

Area Committee Work Programme 2011/2012							
Area: Hitchin		Lead Officer: Margaret Bracey					
Codes: Theme Code: G – Green; TC – Town Centre; SD - Sustainable Development CS – Community Safety; YP – Youth provision CE - Community Engagement C/R: C – Capital; R – Revenue;							
Ward	Theme Code	Project/ Scheme	Budget	C/R	Start Date	Finish Date	Review of Progress Comment
Bearton	G	Triangle Design Statement	£5,000 Spent £3,257 left £1,743	R	2004	2011	The Design Statement was adopted by the Triangle Residents Association and discussions are taking place as to what happens next. A presentation will be made re this at the Area Committee meeting on 7 th June 2011. Hitchin Area Committee acknowledged the contributions made by the residents of the Triangle Area and congratulated them on the production of the Triangle Design Statement and added that it was a valuable contribution to urban planning in Hitchin and North Hertfordshire. The Committee endorsed the document for inclusion as part of the NHDC Planning Policy Document. It was resolved that the Corporate Strategic Planning and Enterprise Manager be requested to undertake a close review of the Triangle Design Statement and take the appropriate action to include the contents of the Statement as part of an NHDC Planning Policy Document at the earliest opportunity.
Hitchin	CE	Invite Herts Highways to Hitchin Committee meetings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	To answer the questions raised at previous meetings about highways issues. An invite as been sent and discussions taking place.
Hitchin	CE	Invite NHDC Cabinet Members/Portfolio Holders to Hitchin Committee meetings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	To keep Hitchin residents up to date with Cabinet decisions and scope of Portfolio Holders work. Ongoing.

Hitchin	CE	Hitchin Councillors, appointed on outside bodies, be invited to advise the Committee of their activities and the value of representation of NHDC on outside bodies.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	To keep Hitchin Residents and Hitchin Councillors aware of local community groups and their activities in their area. Ongoing.
Hitchin	CE	Information on the planning associated with utilities works and highway disruption in Hitchin	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	To keep Hitchin Residents and Hitchin Councillors aware of possible disruption in Hitchin.
Hitchin	G	Information about Green Flag status for Bancroft Park and Gardens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	To keep Hitchin Residents and Hitchin Councillors aware of the process re the possible future improvements to the park.
Hitchin	YP	Information regarding youth provision in Hitchin for example Sub Zero and Youth Connexions	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	To keep Hitchin Residents and Hitchin Councillors aware of the youth activities taking place in the town. This will be done through presentations from local youth groups & providers
Hitchin	SD	Information with regard to the Hitchin Urban Transport Plan Review	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	To keep Hitchin Residents and Hitchin Councillors aware of the Transport plans for Hitchin
Hitchin	CE	Invite local interest and voluntary groups to present to the Committee with a view to grant funding	Up to a maximum of £1,200	R	N/A	N/A	To continue Hitchin Committee's commitment to Hitchin and local interest groups. Ongoing
Bearton	SD	Triangle Community Garden	£5,000 Spent	R	2007	2011	To improve the facility the Community Garden use at Ransoms Recreation Ground The Pavilion work has now been completed and opened on 31 st October 2010. A very successful Open Day took place in May 2011 and the Pavilion was used for refreshments and displays
Hitchin	CE	Hitchin Outdoor Pool extended hours	£3,150	R	2010	2010	To give Hitchin residents the opportunity to use the pool during extended opening hours. This initiative will be

							repeated in 2011 on the same basis as previous years.
Hitchin	YP	To continue annual Youth Spend funding	TBD	R	2010	Jan 2011	To engage with local groups providing services for young people and give support to their activities The Youth Spend Event took place in January, 2011 and 8 groups received funding for their projects. A decision will be made in June 2011 whether this initiative will be repeated in 2011/2012. It is unlikely that this initiative will be repeated due to financial constraints.