

**CABINET**  
**Thursday 23 January 2020 at 7.30 pm**  
**Council Chamber - Civic Centre**

**Members**

Councillor Mark Ingall, Leader of the Council  
Councillor Eugenie Harvey, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for  
Community and Wellbeing  
Councillor Mike Danvers, Portfolio Holder for Resources  
Councillor Tony Durcan, Portfolio Holder for Economic Development  
Councillor Danny Purton, Portfolio Holder for Environment  
Councillor Lanie Shears, Portfolio Holder for Governance, Equality and  
Diversity  
Councillor John Strachan, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration  
Councillor Mark Wilkinson, Portfolio Holder for Housing

**Other Attendees**

Councillor Tony Edwards  
Councillor Shannon Jezzard  
Councillor Stefan Mullard

**AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of Interest  
  
Councillors' declarations of interest (if any) in relation to any items on the agenda.
3. Minutes (Pages 5 - 13)  
  
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2019.
4. Matters Arising  
  
Any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.
5. Written Questions from the Public  
  
To receive any questions from members of the public in accordance with Rule 10 of the Council Procedure Rules.
6. Written Questions from Councillors  
  
To receive any questions from Councillors in accordance with Rule 11 of the Council Procedure Rules.

## 7. Petitions

To consider any petitions that have been referred to the Cabinet under the Council's Petition Scheme.

### a) Stop Expansion of Harlow and Building on Green Wedges with 23,000 New Houses

Petition from Charlie Browne.

"The government has issued a requirement for local authorities to greatly expand house building in every part of the country.

Harlow District Council, Epping Forest District Council and East Herts District Council have come together to draw up a plan to build 23,000 new homes in and on the edge of Harlow.

The new houses will be built in five areas:

Between Harlow Common and Latton Priory Farm up to the M11 roundabout; close to Radburn Close, Corner Meadow, Hawthorns, Gibb Croft, Sibney Green, Spruce Hill, Rye Hill Road, Berecroft. This comprises 200 hectares of housing, and will all be on farm land (Epping Forest District Council).

Each side of Water Lane; bordering on Silvesters, Heighams, Red Willow, Little Cattins, Taylifers, Hull Grove, Archers, Savoy Wood (Epping Forest District Council).

So-called Gilston/Hunsdon Garden Villages; which will consist of seven large areas of housing separated by narrow green wedges. This conurbation will have at least one secondary school and five new primary schools, 10,000 new homes will be built between Hunsdon, Wilford and Gilston, on Green Belt land including Briggens Estate and Gilston Park Estate. It will come very close to A414 (East Herts District Council).

To the east of Harlow; right up to the M11 (Epping Forest District Council and Harlow District Council).

Within the precincts of the existing town on many sites including some green wedge areas and play areas. Pollards Hatch, Joscelyns, St Andrews Meadow, Fennells, Deer Park, south of Clifton Hatch and Hawthorns (Harlow District Council).

This will result in us having to work a lot further to get into the open country, which is one of the things which makes Harlow so pleasant to live in. Some of the open green spaces and play areas within the town will be lost. The town will become part of the London-Cambridge megalopolis. Most of the housing is unlikely to

be social housing.

The argument for the expansion is that Britain needs to infinitely expand its economy (and so its workforce, which will need more housing), to be competitive in the world market; and to support an aging population in retirement. However, Britain is the fifth richest country in the world, and can surely afford to look after the people who created that wealth, in their old age.

Britain only has enough land to produce 60% of the food we need, and needs to save its farmland from being built over.

The drive to build on green farmland is happening all over the country and is being challenged wherever it is planned.

Hopefully our democratically elected councils and government can be persuaded to cancel this initiative.”

8. Forward Plan (Pages 14 - 22)

To note the Forward Plan, which lists all upcoming Cabinet decisions and provides notice of key decisions and those expected to be taken in private session.

9. Recent Relevant Decisions Taken by The Leader, Deputy or Portfolio Holder(s)

There have not been any decisions taken by Portfolio Holders under delegated powers since the last meeting of the Cabinet.

10. Corporate Plan 2020/21 (Pages 23 - 42)

11. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020/21 - 2022/23 (Pages 43 - 73)

12. General Fund Budget 2020/21 (Pages 74 - 143)

13. Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2019-2049 (Pages 144 - 222)

14. Housing Revenue Account Budget 2020/21 (Pages 223 - 240)

15. Capital and Treasury Report 2020 (Pages 241 - 295)

16. Capital Programmes 2019/20 - 2021/22 (Pages 296 - 312)

17. Debt Write Offs (Pages 313 - 315)

18. Communications from Committees/Working Groups/Parties and Panels

19. Minutes of Panels/Working Groups

To note the following draft minutes of Cabinet appointed bodies. Minutes remain draft until approved by the relevant body.

- a) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 28 November 2019 of Cabinet Overview Working Group (Pages 316 - 317)

20. Matters of Urgent Business

Such other business which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be received as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances to be specified in the minutes.