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NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 14TH JULY, 2020

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

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

Agenda No	Item
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7.	<u>PRESENTATION BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</u> (Pages 3 - 10)
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To receive a presentation from Councillor Martin Stears-Handscorn,
Leader of the Council.

Please find attached the PowerPoint presentation presented by the Leader
of the Council

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Leader's Presentation to O&S

Some progress in the last year

Some priorities going forward

Responding to covid-19

Questions?

Some progress in the last year

- Some highlights
- **We set out to be a more welcoming and inclusive council**
- Effective Joint administration of two parties
- Included all members – e.g. workshop for the Council Plan
- Positive relationship between Cabinet and O&S
- Cabinet members leading and accountable
- Positive partnership with Directors and staff
- **We turned around the Recycling and Waste performance**
- Maintained the service to flats
- Guided the service through the pandemic

Some progress in the last year (2)

- **We extended the reach of our community engagement**
- Town Talks, Community Surgeries
- Working with young people
- Community networking – working with community groups
- Continued work against modern slavery
- and around domestic abuse and safeguarding - SADA
- Responded to lockdown with use of Video conferencing
- **We took seriously the Climate emergency**
- Set up Cabinet Panel
- good progress drawing ideas from community
- Climate change implementation group
- **We responded to events**
- Stepped up to needs of the pandemic
- Maintained our services
- Huge thank you to all our officers and staff

Some priorities going forward

- Continuing our Flexible response to the Covid-19 pandemic
- Reviewing the Council Plan and Financial Strategy
- Taking forward the Peer Challenge Action Plan
- Customer Focus – Modal Shift
- Working with our Partners – Settle, LEP, LGCHF, NHCVS, CA
- Building back better with a green focus
- Listening to our BAME staff to respond appropriately to BLM
- Getting our Local Plan through
- Working with other Districts and Boroughs in Growth Board
- Supporting Strategic Planning in Northern E-W Corridor
- Initiating Cabinet Panels
- 1. Community Engagement and Co-operative Development
- 2. Housing and Strategic Planning

Responding to covid-19

- Weekly Leaders' online Meetings
- Co-operating in Operation Shield and Sustain
- Herts Help and Team Herts
- Government asked us to "do what it takes"; they will pay
- We responded; government will leave us short
- LGA Surveys show that our residents value our response
- Opening up, Track & Trace, picking up the pieces
- Preparing for any local outbreaks
- But hampered by government mixed messages
- Opening up v keeping safe

Local Outbreak Plan Board

- All District and Borough leaders
- Officers' Board - Environmental Health officers' group
- Led by Jim McManus – Director of Public Health
- Difficulties of getting data
- Latest data
- 236 covid-19 cases in North Herts - 26.2 per 10,000
- 4,089 cases in Herts as a whole - 34.4 per 10,000
- 96 covid-19 related deaths in North Herts - 7.2 per 10,000
- 1,055 deaths in Herts as a whole - 8.9 per 10,000
- 51 Hospital, 40 in care homes 5 in the community
- Figure for excess deaths is much higher
- Prepared for local outbreak
- Register of high-risk settings
- Play our part in contact tracing

Questions?

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