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NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

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

Agenda No	Item
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11.	<u>NOTICE OF MOTIONS</u> (Pages 3 - 6)
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To consider any motions, due notice of which have been given in accordance with Standing Order 4.8.12.

Please find attached two notices of motion.

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TITLE OF REPORT: NOTICE OF MOTIONS

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

A. Protecting the public's say in the planning process

To be moved by Councillor Paul Clark and seconded by Councillor Ian Mantle:

"This Council notes:

1. The publication by Government of the White Paper, 'Planning for the Future' on 6 August 2020, which set out proposals on reforms to the planning process for the future.
2. That the vast majority of planning applications are given the go-ahead by local authority planning committees, with permission granted to around 9 out of 10 applications.
3. That research by the Local Government Association has said that there are existing planning permissions for more than one million homes that have not yet been started.

This Council is concerned that the proposals seek to:

1. Reduce or remove the right of residents to object to applications near them.
2. Grant automatic rights for developers to build on land identified as 'for growth'.
3. Remove section 106 payments for infrastructure and replace them with a national levy.

This Council further notes:

1. The Royal Institute for British Architects said the proposals were 'shameful and would do almost nothing to guarantee delivery of affordable, well-designed and sustainable homes'. RIBA also said that proposals could lead to the next generation of slum housing.
2. The reforms are opposed by the all-party Local Government Association, currently led by Conservative Councillors.

This Council believes:

1. That existing planning procedures, as currently administered by our own team in North Hertfordshire, allow for local democratic control over future development, and give local people a say in planning proposals that affect them.

2. That proposals for automatic rights to build in 'growth' areas, and increased permitted development rights, risk unregulated growth and unsustainable communities.
3. That local communities must be in the driving seat on shaping the future of their communities, and local determination of the planning framework and planning applications play an important part in this process.

This Council resolves to:

1. Take part in the consultation in the planning proposals, and to make representations against the proposals as outlined in this motion.
2. Write to and lobby all three of our Members of Parliament, urging them to oppose these proposals and to circulate their replies to members.
3. Highlight its concerns over these proposals with the public and local residents."

B. Racial Equality

To be moved by Councillor Sam Collins and seconded by Councillor Helen Oliver:

"Council notes with serious concern the death of George Floyd and other black people at the hands of police in America during 2020 and the systemic racism towards black people that continues to exist around the world.

Council also notes the disproportionate impact of Covid-19 on Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) people in the UK and that decisive action needs to be taken to mitigate these risks on sections of our community.

Council also welcomes the progress that has been made in North Herts over a number of years to build community cohesion and strengthen the voice of those who are marginalised, but recognises that there is much more we can and must do.

That Council resolves:

To stand in solidarity with people of ethnic minority backgrounds across the district, Britain and around the world.

To lobby government for immediate action to address the disproportionate impact of Covid-19 on ethnic minority people in the UK including here in Hertfordshire where we will continue to work with our Director of Public Health on this issue.

To lobby government and the county council on racial inequality in education, including recruiting more black and ethnic minority teachers and to lobby national government to reform the curriculum to fully reflect British history including the history of slavery empire and colonialism.

To ensure the Council's HR and management practices fully meet the requirements for equalities, diversity and inclusion in the recruitment and career progression of all staff. Furthermore, that mandatory racial awareness and unconscious bias training is provided for staff council staff, especially management, customer facing roles and elected members.

To establish wider dialogue with community organisations to make clear recommendations to the Council and other public bodies of further actions required to tackle discrimination and reduce inequalities across the town.

To work with neighbouring local authorities to deliver all of the above.”

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