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NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 10TH APRIL, 2018

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

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

Agenda No Item

8. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS (Pages 1 - 2)**

To consider any questions submitted by Members of the Council, in accordance with Standing Order 4.8.11 (b).

9. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS (Pages 3 - 4)**

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

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TITLE OF REPORT: QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

In accordance with Standing Order 4.8.11(b), five questions were submitted by Members by the deadline date for questions set out in the Council's Constitution.

In accordance with Standing Order 4.8.11(f) – Maximum Number of Questions:

“A Member may ask only one question under 4.8.11(b) or 4.8.11(c) except with the consent of the Chairman of the Council, committee or subcommittee. The maximum number of questions that may be asked at any meeting of the Full Council is three. If there are multiple parts, then each will be treated as an individual question for the purposes of this Rule and if the number of questions exceeds three the questions to be asked shall be determined by ballot to be conducted by the Proper Officer. Any outstanding questions unable to be asked should be addressed in writing to the Proper Officer for a written response to be provided to all Members.”

Accordingly, a ballot was conducted on 5 April 2018 and the three questions set out below were selected at random. In accordance with the Constitution, written answers will be provided to all Members in respect of the two questions (set out overleaf) that were unsuccessful in the ballot.

(A) Hitchin Town Hall

Councillor Paul Clark to Councillor Tony Hunter (Executive Member for Community Engagement and Rural Affairs):

“Has the Council approached Hitchin Town Hall Ltd in regard to an interim deal to allow access while parties keep talking to resolve the issue outstanding?”

(B) Appointments to Outside Organisations

Councillor Ian Albert to Councillor Lynda Needham (Leader of the Council):

“At the North Herts District Council AGM in May, the Council will make a large number of appointments to external organisations. Does the Leader agree that to demonstrate complete transparency, that alongside the list of organisations, we should indicate whether the NHDC nominee will receive or could potentially receive a Fee or an Allowance from that organisation for representing the Council and the amount of that Fee? This would build upon our existing Register of Interests.”

(C) North Herts Transport Strategy

Councillor Terry Tyler to Councillor David Levett (Executive Member for Planning and Enterprise):

“At the Local Plan examination in public the North Herts Transport Strategy was referred to; how was this approved by this Council?”

The following questions were unsuccessful in the ballot, and will be dealt with by way of a written response from the Executive Member to all Members of the Council:

Brown Bin Waste Charges

Councillor Steve Jarvis to Councillor Michael Weeks (Executive Member for Waste Management, Recycling and Environment):

“Does the Council have any plans to introduce payments by instalments for the Brown Bin Charge?”

Members' Allowances

Councillor Steve Jarvis to Councillor Lynda Needham (Leader of the Council):

“What steps did the Leader of the Council take to ensure that the proper procedures had been followed before she moved the motion to increase Members' Allowances at the meeting on 18th January?”

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TITLE OF REPORT: NOTICE OF MOTIONS

The following motions has been submitted, due notice of which has been given in accordance with Standing Order 4.8.12.

(A) Modern Slavery

To be moved by Martin Stears-Handscorn and seconded by Ian Albert:

“That, in view of evidence that modern slavery is hidden even in affluent areas like North Hertfordshire, this Council agrees to adopt as far as possible the Modern Slavery Charter (below).

It will:

1. Train its corporate procurement team to understand modern slavery through the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply’s (CIPS) online course on Ethical Procurement and Supply.
2. Require its contractors to comply fully with the Modern Slavery Act 2015, wherever it applies, with contract termination as a potential sanction for non-compliance.
3. Challenge any abnormally low-cost tenders to ensure they do not rely upon the potential contractor practising modern slavery.
4. Highlight to its suppliers that contracted workers are free to join a trade union and are not to be treated unfairly for belonging to one.
5. Publicise its whistle-blowing system for staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
6. Require its tendered contractors to adopt a whistle-blowing policy which enables their staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
7. Review its contractual spending regularly to identify any potential issues with modern slavery.
8. Highlight for its suppliers any risks identified concerning modern slavery and refer them to the relevant agencies to be addressed.
9. Refer for investigation via the National Crime Agency’s national referral mechanism any of its contractors identified as a cause for concern regarding modern slavery.
10. Report publicly on the implementation of this policy annually.”

The following motion was submitted without the due notice specified in Standing Order 4.8.12. However, the Chairman has exercised his discretion by allowing the motion to be considered at this Council meeting.

(B) Members' Allowances Scheme

To be moved by Councillor Lynda Needham and seconded by Councillor Julian Cunningham:

“That this Council recognises that the Allowance Scheme for 2018/19, approved by the Council on 18th January 2018, was improperly made.

The adopted scheme for 2017/18 shall therefore remain in place without amendment for the 2018/19 year.

The Council further requests that the Chief Executive does not convene the IRP until any scheduled review of the allowances for 2019/20.

Council requests that the sum of approx. £6,800 saved by retaining the 2017/18 allowance scheme be allocated to the 5 Area Committees pro-rata to their existing allocation.”

[Note:

In accordance with Standing Order 4.8.15(a), as the above motion is a motion to rescind a previous decision made at a meeting of the Council within the past six months, the notice of motion is required to be signed by at least 12 Members. The following Members have signed the notice of motion:

Councillor Lynda Needham
Councillor Julian Cunningham
Councillor John Booth
Councillor Mike Rice
Councillor Ray Shakespeare-Smith
Councillor David Levett
Councillor Tony Hunter
Councillor Paul Marment
Councillor Jim McNally
Councillor Faye Frost
Councillor Steve Hemingway
Councillor David Barnard
Councillor Fiona Hill]