## **Watford Borough Council**

## **Executive Decision Progress Report**

May 2014 – May 2015

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| Decision   | Department                            | Decision<br>maker                                   | Date Key Decision to<br>be taken (as shown<br>on the Notice of<br>Executive Decisions) | Status  |
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| Amendment to the Council's Housing Nomination Policy (Armed Forces related regulations)            | Community<br>and Customer<br>Services | Head of<br>Community<br>and<br>Customer<br>Services | May 2014   | Key decision Approved by the Head of Community and Customer Services on 1 May 2014 Not called in  |
| Award a 4-year hawk flying contract as part of the WBC pigeon control strategy for the Town Centre | Community<br>and Customer<br>Services | Head of<br>Community<br>and<br>Customer<br>Services | May 2014   | Key decision The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed that the decision could be dealt with in accordance with Access to Information Procedure Rule 16 of the Constitution, "Special Urgency".  Approved by the Head of Community and Customer Services on 29 May 2014  Call-in not applicable |
| Provision of a temporary ice rink in Watford Town Centre   | Community<br>and Customer<br>Services | Elected<br>Mayor                                    | June 2014  | Key decision Approved by Mayor Thornhill on 4 June 2014 Not called in   |

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| Decision to "opt to tax" for VAT on a parcel of land on which the new market is to be built | Regeneration<br>and<br>Development              | Portfolio<br>Holder | July 2014  | Key decision  This decision is covered by Paragraph 3, Schedule 12A of the Access to Information Act; it refers to information relating to the financial or business affairs of the Council.  Agreed by the Portfolio Holder on 14 July 2014  Not called in |
| Herts Waste Partnership<br>Agreement Deed of Variation                                      | Corporate<br>Strategy and<br>Client<br>Services | Portfolio<br>Holder | N/A  | Non-key decision Agreed by the Portfolio Holder on 18 July 2014   |
| Approval of the Residential Design Guide  | Regeneration and Development                    | Cabinet             | July 2014  | Key decision Agreed by Cabinet on 23 July 2014 Not called in  |
| To note the progress on the Allotments Investment Programme and Farm Terrace Update         | Corporate<br>Strategy and<br>Client<br>Services | Cabinet             | July 2014  | Key decision Previously proposed to be taken in November 2013, then January 2014 and then February 2014 Agreed by Cabinet on 23 July 2014 Not called in   |

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| Increase in budget to fund ICT Roadmap expenditure   | Shared<br>Director of<br>Finance                 | Cabinet           | July 2014  | Key decision Agreed by Cabinet on 23 July 2014 and then Council on 30 July 2014 Call-in not applicable |
| To approve the continued development of the BIG events programme and the use of reserves to help fund this over the next 3 years | Head of<br>Community<br>and Customer<br>Services | Cabinet           | July 2014  | Key decision Agreed by Cabinet on 23 July 2014 Not called in   |
| Charter Place redevelopment by INTU  | Democracy<br>and<br>Governance                   | Cabinet           | July 2014  | Key decision Agreed by Cabinet on 23 July 2014 Not called in   |
| St Albans Road Parking<br>Study: results of the stage 2<br>consultation and<br>recommendations for further<br>work               | Regeneration<br>and<br>Development               | Cabinet           | July 2014  | Key decision Agreed by Cabinet on 23 July 2014 Not called in   |
| Approval to enter Section<br>106 Agreement for Watford<br>Health Campus  | Regeneration and Development                     | Cabinet           | N/A  | Non-key decision Agreed by Cabinet on 23 July 2014 Not called in                                       |

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| Grand Union Canal Towpath refurbishment Phase 3, contract rules exemption    | Regeneration and Development   | Cabinet                | N/A  | Non-key decision Agreed by Cabinet on 23 July 2014 Not called in  |
| Asbestos Removal Works<br>Under: HSE Control of<br>Asbestos Regulations 2012 | Democracy<br>and<br>Governance | Cabinet                | N/A  | Non-key decision Agreed by Cabinet on 23 July 2014 Not called in  |
| Building Control   | Regeneration and Development   | Cabinet                | N/A  | Non-key decision Agreed by Cabinet on 23 July 2014 Not called in  |
| Financial Outturn for the Authority 2013/14                                  | Director of<br>Finance         | Cabinet                | July 2014  | Key decision In accordance with the Access to Information Procedure Rule 15 the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee was notified that the decision was to be taken by Cabinet in July. Agreed by Cabinet on 23 July 2014 Not called in |
| Municipal Bonds Agency   | Director of Finance            | Cabinet and<br>Council | N/A  | Non-key decision Agreed by Cabinet on 23 July 2014 and then Council on 30 July 2014 Call-in not applicable  |

