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To: The Members of the Hitchin Committee of North Hertfordshire District Council:

Councillors: David Leal – Bennett (Chairman), Deborah Segalini (Vice-Chairman), Alison Ashley, Judi Billing, Paul Clark, Simon Harwood, Joan Kirby, Bernard Lovewell, Alan Millard, Frank Radcliffe, R. Shakespeare – Smith, Adrian Smith and R.A.C. Thake.

You are invited to attend a meeting of the

## **HITCHIN COMMITTEE**

to be held at

**BENSLOW MUSIC TRUST  
BENSLOW LANE  
HITCHIN**

on

**THURSDAY 29 JANUARY 2015**

at

**7.30 p.m.**

Yours sincerely,



David Miley  
Democratic Services Manager

## AGENDA - PART I

ITEM	PAGE
1. <b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	-
2. <b>MINUTES – 2 DECEMBER 2014</b> To take as read and approve as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting of this Committee held on 2 December 2014.	-
3. <b>NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS</b> Members should notify the Chairman of other business which they wish to be discussed by the Committee at the end of the business set out in the agenda. They must state the circumstances which they consider justify the business being considered as a matter of urgency. The Chairman will decide whether the item(s) raised will be considered.	-
4. <b>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT</b> Members are reminded that any declarations of interest in respect of any business set out in the agenda, should be declared as either a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Declarable Interest and are required to notify the Chairman of the nature of any interest declared at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenda. Members declaring a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest must withdraw from the meeting for the duration of the item. Members declaring a Declarable Interest which requires they leave the room under Paragraph 7.4 of the Code of Conduct, can speak on the item, but must leave the room before the debate and vote.	-
5. <b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b> There will be seven presentations at this meeting: <b>1. North Hertfordshire District Museum ' Blue Plaque'</b> <b>2. Bancroft Old Toilets Renovation</b> <b>3. The Dell, Hot House Dance</b> <b>4. ROTW – Outreach Programme</b> <b>5. Hitchin Town Action Group</b> <b>6. Hitchin Tennis Club</b> <b>7. Box Cleva</b>	1
6. <b>THE LOCAL PLAN – PREFERRED OPTIONS</b> Introduced by Councillor David Levett – Portfolio Holder for Planning and Enterprise (Economic Development).	3
7. <b>INFORMATION NOTE: NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT MUSEUM AND COMMUNITY FACILITY AT HITCHIN TOWN HALL</b> THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMER SERVICES <i>For the Committee to be advised on the current status of the re-development of Hitchin Town Hall and adjacent buildings in Brand Street.</i>	5
8. <b>INFORMATION NOTE: BANCROFT RECREATION GROUND</b> THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMER SERVICES <i>For the Committee to be advised on the current status of the re-development of Bancroft Recreation Ground.</i>	11

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9.	<p><b>INFORMATION NOTE: CHURCHGATE AND ITS SURROUNDING AREA</b>            THE STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PROJECTS MANAGER  <i>To provide the Committee with an update on the latest position regarding Churchgate and Surrounding Area.</i></p>	15
10.	<p><b>INFORMATION NOTE: HIGHWAY ISSUES; 20 MPH LIMITS AND ZONES IN HITCHIN UPDATE AND LOCAL BUS SERVICES IN HITCHIN UPDATE</b>            THE PLANNING POLICY AND PROJECTS MANAGER  <i>To provide the Committee with an update on current status of 20 mph limits in Hitchin and the proposal for a new Sunday Bus Service in Hitchin.</i></p>	17
11.	<p><b>HITCHIN TOWN CENTRE MANAGER</b>            An oral presentation.</p>	19
12.	<p><b>GRANT APPLICATIONS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE</b>            REPORT OF THE HEAD OF POLICY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  <i>For the Committee to receive an update on activities in Hitchin and a review of budgets and determine five grant applications.</i>  <b>GRANT APPLICATION</b>            1. Rhythms of the World – Outreach Programme            2. Box Clewa            3. Walsworth Community Centre            4. Sunday Bus Service</p>	21
13.	<p><b>MEMBERS OF THE HITCHIN COMMITTEE APPOINTED AS NHDC REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES</b>            Introduced by the Chairman.</p>	47
14.	<p><b>NHDC ASSET MANAGEMENT – THOMAS BELLAMY HOUSE AND HITCHIN MUSEUM</b>            REPORT OF THE HEAD OF FINANCE, PERFORMANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT  <i>For the Committee to be advised on the current status of two potential asset disposals in Hitchin following the decision taken by Cabinet on 16 December 2014.</i></p>	49
15.	<p><b>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</b>            To consider passing the following resolution:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the following report will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act.</p>	61
16.	<p><b>NHDC ASSET MANAGEMENT – THOMAS BELLAMY HOUSE AND HITCHIN MUSEUM</b>            REPORT OF THE HEAD OF FINANCE, PERFORMANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT  <i>For the Committee to review exempt Part 2 information regarding the potential asset disposals in Hitchin following the decision taken by Cabinet on 16 December 2014.</i></p>	63=

**The date of the next meeting and venue of the Hitchin Committee to be held in the Civic Year 2014- 2015 is as follows:**

**Tuesday 3 March 2015 – Westmill Community Centre, John Barker Place**