

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL



5 March 2021

Our Ref Cabinet/Meeting Date
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To: Members of the Cabinet:

Councillor Martin Stears-Handscomb, Leader of the Council (Chair)
Councillor Paul Clark, Deputy Leader of the Council, Executive Member for Planning and Transport (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Ian Albert, Executive Member for Finance and IT
Councillor Judi Billing MBE, Executive Member for Community Engagement
Councillor Elizabeth Dennis-Harburg, Executive Member for Recycling and Waste Management
Councillor Gary Grindal, Executive Member for Housing and Environmental Health
Councillor Keith Hoskins MBE, Executive Member for Enterprise and Co-Operative Development
Councillor Steve Jarvis, Executive Member for Environment and Leisure

Deputy Executive Members Councillors: Ruth Brown, Ian Mantle, Sam North, Helen Oliver, Sean Prendergast, Adem Ruggiero-Cakir and Carol Stanier.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A
MEETING OF THE CABINET**

to be held as a

VIRTUAL MEETING

on

TUESDAY, 16TH MARCH, 2021 AT 7.30 PM

Yours sincerely,

Jeanette Thompson
Service Director – Legal and Community

****MEMBERS PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU DOWNLOAD ALL AGENDAS AND REPORTS VIA THE MOD.GOV APPLICATION ON YOUR TABLET BEFORE ATTENDING THE MEETING****

Agenda **Part I**

Item		Page
1.	WELCOME AND REMOTE/PARTLY REMOTE MEETINGS PROTOCOL SUMMARY Members are requested to ensure that they are familiar with the attached summary of the Remote/Partly Remote Meetings Protocol. The full Remote/Partly Remote Meetings Protocol has been published and is available here: https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/home/council-and-democracy/council-and-committee-meetings .	(Pages 7 - 12)
2.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
3.	MINUTES - 26 JANUARY 2021 To take as read and approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 26 January 2021.	(Pages 13 - 22)
4.	NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS Members should notify the Chair of other business which they wish to be discussed at the end of either Part I or Part II business set out in the agenda. They must state the circumstances which they consider justify the business being considered as a matter of urgency. The Chair will decide whether any item(s) raised will be considered.	
5.	CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS <u>Climate Emergency</u> The Council has declared a climate emergency and is committed to achieving a target of zero carbon emissions by 2030 and helping local people and businesses to reduce their own carbon emissions. A Cabinet Panel on the Environment has been established to engage with local people on matters relating to the climate emergency and advise the council on how to achieve these climate change objectives. A Climate Change Implementation group of councillors and council officers meets regularly to produce plans and monitor progress. Actions taken or currently underway include switching to green energy, incentives for low emission taxis, expanding tree planting and working to cut food waste. In addition the council is a member of the Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership, working with other councils across Hertfordshire to reduce the county's carbon emissions and climate impact. The Council's dedicated webpage on Climate Change includes details of the council's climate change strategy, the work of the Cabinet Panel on the Environment and a monthly briefing on progress.	

Declarations of Interest

Members are 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 are required to notify the Chair of the nature of any interest declared at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenda. Members declaring a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest must withdraw from the meeting for the duration of the item. Members declaring a Declarable Interest, wishing to exercise a 'Councillor Speaking Right', must declare this at the same time as the interest, move to the public area before speaking to the item and then must leave the room before the debate and vote.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To receive petitions, comments and questions from the public.

7. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Any Items referred from other committees will be circulated as soon as they are available.

8. COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER: HITCHIN BRIDGE CLUB REPORT OF THE SENIOR ESTATES SURVEYOR.

(Pages
23 - 74)

To consider the options available regarding the transfer of a Community Asset to Hitchin Bridge Club.

9. CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY 2021-2026 REPORT OF THE POLICY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER

(Pages
75 - 100)

To propose a refreshed Climate Change strategy for adoption for 2021-2026.

10. STRATEGIC PLANNING MATTERS REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – REGULATORY

(Pages
101 -
128)

To identify the latest position on key planning issues affecting the District.

11. LOCAL PLAN FURTHER MODIFICATIONS REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – REGULATORY

(Pages
129 -
142)

To inform Members of the progress with the examination of the new Local Plan and to seek approval to conduct a consultation upon the Inspector's proposed Further Main Modifications to the Plan and documentation produced under delegated authority.

12. UPDATE ON CORPORATE PEER CHALLENGE ACTION PLAN REPORT OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

(Pages
143 -
176)

To update on the progress made against each action on the Corporate Peer Challenge Action Plan agreed by Cabinet on 23 June 2020, following the recommendations of the Corporate Peer Challenge (CPC) held in January 2020.

- 13. LOCAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION** (Pages 177 - 202)
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – REGULATORY
- To review previous resolutions and to recommend a revised programme of work to support the implementation of the new Local Plan.
- 14. UPDATE ON OUR MAJOR LEISURE FACILITIES** (Pages 203 - 208)
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – PLACE
- To provide an update on our major leisure facilities and confirm the opening of both Letchworth and Hitchin outdoor pools this summer season. The report also includes a proposal to extend the outdoor pool season by a further one or two weeks.
- 15. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR 21/22** (Pages 209 - 216)
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES
- A report of all Performance Indicators and associated targets to be monitored by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in 2021/22.
- 16. PROPOSED INCREASE IN CAR PARKING TARIFFS 2021-22** (Pages 217 - 230)
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – REGULATORY
- To consider the proposed car parking tariffs in North Hertfordshire District Council's off street car parks.
- 17. THIRD QUARTER REVENUE MONITORING 2020/21** (Pages 231 - 246)
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR - RESOURCES
- To inform Cabinet of the summary position on revenue income and expenditure forecasts for the financial year 2020/21, as at the end of the third quarter.
- 18. THIRD QUARTER INVESTMENT STRATEGY (CAPITAL AND TREASURY) REVIEW 2020/21** (Pages 247 - 280)
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES
- To update the Committee on progress with delivering the Capital and Treasury Strategy as at the end of December 2020.
- 19. CONTRACT PROCUREMENT RULES WAIVER REFERRAL** (Pages 281 - 284)
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTORS – LEGAL AND COMMUNITY AND RESOURCES
(WAIVER: SERVICE DIRECTOR – COMMERCIAL_
- To consider a waiver to the Council's Contract Procurement Rules to appoint the nominated specialist services as set out in the Waiver Report (Part 2 exempt Appendix A) without carrying out a tender exercise.
- NB: Appendix A is a Part 2 (confidential) document and has been included separately as Item 21 below.*

20. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider passing the following resolution:

That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the following report will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act (as amended).

21. CONTRACT PROCUREMENT RULES WAIVER REFERRAL

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REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTORS – LEGAL AND COMMUNITY
AND RESOURCES

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(WAIVER: SERVICE DIRECTOR – COMMERCIAL_

To consider a waiver to the Council's Contract Procurement Rules to appoint the nominated specialist services as set out in the Waiver Report (Part 2 exempt Appendix A) without carrying out a tender exercise.

NB: This is the Part 2 Appendix to the report at Item 19.