NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

**Meeting of the Royston and District Committee held in the Room 11,
Royston Town Hall, Melbourn Street, Royston
on Wednesday, 13th June, 2018 at 7.30 pm**

1   APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ben Lewis.

2   MINUTES - 14 MARCH 2018

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 14 March 2018 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

3   MINUTES - 17 MAY 2018

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 17 May 2018 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

4   NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

5   CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(1)   The Chairman welcomed those present at the meeting, those who had attended to give a presentation, the new Member of the Committee, Councillor Ruth Brown and Royston Town Councillor John Davison;

(2)   The Chairman welcomed County Councillor Fiona Hill, whom he thanked for her 16 years of service as District Councillor and her hard work on behalf of the residents of Royston;

(3)   The Chairman advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded;

(4)   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.

6   SECTION 106 AND UNILATERAL UNDERTAKINGS

RESOLVED:

(1)   That the contents of the report titled Section 106 and Unilateral Undertakings be noted;

(2)   That a report shall continue to be presented to this Committee on an annual basis;

(3)   That, other than where a contribution has been negotiated for a specific purpose or project, Ward Members of the area where Section 106 or Unilateral Undertaking funding is generated and the Area Committee be consulted prior to funding being allocated away from that area or from a village location.

REASON FOR DECISION: To ensure that there is a robust system for negotiating and managing Section 106 and Unilateral Undertakings, and to ensure that this is kept under constant review in order that this activity is managed in an appropriate manner.

7   HIGHWAYS ISSUES

The Chairman gave a brief update regarding highways issues in the Royston and District area including:

*   Grass Cutting at major junction on A505;
*   Highways Locality Budget Schemes

8   GRANTS & COMMUNITY UPDATE

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 for Royston and District be endorsed;

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

9   WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following issues were discussed:

*   Town Twinning;
*   David Lloyds Annual Report;
*   Motivate Group

10   PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - ROYSTON IN BLUE

Royston In Blue did not make a presentation as they withdrew their grant funding application.

11   PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - SINGING KETTLE GROUP

Lisa Marshal from the Singing Kettle Group, thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding grant funding application for the Singing Kettle Group.

The Chairman thanked Ms Marshal for her presentation.

12   GRANT APPLICATION - ROYSTON IN BLUE

Prior to the meeting Royston In Blue withdrew their application for grant funding.

13   GRANT APPLICATION - SINGING KETTLE GROUP

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £400 be awarded to the Singing Kettle Group from the 2018/19 Discretionary Budget as funding towards publicity and equipment costs associated with promoting their new group in the Royston and District area.

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