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| Award of contract for provision of a Homelessness Review Service (Part B)                                | Community<br>and Customer<br>Services           | Cabinet                            | July 2014  | Key decision  This decision was taken in private due to the content of the report. It is covered by Paragraph 3, Schedule 12A, as it included commercially sensitive information regarding the awarding of a contract.  Agreed by Cabinet on 23 July 2014  Not called in |
| Procurement of a footfall counting solution for Watford Town Centre                                      | Regeneration<br>and<br>Development              | Economic<br>Development<br>Officer | August 2014  | Key decision Agreed by Economic Development Officer and Team on 15 August 2014 Not called in   |
| Completion of Stage 1 of<br>Watford Business Park<br>Strategic Masterplan and<br>Regeneration Initiative | Regeneration<br>and<br>Development              | Cabinet                            | September 2014   | Key decision Considered by Cabinet on 1 September Not called in  |
| Approval to consult on draft<br>Sports Facilities strategy   | Corporate<br>Strategy and<br>Client<br>Services | Cabinet                            | September 2014   | Key decision Considered by Cabinet on 1 September Not called in  |

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| Watford Business Park<br>Strategic Masterplan               | Regeneration<br>and<br>Development              | Cabinet  | September 2014   | Key decision Considered by Cabinet on 1 September Not called in  |
| Application to BID Loan Fund                                | Regeneration<br>and<br>Development              | Cabinet  | September 2014   | Non-key decision Considered by Cabinet on 1 September Not called in  |
| Cassiobury Park Restoration  – Acceptance of terms of grant | Corporate<br>Strategy and<br>Client<br>Services | Head of<br>Corporate<br>Strategy and<br>Client<br>Services |  | Non-key decision Approved by Head of Corporate Strategy and Client Services on 22 September 2014 Call-in not applicable            |
| Revised Housing Nomination Policy                           | Community<br>and Customer<br>Services           | Cabinet  | October 2014   | Key decision Originally the decision was due to be considered in September. Considered by Cabinet on 13 October 2014 Not called in |

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| Lease for Temporary<br>Accommodation                                      | Community<br>and Customer<br>Services | Property<br>Manager and<br>Housing<br>Section Head |  | Non-Key decision  The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed that the decision could be dealt with in accordance with Access to Information Procedure Rule 16 of the Constitution, "Special Urgency". |
|   |                                       |  |  | The report is covered by Paragraph 3,<br>Schedule 12A, as it included commercially<br>sensitive information regarding the awarding<br>of a contract.   |
|   |                                       |  |  | Approved by the Property Manager and Housing Section Head on 16 October 2014.  Call-in not applicable  |
| WBC Housing Strategy  | Community<br>and Customer<br>Services | Cabinet  | December 2014  | Key decision Considered by Cabinet on 1 December 2014 Not called in  |
| Town Centre Multi Storey<br>Car Parks                                     | Regeneration and Development          | Cabinet  | December 2014  | Key decision Considered by Cabinet on 1 December 2014 Not called in  |
| Termination of the Housing<br>Regeneration Initiative<br>(HARI) agreement | Community<br>and Customer<br>Services | Cabinet  | December 2014  | Key decision Considered by Cabinet on 1 December 2014 Not called in  |

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| Local Plan Part 2 – progression to consultation                                       | Regeneration<br>and<br>Development              | Cabinet           | December 2014  | Key decision Considered by Cabinet on 1 December 2014 Not called in   |
| Town Centre Partnerships proposal to ballot for a Business Improvement District (BID) | Regeneration<br>and<br>Development              | Cabinet           | December 2014  | Key decision Considered by Cabinet on 1 December 2014 Not called in   |
| Economic Development<br>Strategy Refresh (2015-<br>2020)                              | Regeneration<br>and<br>Development              | Cabinet           | December 2014  | Non-key decision Considered by Cabinet on 1 December 2014 Not called in   |
| Wifi connectivity report  | Regeneration<br>and<br>Development              | Cabinet           | December 2014  | Non-key decision Considered by Cabinet on 1 December 2014 Not called in   |
| Adoption of the Watford<br>Sports Facilities Strategy                                 | Corporate<br>Strategy and<br>Client<br>Services | Cabinet           | January 2015   | Key Decision Originally due to be taken in December 2014 Considered by Cabinet on 19 January 2015 Not called in |

