

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Royston and District Committee held as Virtual Meeting
on Wednesday, 7th October, 2020 at 7.30 pm

1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed everyone to this virtual Royston and District Committee meeting that was being conducted with Members and Officers at various locations, communicating via audio/video and online and advised that there was the opportunity for the public and press to listen and view proceedings.

The Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer gave advice regarding the following:

- Attendance;
- Live Streaming;
- Noise interference;
- Voting.

The Chair, Councillor Tony Hunter, started the meeting proper.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

3 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was notified.

4 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chair thanked those who had attended the Town Talk which had been held prior to the Committee meeting and welcomed those present at the meeting, especially those who had attended to give updates to the Committee;
- (2) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, this meeting was being audio recorded as well as filmed. The audio recordings would be available to view on Mod.gov and the film recording via the NHDC YouTube channel.
- (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.

6 GRANTS & COMMUNITY UPDATE

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the award of £1250 via Delegated Authority to North Herts Emotional Support in Schools Service (NESSIE) to assist with costs associated with providing the on-line and telephone counselling service be noted;
- (2) That the actions taken by the Community Engagement Officer to promote greater community capacity and well-being for Royston be endorsed;

- (3) That the refund in relation to the 'Free After Three' parking initiative in Royston, due to this initiative not being used during the Covid-19 pandemic, be returned to the Committee's budget;
- (4) That the Community Engagement Officer be requested to circulate the proposed refund figures for the 'Free after Three' refund by email to Committee Members, County Councillors and Royston First;
- (5) That the Councillor Surgeries in Royston for the remainder of 2020 be held as virtual events on Zoom with the intention of reverting back to face-to-face surgeries in 2021.
- (6) That it be noted that Member-led surgeries would continue to be held as virtual events on Zoom on the first Saturday of every month;
- (7) That the Community Engagement Officer be requested to liaise with the relevant parties to invite those involved in Royston Youth Council to attend the virtual Youth Democracy event taking place in November 2020;
- (8) That Members be requested to advise County Councillor Fiona Hill of any individuals who may wish to represent Royston on the North Herts Youth Council.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS: To ensure the Committee is kept informed of the work of the Community Engagement Officer.

7 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- (1) The Strategic Infrastructure and Projects Manager gave the Committee a verbal update on the Parking Review;
- (2) The Transport Officer gave the Committee a verbal update on transport matters;
- (3) County Councillor Fiona Hill gave the Committee a verbal update on highways issues.

RESOLVED: That the Strategic Infrastructure and Projects Manager be requested to re-circulate details of the Parking Review schemes to Committee Members and County Councillors to remind them of the programme and cost of the project.

REASON FOR DECISION: To ensure the Committee is informed of the work being carried out under the Parking Review.

8 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following matters were discussed:

- Remembrance Sunday – Committee, Member and Scrutiny Manager
- Arrangements for Christmas Tree and Lights – Councillor Ruth Brown