

A report of the Head of Corporate Strategy and Client Services

This report asks Cabinet to confirm

- 1) the commissioning priorities from 2016 and
- 2) key areas of focus within the stated priorities.

**7. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY** (Pages 131 - 206)

A report of the Head of Regeneration and Development

This report includes a review of the performance of the Strategy (2010-2015), the new Economic Development Strategy 2015-2020 and a supporting Action Plan to 2018.