

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

**Meeting of the Royston and District Committee held as Virtual Meeting
on Wednesday, 2nd December, 2020 at 7.30 pm**

1 WELCOME AND REMOTE/PARTLY REMOTE MEETINGS PROTOCOL SUMMARY

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

The Chair invited the Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer to explain how proceedings would work and to confirm that Members and Officers were in attendance.

The Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer undertook a roll call to ensure that all Members, Officers and registered speakers could hear and be heard and gave advice regarding the following:

The meeting was being streamed live onto YouTube and recorded via Zoom.

Extracts from the Remote/Partly Remote Meetings Protocol were included with the agenda and the full version was available on the Council's website which included information regarding:

- Live Streaming;
- Noise Interference;
- Rules of Debate;
- Voting; and
- Part 2 Items

Members were requested to ensure that they were familiar with the Protocol.

The Chair of the Royston and District Area Committee, Councillor Tony Hunter started the meeting proper.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

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 as well as filmed. The audio recording 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.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - 1ST ROYSTON SCOUTS

Mr Patrick Leighton, 1st Royston Scouts thanked the Chair for the opportunity to address the Committee in support of the grant application.

The Chair thanked Mr Leighton for his application.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - MELBOURN AREA YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Mr John Travis, Melbourn Area Youth Development thanked the Chair for the opportunity to address the Committee in support of the grant application.

The Chair thanked Mr Travis for his application.

7 GRANT APPLICATIONS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the refund of £438 into the Royston Base Budget 2020/21 against the payment made in April for the Free After 3pm parking Initiative in Royston, 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 Councillor Carol Stanier be nominated as a member of the Melbourn Area Youth Development Committee.

REASON FOR DECISIONS: To ensure the Committee is kept informed of the work of the Community Engagement Team.

8 GRANT APPLICATION - 1ST ROYSTON SCOUTS

Prior to consideration of the item Councillor Carol Stanier declared a declarable interest in that her husband was District Secretary for the Scouts and her son was a member of 1st Royston Cubs. She advised that she would leave the meeting during both the debate and the vote on this item.

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £796 be awarded to 1st Royston Scouts to assist with the costs of purchasing new tents and equipment that could be used for training and learning experiences during the pandemic and then for camps throughout 2021.

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

9 GRANT APPLICATION - 7TH ROYSTON (BARKWAY) SCOUTS

Prior to consideration of the item Councillor Carol Stanier declared a declarable interest in that her husband was District Secretary for the Scouts. She advised that she would leave the meeting during both the debate and the vote on this item.

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £795 be awarded to 7th Royston (Barkway) Scouts to assist with the costs of purchasing new tents and equipment that could be used for training and learning experiences during the pandemic and then for camps throughout 2021.

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

10 GRANT APPLICATION - MELBOURN AREA YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £902 be awarded to Melbourn Area Youth Development to assist with the costs of running the youth provision via Groundwork East and venue hire costs at Melbourn Recreation Ground Pavilion.

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

11 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

The Chair led a discussion regarding Highways Issues including:

- (1) County Councillors Fiona Hill and Steve Jarvis gave the Committee a verbal update on highways issues;
- (2) The Parking Project Officer gave the Committee an update on the Royston Parking Review.

12 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

The Chair led a discussion on ward matters and outside organisations including:

- Doorstep Carols Event - Councillor Carol Stanier
- Royston First Christmas Events - Councillor Ruth Brown
- Citizen's Advice North Herts - Councillor Ruth Brown
- Royston and District Community Transport - Councillor Tony Hunter
- Government Business Grants - Councillor Tony Hunter