

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

**Meeting of the Hitchin Committee held in the Peter Morrison Hall,
Benslow Music School, Benslow Lane, Hitchin
on Tuesday, 5th March, 2019 at 7.30 pm**

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ian Albert and Judi Billing.

2 MINUTES - 4 DECEMBER 2018

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of Hitchin Committee held on 4 December 2018, which were provided to Members, be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman at the next Committee Meeting.

3 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chairman welcomed those present at the meeting, especially those who had attended to give a presentation;
- (2) The Chairman advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded;
- (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) In addition to the Agenda Items listed, the Chairman informed the Committee of two additional public speakers, Mr John Wyer and the Hitchin Safer Neighbourhood Team Sergeant. The Chairman also advised that there would be an update following a meeting that Councillor Judi Billing and Councillor Ian Albert attended with Bim Afolami PM on Future High Street Fund and the Draft Bid.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - HERTFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY

Sergeant Guy Westwood (Hitchin Safer Neighbourhood Team Sergeant, Hertfordshire Constabulary) thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal update on the issues being addressed by the Hertfordshire Constabulary in the Hitchin area.

The Chairman thanked Sergeant Westwood for his informative presentation and attendance at the meeting.

a) PRESENTATION FROM THE CHURCHGATE RESURGENCE GROUP

Mr John Wyer of the Churchgate Resurgence Group thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation supported with plans and drawings.

The Chairman thanked Mr Wyer for his informative presentation and attendance at the meeting.

6 HITCHIN BID MANAGER

Mr Tom Hardy, Hitchin Town Centre Manager, thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding the issues and activities in Hitchin Town Centre.

7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - RHYTHMS OF THE WORLD

Regina Van Der Leeuw thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding the activities and update on Rhythms of The World.

The Chairman thanked Regina Van Der Leeuw for her informative presentation.

a) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - HOMESTART HERTFORDSHIRE

Chris Dranse thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding the grant funding application for Homestart Hertfordshire.

a) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - HITCHIN FOOD RESCUE HUB

Emma Goulding thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding the grant funding application for Hitchin Food Rescue Hub.

9 GRANTS & COMMUNITY UPDATE

RESOLVED:

- (1) That any unspent funds from the 2018/19 financial year be allocated to Community Initiatives;
- (2) That the actions taken by the Community Development Officer to promote greater community capacity and well-being for Hitchin be endorsed.

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

a) GRANT APPLICATION - HOME-START HERTFORDSHIRE

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £2,300 be awarded to Home-Start Hertfordshire to assist with costs of providing emotional and practical support of five families in Hitchin.

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

b) GRANT APPLICATION - HITCHIN ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £1,000 be awarded to Hitchin Allotment Association to assist with costs of developing the youth allotment.

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

c) GRANT APPLICATION - WALSWORTH FESTIVAL

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £2,000 be awarded to Walsworth Festival to underwrite the cost of the annual community event.

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

d) GRANT APPLICATION - HITCHIN FOOD RESCUE HUB

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £2,000 be awarded to Hitchin Food Rescue Hub to assist with start-up costs.

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

10 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

RESOLVED: That Members be requested to forward written reports regarding their work with outside bodies to the Acting Committee and Member Services Manager, these reports will be circulated to all Members of the Committee and included in the next available agenda for information.

REASON FOR DECISION: To keep the Hitchin Committee apprised of the work and activities in wards and associated with outside bodies.

11 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

The following items were suggested as items to be discussed at future meeting of this Committee:

Hitchin CCTV Surveillance Findings.

That being the last Hitchin Committee Meeting in the Civic Year, The Chairman thanked Councillor Bernard Lovewell for all of his hard work. Councillor Lovewell stated that he started out where he began at Hitchin some 20 years ago and wished everyone continued good luck in always working so well together.

a) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - WALSWORTH FESTIVAL

Kay Tart thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding the grant funding application for Walsworth Festival.