

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Hitchin Committee held in the Westmill Community Centre, John Barker Place,
Hitchin SG5 2PG
on Tuesday, 10th March, 2020 at 7.30 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Paul Clark, Keith Hoskins, Clare Billing and Kay Tart.

2 MINUTES - 14 JANUARY 2020

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 14 January 2020 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair.

3 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

4 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chair welcomed those present at the meeting, especially those who had attended to give a presentation;
- (2) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded;
- (3) The Chair 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 HERTFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY

The Committee received a presentation from Hertfordshire Constabulary.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - FEED UP WARM UP

Mr Shane Cole thanked the Chair for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding their grant application.

7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - CLIMB HITCHIN

Ms Hannah Morgan-Gray and Mr Rob Findon thanked the Chair for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding their grant application.

8 HITCHIN BID MANAGER

There was no Hitchin BID update provided at that Committee as Mr Tom Hardy, Hitchin BID Manager, had sent his apologies for absence due to being unwell.

9 INFORMATION NOTE: PLANNING OBLIGATIONS

RESOLVED: That the information note entitled Planning Obligations be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION: To inform Members of all agreed S106 funds that were allocated to the Hitchin Town Hall project over recent years.

10 AIR QUALITY UPDATE

The Environmental Protection and Housing Manager provided the Committee with an Air Quality Update.

11 INFORMATION NOTE: NHDC TRANSPORT PROJECTS UPDATE

RESOLVED: That the information note entitled NHDC Transport Projects Update be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION: To provide Councillor's with an update on the current transport projects that the Council is currently involved with.

12 GRANTS & COMMUNITY UPDATE

RESOLVED: That the actions taken by the Community Engagement officer to promote greater community capacity and well-being for Hitchin be endorsed.

REASONS FOR DECISION:

- (1) To ensure the Committee is kept informed of the work of the Community Engagement Team;
- (2) This report is intended to inform Members of the financial resources available to the Committee. It draws attention to the current budgetary situation by assisting in the effective financial management of the Area Committee's budget. This ensures that all actions are performed in line with the Authority's Financial Regulations, the Council's Constitution, and the guidance of the existing Grants policy as agreed by Cabinet in June 2016;
- (3) The awarding of financial assistance to voluntary organisations and the use of discretionary spending allows the Committee to further the aims of the Corporate Plan.

13 GRANT APPLICATION - FEED UP WARM UP

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £676 be awarded to Feed Up Warm Up to assist with the cost of publicity materials and staff uniforms.

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

14 GRANT APPLICATION - CLIMB HITCHIN

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £350 be awarded to Climb Hitchin to assist with the cost of training 6 new volunteer climbing wall instructors.

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

15 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

There were no ward matters.

16 POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Chair requested that, should any Members have any suggestions for agenda items for future meetings, they advise himself, officers or the Committee Clerk.