



**WATFORD  
BOROUGH  
COUNCIL**

# **COUNCIL MEETING**

**24 January 2017**

**7.30 pm**

**Town Hall, Watford**

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**Contact**

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

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Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council of the Borough of Watford to be held on Tuesday, 24th January, 2017 starting at 7.30 pm at the Town Hall, Watford to take into consideration and determine upon the following subjects, namely: -

**1. Apologies for Absence**

**2. Disclosure of Interests**

**3. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2016 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. Official Announcements**

**5. Mayor's Report (Pages 7 - 14)**

**6. Questions by Members of the Council under Council Procedure Rule 10.0**

**7. Petitions presented under Council Procedure Rule 12.0**

**8. Business especially brought forward by the Chairman or the Head of Paid Service which in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered as a matter of urgency.**

**9. Financial Planning**

Report of Director of Finance

Report of Cabinet 16 January 2017 (to follow)

Please note that this report has been printed separately for Budget Panel on 10 January, Cabinet on 16 January and Council on 24 January. Members are reminded to bring their copy to this meeting, including any updates received.

**10. Amendment to the Councils Scheme of Delegation (Pages 15 - 18)**

Report of Head of Democracy and Governance

**11. Appointment of Auditors (Pages 19 - 28)**

Report of Audit Committee

**12. Chief Officer Pay Policy (Pages 29 - 50)**

Report of Head of Human Resources

**13. Motions submitted under Council Procedure Rule 13.0**

**The following motion has been proposed by Councillor Tim Williams and seconded by Councillor Stephen Cavinder**

*“This Council notes that high speed accidents are regularly occurring along the A405 from its junction with the A41 and its junction with St. Albans Road (A412). These accidents are often due to excessive speed along this stretch, and due to its close proximity of many local schools we call upon Herts County Council, as our Highways Authority to:-*

*1) Investigate and implement a safer traffic management scheme along this stretch in particular the junction with Greenwood Drive.*

*2) Investigate and implement a safer lighted pedestrian crossing point at the long-about outside the Woodside Leisure Park.*

*3) Investigate and implement other means of addressing the current level of excessive speed including reducing the speed to 40 mph for the whole stretch, installing Speed Indicator Devices and setting up Speed Camera's.*

*4) Liaise with the Hertfordshire Police Commissioner in order for the police to attend regularly with speed cameras.*

*We call upon the Mayor to write to:-*

*i) John Wood, Herts County Council's Chief Executive, to address the excessive speeding along this stretch, to implement a safer crossing point outside the leisure park and to establish a safer traffic management scheme at the junction of the A405 and Greenwood Drive*

*ii) David Lloyd, Police Commissioner for Hertfordshire, for the police to attend this stretch of the A405 with speed cameras”*



**Manny Lewis, Managing Director**