

# NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City on Tuesday, 22nd January, 2019 at 7.30 pm

### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Steve Deakin-Davies, Jean Green, Ben Lewis, Michael Muir and Janine Paterson.

Having given due notice Councillor Simon Harwood advised that he would be substituting for Councillor Jean Green.

### 2 MINUTES - 11 DECEMBER 2018

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 11 December 2018 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

### 3 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

### 4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chairman announced that the following item on the work programme would also be on the agenda: Crime and Disorder – presentation from Chief Inspectors Richard Lilley and Sally Phillips.
- (2) The Chairman asked that Members and speakers speak directly into the microphones.
- (3) The Chairman reminded Members that, in accordance with Council policy, the meeting would be audio recorded.
- (4) The Chairman reminded Members that, in line with the Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest were to be declared immediately prior to the item in question. Members declaring a Declarable Interest, wishing to exercise a “Councillor Speaking Right”, were to declare this at the same time as the interest.

### 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No petitions or presentations were received from members of the public.

### 6 URGENT AND GENERAL EXCEPTION ITEMS

There were no urgent or general exception items.

#### POLICE CRIME AND DISORDER UPDATE

*Audio recording - Session 1 – 19.39 (39 minutes)*

Hertfordshire Constabulary updated Members on Crime and Disorder in the district.

**7 CALLED-IN ITEMS**

Since the last meeting, no decisions had been called-in by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**8 REGULATION INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT (RIPA) UPDATE AND ANNUAL REVIEW**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the content of the report.
- (2) That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommend to Cabinet the adoption of the RIPA Policy as amended (Appendix A).
- (3) That the Scrutiny Officer add the RIPA policy to the work programme.
- (4) That the Legal Regulatory Team Manager check whether an annual report would meet the requirements of the IPCO audit.

**REASON FOR DECISION:** To comply with best practice guidance and the Committee's terms of reference.

**9 APPROACH TO NEW DEVELOPMENTS**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That Members endorse the actions recommended in the report
- (2) That Members seek to continue to impose conditions where appropriate on planning permission to see to control Construction Management traffic routes.
- (3) That Members inset a new section of the forthcoming revision to the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which advised developers of major development sites to consider the issue of construction management and to engage with the wide community at the earliest possible stage in their development plans and preparations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:** To advise Members of the approach to be taken and to see their endorsement.

**10 COMMERCIAL STRATEGY**

**RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:**

- (1) That, subject to the inclusion of amended requirements regarding wider Member input into commercial activities, the North Hertfordshire District Council Commercial Strategy 2019-23 be adopted.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

To ensure there is a clear strategy that identifies how the Council understands commercialisation and what the Council is doing to embed a commercial culture.

**11 HITCHIN TOWN HALL / DISTRICT WIDE MUSEUM PROJECT - REVIEW PROCESS REPORT**

***RESOLVED:***

- (1) That the Committee receive and comment on the approach into the review of the Hitchin Town Hall / District Wide Museum Project
- (2) That the Committee agree the proposed approach and associated timeline for the conducting of the review.
- (3) That the Committee delegates the finalising of any outstanding actions to the Lead Support Officer (the Democratic Services Manager), in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Group Leaders.

***REASON FOR DECISION:***

The recommendations are the best course of action for the review into the project.

**12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

No questions had been submitted.

**13 RESOLUTIONS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The report of the Acting Scrutiny Officer was adjourned until the next meeting.

**14 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2018/19**

The report of the Acting Scrutiny Officer which highlighted items scheduled in the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's work programme for 2018/19 was adjourned until the next meeting.