

# **NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **DECISION SHEET**

**Meeting of the Hitchin Committee held in the Westmill Community Centre,  
John Barker Place. Hitchin  
on Tuesday, 11th September, 2018 at 7.30 pm**

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

*Audio recording – Start of Item – 1 minute 1 second*

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nicola Harris, Mike Hughson and Richard Thake.

### **2 MINUTES - 5 JUNE 2018**

*Audio recording – Start of Item – 1 minute 18 seconds*

The Acting Committee and Member Services Manager had offered her apologies that the Minutes regarding the meeting held on 5 June 2018 had not yet been published.

The minutes would be published as soon as possible and would be available at the next meeting of the Committee.

### **3 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS**

*Audio recording – Start of Item – 1 minute 43 seconds*

There was no other business notified.

### **4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Audio recording – Start of Item – 1 minute 49 seconds*

- (1) The Chairman thanked those who had attended Town Talk and welcomed those who were speaking at Public Participation;
- (2) The Chairman reminded Members that, in accordance with Council policy, this meeting was being audio recorded, members of the public may use their own devices to record the meeting or take photographs, but ensure that the meeting was not disrupted;
- (3) The Chairman drew attention to the item on the agenda front pages regarding Declarations of Interest and reminded Members that, in line with the Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest needed to be declared immediately prior to the item in question;
- (4) The Chairman advised that he would be changing the order of the agenda. The Hitchin BID Manager would have to leave early and therefore this item would be heard first.

### **5 GRANTS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE**

*Audio Recording – Start of item - 1 hour 9 minutes 13 seconds and*

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the budgetary expenditure, balances and carry forwards from the Development and Visioning Budgets be noted;
- (2) That the actions taken by the Community Development Officer to promote greater community capacity and well-being Hitchin be endorsed.

**REASON FOR DECISION:** To keep Members of the Committee apprised of the latest developments in community activities in Hitchin.

**6 HITCHIN BID MANAGER**

*Audio recording – Start of Item – 3 minutes 0 seconds*

Mr Tom Hardy, Hitchin BID Manager, thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee regarding the activities and issues in Hitchin.

The Chairman thanked Mr Hardy for his presentation.

**7 INFORMATION NOTE - CHURCHGATE UPDATE**

*Audio Recording – Start of item - 1 hour 30 minutes 41 seconds*

The Committee received an Information Note entitled Churchgate Update.

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the Information Note be noted;
- (2) That prior to any report regarding Churchgate proposals being considered by Council, a special meeting of the Hitchin Committee be arranged to consider those proposals;
- (3) That the Deputy Chief Executive be made aware of the importance of the historical steps in the Churchgate area and be requested to ensure that they and the inscriptions on them, are retained in any proposal for redevelopment;
- (4) That the Deputy Executive be reminded of the importance of effective communication with the public and public consultation on any proposals regarding Churchgate.

**REASON FOR DECISIONS:** To enable the Hitchin Committee to comment on and give feedback regarding any proposals regarding Churchgate.

**8 THE NEW WASTE CONTRACT**

*Audio Recording - Start of item - 1 hour 38 minutes 5 seconds*

**RECOMMENDED TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:** That the comments made by the Hitchin Committee, as noted above, be considered when discussing the new waste contract at the meeting due to be held on 18 September 2018.

**REASON FOR DECISION:** To enable the Hitchin Committee to inform the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of issues in the Hitchin area regarding the new waste contract.

## 9 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

*Audio recording – Start of Item – 1 hour 49 minutes 17 seconds*

Members discussed the following:

### Outside Bodies

#### Development at Blue Hearts Hockey Club

**RESOLVED:** That the following Members be requested to prepare a short written report on the Outside Body that they are representatives on and present it to the meeting of this Committee due to be held on 4 December 2018:

- Councillor Nicola Harris – British Schools Museum;
- Councillor Bernard Lovewell – Hitchin United Charities;
- Councillor Simon Harwood – King George V Playing Fields User Group;
- Councillor Sam Collins - Hitchin Town Twinning.

**REASON FOR DECISION:** To keep the Hitchin Committee apprised of the work undertaken by Outside Bodies.

## 10 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

*Audio recording – Start of Item – 1 hour 51 minutes 41 seconds*

### **RESOLVED:**

- (1) That Councillor Lovewell be requested to provide information regarding air quality in Hitchin to the next meeting due to be held on 4 December 2018.
- (2) That the following subject be added to the list of items to be discussed at future meetings:  
Surplus Land in Hitchin – Location of sites and progress regarding disposal.

**REASON FOR DECISION:** To keep the Hitchin Committee informed about issues in Hitchin and North Hertfordshire.

## 12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - HITCHIN FUN CLUB

*Audio recording – Start of item - 49 minutes 37 seconds*

Prior to the item being discussed Councillor Judi Billing declared a declarable interest in that her grandchildren attended the Fun Club. This would not prevent her from listening to the presentation.

Ms Nicola Stevens, Treasurer, Strathmore Fun Club, thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee regarding their grant application.

The Chairman thanked Ms Stevens for her presentation.

**13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - RHYTHMS OF THE WORLD**

*Audio recording – Start of item - 57 minutes 46 seconds*

Prior to the item being discussed Councillor Clare Billing declared a declarable interest in that she had a friend who was a Trustee of Rhythms of the World. This would not prevent her from listening to the presentation.

Mr John Brierley, Rhythms of the World, thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee regarding the current position of the 2018 event.

The Chairman thanked Mr Brierley for his presentation.

**15 GRANT APPLICATION - STRATHMORE FUN CLUB**

*Audio Recording – Start of item - 1 hour 16 minutes 5 seconds*

Prior to the item being discussed Councillor Judi Billing declared a declarable interest in that her grandchildren attended the Fun Club.

**RESOLVED:** That grant funding of £2,000 be awarded to the Strathmore Fun Club from the 2017/18 Discretionary Budget to assist with the hire of the venue for the afterschool Club.

**REASON FOR DECISION:** To improve services provided by local organisations and groups which are accessed by the community.