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| Private Rented Sector<br>Discharge Policy                               | Community<br>and Customer<br>Services | Cabinet  | January 2015   | Key decision Considered by Cabinet on 19 January 2015 Not called in         |
| Draft Revenue and Capital<br>Estimates 2015/2018                        | Finance                               | Cabinet  | January 2015   | Key decision Considered by Cabinet on 19 January 2015 Not called in         |
| Housing Storage Policy  | Community<br>and Customer<br>Services | Cabinet  | January 2015   | Key decision Considered by Cabinet on 19 January 2015 Not called in         |
| Wifi connectivity project – delegation of authority to Portfolio Holder | Regeneration and Development          | Cabinet  | January 2015   | Non-key decision Considered by Cabinet on 19 January 2015 Not called in     |
| Amendment and revocation of the Council's Air Quality Management Areas  | Community<br>and Customer<br>Services | Portfolio Holder for Community and Customer Services | January 2015   | Key decision Agreed by the Portfolio Holder on 7 January 2015 Not called in |

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| Reviewed and updated<br>Corporate Plan 2015-19  | Managing<br>Director               | Cabinet<br>Council | February 2015<br>March 2015  | Amended Key decision Considered by Cabinet on 16 February 2015 and by Council on 18 March 2015                      |
| CPZ Policies Task Group recommendations   | Democracy<br>and<br>Governance     | Cabinet            | February 2015  | Amended Non-key decision Considered by Cabinet on 16 February 2015 deferred; considered by Cabinet on 9 March 2015. |
| Watford's Monitoring Report 2014  | Regeneration<br>and<br>Development | Cabinet            | February 2015  | Non-key decision Considered by Cabinet on 16 February 2015 Not called in  |
| Watford Health Campus –<br>Appropriation of Oxhey Park<br>Open Space  | Regeneration and Development       | Cabinet            | February 2015  | Non-key decision Considered by Cabinet on 16 February 2015 Not called in  |
| Establishment of a Property<br>Investment Board and agree<br>the direction of travel in<br>respect of actions arising<br>from the Property Review | Regeneration and Development       | Cabinet            | March 2015   | Amended Key decision Considered by Cabinet on 9 March 2015 Not called in  |

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| Authorisation for the back scanning of planning application files from 2009 - 2013                            | Regeneration<br>and<br>Development    | Cabinet   | March 2015   | Amended Key decision Considered by Cabinet on 9 March 2015 Not called in  |
| Update Business Rates<br>(NNDR) Discretionary Rate<br>Relief  | Revenues and<br>Benefits              | Cabinet   |  | New Non-key decision Considered by Cabinet on 9 March 2015 Not called in  |
| Update Housing Benefit Discretionary Housing Payment Policy   | Revenues and<br>Benefits              | Cabinet   |  | New Non-key decision Considered by Cabinet on 9 March 2015 Not called in  |
| Replacement of the Council website Content Management System to support the redesign of the corporate website | Community<br>and Customer<br>Services | Head of<br>Community<br>and<br>Customer<br>Services |  | New Non-key decision Approved by Head of Community and Customer Services on 1 April 2015 Call-in not applicable |

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| Watford Business Park -<br>Caxton Way | Regeneration and Development       | Portfolio<br>Holder for<br>Regeneration<br>and<br>Development |  | New The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed that the decision could be dealt with in accordance with Access to Information Procedure Rule 16 of the Constitution, "Special Urgency".  The report is covered by Paragraph 3, Schedule 12A, as it included commercially sensitive information regarding the awarding of a contract.  Approved by the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Development on 29 April 2015  Call-in not applicable |
| Award of wireless concession contract | Regeneration<br>and<br>Development | Mayor   |  | New Approved by the Mayor on 30 April 2015 Not called in  |