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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

**WESTMILL COMMUNITY CENTRE  
JOHN BARKER PLACE  
HITCHIN**

on

**TUESDAY 3 MARCH 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 – 29 JANUARY 2015</b> To take as read and approve as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting of this Committee held on 29 January 2015.	-
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 two presentations at this meeting: <b>1. National Childbirth Trust</b> <b>2. Hitchin Tennis Club</b>	1
6. <b>HERTFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY - UPDATE</b> Introduced by Sergeant S. Oliphant.	3
7. <b>INFORMATION NOTE: NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT MUSEUM AND COMMUNITY FACILITY AT HITCHIN TOWN HALL</b> <b>THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMER SERVICES</b> <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> <b>THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMER SERVICES</b> <i>For the Committee to be advised on the current status of the re-development of Bancroft Recreation Ground.</i>	13

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<p><b>9. INFORMATION NOTE: CHURCHGATE AREA</b>            THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, POLICY AND GOVERNANCE  <i>To provide the Committee with an update on the latest position regarding Churchgate and Surrounding Area.</i></p>	<b>23</b>
<p><b>10. INFORMATION NOTE: RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS ON THE SITE KNOWN AS THE DELL, WALSWORTH ROAD, HITCHIN</b>            THE HEAD OF FINANCE, PERFORMANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT  <i>To provide the Committee with an appraisal of the current legal covenants for the Dell and an assessment of potential use.</i></p>	<b>25</b>
<p><b>11. INFORMATION NOTE: HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME FOR HITCHIN</b>            Presentation by Hertfordshire County Councillors: Derrick Ashley and Judi Billing.</p>	<b>31</b>
<p><b>12. HITCHIN TOWN CENTRE MANAGER</b>  <i>An oral presentation.</i></p>	<b>33</b>
<p><b>13. 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 seven grant applications.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara</b></li> <li><b>2. Walsworth Community Association</b></li> <li><b>3. National Childbirth Trust</b></li> </ol>	<b>35</b>
<p><b>14. MEMBERS OF THE HITCHIN COMMITTEE APPOINTED AS NHDC REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES</b>            Introduced by the Chairman.</p>	<b>55</b>

The dates and venues of the meetings of the Hitchin Committee to be held in the Civic Year 2015- 2016 are as follows:

Tuesday 26 May 2015 – Westmill Community Centre, John Barker Place, Hitchin  
 Tuesday 14 July 2015 – Hitchin Boys School, Grammar School Walk, Hitchin  
 Tuesday 8 September 2015 – Hitchin Boys School, Grammar School Walk, Hitchin  
 Tuesday 17 November 2015 – Benslow Music Trust, Benslow Lane, Hitchin  
 Tuesday 12 January 2016 – Westmill Community Centre, John Barker Place, Hitchin  
 Tuesday 1 March 2016 – Westmill Community Centre, John Barker Place, Hitchin