

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Royston and District Committee held in the Room 11,
Royston Town Hall, Melbourn Road, Royston
on Wednesday, 15th January, 2020 at 7.30 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jean Green and Bill Davidson.

2 MINUTES - 9 OCTOBER 2019

RESOLVED: That, subject to amendments below, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 9 October 2019 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman:

- On page 6 – Minute 30, the following sentence be corrected from - ‘the following questions asked questions’ - to read - ‘the following Members asked questions’;
- On page 7 – Minute 31, that Councillor Ruth Brown be listed as having asked questions of the Democratic Services Manager and the Electoral Services Manager;
- On page 9 – Minute 34, the job title of ‘Transport Project Officer’ be amended to ‘Parking Officer’ and;
- On page 10 – Minute 34, the spelling error ‘iminent’ be corrected to ‘imminent’.

3 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chairman welcomed those present at the meeting;
- (2) On behalf of Councillor Jean Green, the Chairman invited Members to Councillor Green's Civic Service which was due to take place on Sunday 19 January at 3pm at the St Thomas Of Canterbury & The English Martyrs Catholic Church in 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.

5 GRANTS & COMMUNITY UPDATE

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the release of £1,500 in support of the Free after 3pm Parking initiative scheme for the town be agreed by the Committee and;

- (2) That the actions taken by the Community Engagement Officer to promote greater community capacity and well-being for Royston and District be endorsed.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS:

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

6 NHDC PARKING STRATEGY DRAFT PARKING OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Draft North Hertfordshire District Council Parking Operational Guidelines at Appendix A of the report be noted;
- (2) That the Draft North Hertfordshire District Council Parking Issues Reporting Pack 1 and Part 2 at Appendix B and C of the report be noted.

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:

- (1) That the Draft North Hertfordshire District Council Parking Operational Guidelines at Appendix A be considered and adopted;
- (2) That the Draft North Hertfordshire District Council Parking Issues Reporting Pack 1 and Part 2 at Appendix B and C be considered and adopted;
- (3) That delegated authority be given to Service Director - Regulatory to approve minor amendments and format changes to the draft Parking Operational Guidelines as required in consultation with the Executive Member and Deputy for Planning and Transport;
- (4) That officers proceed with the work associated with the key projects listed in the Parking Strategy Strategic Action Plan using the Parking Operational Guidelines to implement the policy framework.

REASON FOR DECISIONS: The draft Parking Operational Guidelines will provide the necessary guidance and assessment criteria for the Parking Strategy policy framework for managing parking across the District in a most cost efficient way that accords with the Council's Corporate Objectives and its Medium Term Financial Strategy.

7 COMMUNITY GRANTS POLICY REVIEW

RESOLVED: That the proposed review of the Community Grants Policy and criteria be noted.

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET: That the criteria and outline consultation process be approved.

REASON FOR DECISION: The awarding of grant funding awards to organisations, charities and voluntary groups, and the use of grant budgets devolved to Area Committees allows the Authority to further its aims and overarching Priorities of the Council and District.

8 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

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

9 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

The Chairman advised that there were two consultations open, both of which would close on 30 March 2020:

- Hertfordshire County Council Rail Strategy Consultation; and
- The North Central Growth and Transport Plan.

The Chairman suggested and the Committee agreed that they would work with the Town Council and Hertfordshire County Council in order to put together a working party to gather comments for the consultations and feed these back to Members.