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NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 15TH APRIL, 2021

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

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

Agenda No	Item
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9.	<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.

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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) Fly-tipping

To be moved by Councillor Sam North and seconded by Councillor Tom Tyson.

'The Council notes:

1. Fly-tipping increased in North Hertfordshire by 100% between 2013 and 2019 and has further increased during the pandemic in line with the national trend.
2. The new powers the Labour and Liberal Democrat administration gave to the council in late 2019 to give Fixed Penalty Notices to those not disposing of their waste correctly, which have led to the highest ever number of fines being handed out by the council.
3. The excellent work of NHDC officers in stepping up the effort to tackle fly-tipping even under the very difficult circumstances of the pandemic.
4. The concerns raised by residents over the operation of the County Council's waste and recycling centres during the pandemic and the perceived impact this has had on the prevalence of fly-tipping.
5. The impact that fly-tipping has on both rural and urban communities and our environment.

The Council resolves:

1. To conduct an urgent review of the fly-tipping and waste management policies in conjunction with relevant external stakeholders to ensure officers are fully supported in the fight against this crime.
2. To conduct a review of our bulky waste collection service through an all-party working group.
3. To ask Hertfordshire County Council to consider waste and recycling an essential service and not close down Household Waste Recycling Centres in the event of future pandemic-related restrictions.
4. To ask Hertfordshire County Council to extend the opening hours of the Waste and Recycling Centres in North Hertfordshire.
5. To continue and expand the public information campaign on appropriate disposal of waste and recycling.'

b) 20mph speed limits

To be moved by Councillor Paul Clark and seconded by Councillor Sam Collins.

‘That Council:

1. notes that the United Nations have mandated the setting of 30kph (20mph) maximum speed limits wherever pedestrians, cyclists or other vulnerable road users mix in a frequent manner with motor vehicles.
2. notes the “20’s Plenty” for Hertfordshire campaign and their call for the introduction of a 20mph default speed limit in the residential and central areas of towns and villages.
3. notes research from the UK and abroad that has shown wide-area default speed limits of 20mph/30kph have:
 - reduced traffic speeds in the first year of operation, with the largest speed reductions on the fastest roads;
 - reduced road traffic collisions by up to 40% and town and village casualties by 20%;
 - increased journey times by just 10 seconds per mile;
 - made streets quieter - a 10mph reduction in speed halves traffic noise;
 - encouraged walking and cycling, especially for older people and young children;
 - benefited communities, with residents more likely to stop and talk on footpaths;
 - been popular, as 75% of residents and motorists feel that, after installation, 20mph limits have benefitted the local community.
4. notes that the Integrated Plan of Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) earmarks £7m for the establishment of 20mph zones across the county over a four-year period but notes that this will be insufficient to introduce widespread 20mph limits if each scheme requires complex traffic calming.
5. further notes that wide-area 20mph limits that make effective use of signage, road markings, technology, and public engagement provide significant budgetary benefits and are more popular with motorists and residents than engineered calming methods such as speed humps.
6. believes that the implementation of a wide-area 20mph speed limit in North Herts towns and villages, combined with a public information campaign, would have beneficial impacts on road safety, active transport and community well-being at substantially lower cost than the County Council’s proposals, and would support this Council’s climate emergency objectives.
7. resolves that the Leader of the Council should request that HCC prioritise the establishment of wide-area 20mph speed limits in North Herts, tasking HCC officers to work with this Council to draw up detailed plans on the scope, funding and implementation timetable of these schemes.’

c) Hybrid Meetings

To be moved by Councillor Martin Stears-Handscomb and seconded by Councillor Paul Clark.

'This Council is astonished and disappointed that the Government could not find time to amend legislation allowing Councils to continue to carry out meetings using virtual technology where and when they see fit to do so.

It notes that the experience of holding meetings remotely has improved engagement with residents, improving inclusion, diversity and accountability as well as contributing to our response to the climate emergency and reducing the need for officers and members to travel to meetings.

It further notes the request by the Minister for evidence as to why remote or hybrid meeting should be permitted and instructs officers to respond to the government questionnaire, assembling evidence from our recent experience of the benefits of such meetings, including quantitative data relating to increased engagement and cost savings, within the requested timescale.'

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