

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

**Meeting of the Southern Rural Committee held in the Council Chamber,
Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City
on Thursday, 13th September, 2018 at 7.30 pm**

THIS MEETING WAS INQORATE

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Barnard, John Bishop, Faye Frost, Cathryn Henry and Lisa Nash.

2 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

3 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) The Chairman proposed that the next meeting of this Committee is held in the Council Chamber and that the Parish Councils be invited to attend for some Christmas festivities and to advise them of some of the support available to them. She asked that Members, when visiting Parishes, ask what subjects they would like to discuss and advise the Clerk or Communities Officer.

4 GRANTS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE

IT WAS AGREED:

- (1) That the £427 currently allocated to Great Ashby Community Garden be transferred to the 2018/19 Discretionary Budget;
- (2) That the Senior Communities Officer be requested to contact the Hexton Community Petanque Project to ascertain whether this project will move forward or not and report he findings to the next meeting of this Committee;
- (3) That the budgetary expenditure, balances and carry forwards within the Area Committee Development Budget spreadsheet be noted;
- (4) That the actions taken by the Senior Communities Officer to promote greater community capacity and well-being in the Southern Rural Area be endorsed.

REASON FOR DECISION: To ensure that the Southern Rural Committee is kept informed of the work of the Communities Manager and to inform Members of the financial resources and current budgetary position.

5 EXPERIENCES REGARDING THE NEW WASTE CONTRACT

RECOMMENDED TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: That the comments made by the Southern Rural 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 Southern Rural Committee to inform the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of issues in the Southern Rural area regarding the new waste contract.

6 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

Members gave verbal reports regarding the following:

- Rands Educational Foundation;
- Hitchin Educational Foundation.