

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Hitchin Committee held in the Highover School, Cambridge Road, Hitchin SG4
OJP on Tuesday, 13th November, 2018 at 7.30 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Audio recording – Start of Item – 45 seconds

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Clare Billing, Mike Hughson and Richard Thake.

2 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

Audio recording – Start of Item – 1 minute 12 seconds

There was no other business notified.

3 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Audio recording – Start of Item – 1 minute 17 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 advised that he had agreed that the Public Presentation time limit be extended to 15 minutes;
- (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;
- (5) The Chairman announced that the aim was to discuss as much as possible in public and, once the discussions had taken place, make any resolutions this point.

Only if needed would the meeting go into Part 2 and if that was needed the press and public would be asked to leave.

He did not intend there to be any further discussion following any Part 2 discussions.

4 REGENERATION OF CHURCHGATE SHOPPING CENTRE

Audio recording – Start of Item - 38 minutes 28 seconds

Councillor Judi Billing declared a declarable Interest in that she was a Community Director of Hitchin Initiative.

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:

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- (1) That the Chairman of Hitchin Committee should be a member of the Churchgate Project Board;
- (2) That the Hitchin Committee:
 - (i) Welcomes the ideas and concepts put forward by the community groups, as presented by John and Vicky Wyr;
 - (ii) Notes that, whilst some of the proposals may not be viable at this time, nevertheless many of the concepts and ideas make a positive contribution to the development of the project;
 - (iii) Asks the Council to engage with representatives of the community groups in the design and development of the project, should it go ahead.

REASON FOR DECISION: As the Churchgate Shopping Centre is located in Hitchin, this meeting provides a “forum for discussion on matters of local interest”.

5 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Audio recording – Start of Item – 1 hour 41 minutes 47 seconds

Members agreed that it was not necessary to discuss the Part 2 report and therefore this item was not required.

6 REGENERATION OF CHURCHGATE SHOPPING CENTRE

The Part 2 report was not discussed (Minute 49 refers).