

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, 9th October, 2019 at 7.30 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gerald Morris.

2 MINUTES - 12 SEPTEMBER 2018

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 12 September 2018 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

3 MINUTES - 28 NOVEMBER 2018

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 28 November 2018 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

4 MINUTES - 13 MARCH 2019

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 13 March 2019 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

5 MINUTES - 3 JULY 2019

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 3 July 2019 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

6 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

7 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chairman welcomed those present; particularly speakers at Public Participation.
- (2) The Chairman introduced and welcomed Matthew Hepburn a new Committee, Member Services & Scrutiny Officer, who will be clerking future meetings' of that Committee.
- (3) In accordance with Council policy the meeting was being audio recorded. Members of the public and the press may use their devices to film/photograph, or do a sound recording of the meeting.
- (4) Members were reminded that any declarations of interest in respect of any business set out in the agenda, should be declared as either a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Declarable Interest and were required to notify the Chairman of the nature of any interest declared at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenda.

8 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - ENTERPRISE EAST

The Community Engagement Officer advised Members that Enterprise East had withdrawn their grant application.

9 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - BEEE CREATIVE

The Community Engagement Officer gave a verbal presentation on behalf of BEEE Creative regarding their Grant Application.

10 REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS

RESOLVED: That Polling Places, as illustrated in the Returning Officer's Proposals set out in Appendices A and C be designated.

REASON FOR DECISIONS: The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 introduced a change to the timing of compulsory reviews of UK Parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Places. The compulsory review must commence and conclude between 1 October 2018 and 31 January 2020 (inclusive).

11 GRANTS & COMMUNITY UPDATE

RESOLVED:

- (1) Royston and District Committee trial a Town Talk prior to the next Committee Meeting due to be held on Wednesday 4 December 2019; and
- (2) That the Committee endorsed the actions taken by the Community Engagement Officer to promote greater community capacity and well-being for Royston.

REASON FOR DECISIONS:

- (1) To ensure the Committee is kept informed of the work of the Community Officer;
- (2) 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.

12 GRANT APPLICATION - BEEE CREATIVE

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £850 be awarded to BEEE Creative to assist with running costs for 60 Creative Movement Workshops to be held at Royston & District Museum and Art Gallery.

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

13 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

The Committee was informed of on-going and forthcoming highways matters in Royston by Hertfordshire County Councillors, Fiona Hill and Steve Jarvis.

14 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

A number of ward matters were raised by Members including:

Royston Christmas Tree
Royston Town Twinning
Royston BID

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Royston Cinema.

The next meeting of the Royston and District Committee would be held on 4 December 2019.