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NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 29TH JANUARY, 2026

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Please find attached supplementary papers relating to the above meeting, as follows:

Agenda No	Item
17.	<u>NOTICE OF MOTIONS</u> (Pages 3 - 6)

To consider any motions, due notice of which have been given in accordance with Standing Order 4.8.12.

Amendments from the Labour Group have been received as follows:

- Amendment to Motion – HertsLynx Expansion
- Amendment to Motion – Action on Flytipping

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**COUNCIL
29 JANUARY 2026**

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TITLE OF REPORT: NOTICE OF MOTIONS

The following amendment to a motion has been submitted:

HertsLynx Expansion

Amendment to be moved by Councillor Vijaiya Poopalasingham and seconded by Councillor Emma Fernandes.

The HertsLynx was first launched in North and East Herts in September 2021 by the previous Conservative Administration at Hertfordshire County Council, offering residents the opportunity to access more flexible and reliable journeys by bus, as well as enhancing connections and making it easier for people who live in rural communities to access employment, education and healthcare located within key hub towns including Hitchin, Letchworth and Stevenage.

However, despite the service going from strength to strength in recent years with over 5,000 passenger journeys being taken every month and the service having been expanded to Dacorum in December 2023, the rural communities within the Southern Rural area have not yet been able to experience the benefits of this service due to the operating zone not having been expanded to cover them.

Although there has been a change in administration at Hertfordshire County Council, there are currently no published plans from the new Liberal Democrat led administration to expand HertsLynx to the Southern Rural area.

Therefore, Council resolves:

1. To instruct the Leader of the Council to write to the Executive Member for Environment, Transport and Growth at Hertfordshire County Council, calling on them to explore costs and feasibility of expanding ~~urging them to expand the HertsLynx operating zone to cover the Southern Rural area, and to further enhance the service for residents across North Hertfordshire.~~ ~~service to the communities within the Southern Rural area who don't currently enjoy the benefits of this innovative service, as well as enhance the service currently experienced by those living elsewhere in North Herts.~~
2. To instruct Officers to work with Hertfordshire County Council in order to identify the best way North Hertfordshire District Council can encourage and support any proposals for the expansion and service enhancement of the HertsLynx, including through Section 106 contributions. ~~including investigating any potential financial support this Council could offer in order to deliver these ambitions.~~

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The following amendment to a motion has been submitted:

Action on Fly-tipping

Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mick Debenham and seconded by Councillor Vijaiya Poopalasingham.

Fly-tipping is a blight on our towns and villages which causes damage and pollution to the local environment, endangers public health and results in the perception of an area shifting from one that is looked after and protected to one of neglect and decline.

It's a crime which incurs significant cost to the taxpayer, with the Hertfordshire Waste Partnership estimating Councils across the county are required to over £1 million every year to clean-up and investigate illegally dumped waste.

Rural communities are also disproportionately impacted by this crime with farmers, who already face increased hardship, often being required to pay thousands of pounds to remove fly-tipped waste from their land, and recently the National Farmers Union estimated the cost of rural crime in Hertfordshire, including fly-tipping, increased to £1.23 million.

Therefore, Council resolves:

1. To use its powers given under the Environmental Protection Act (1990) to issue Fixes Penalty Notices for minor fly tipping offences. In line with the 2023 amendment increasing the maximum fine to £1000, higher penalties will be applied where appropriate. the powers given to local authorities by the previous Conservative Government to increase fixed penalty notices issued by North Hertfordshire District Council for fly-tipping to £1000 as opposed to the current £400 fine.
2. To instruct Officers to work on a public information campaign to increase awareness of the SCRAP code, as well as the steps members of public should take to report fly-tipping to the Council.
3. ~~To adopt a policy to name offenders who are convicted of fly-tipping in Council Press Releases.~~

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