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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 Liberal Democrat Group have been received as follows:

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

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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 Jon Clayden and seconded by Councillor Tim Johnson.

The HertsLynx was first launched in North and East Herts in September 2021 by the previous Conservative Administration at Hertfordshire County Council in conjunction with North Herts 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.

It notes that the Liberal Democrat led Hertfordshire County Council has recently successfully obtained funding from the Labour government to support work towards introducing franchised bus services in North Herts, East Herts and Stevenage which could in future result in funding to expand the HertsLynx service to the remainder of the district.

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, urging them, once funding is available, to expand the HertsLynx service to the communities within the Southern Rural area who don't currently enjoy the benefits of this innovative service, as well as to welcome the planned enhancements to 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 investigating any potential financial support from S106 contributions that 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

To be moved by Councillor Tom Tyson and seconded by Councillor Caroline McDonnell.

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 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 continue to work with the police to tackle the crime of fly-tipping by unauthorised commercial operators and pursue the objective of prosecuting all serious offenders. ~~adopt a policy to name offenders who are convicted of fly-tipping in Council Press Releases.~~**

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