

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL



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Our Ref Hitchin Committee - 02.03.2021
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To: Members of the Committee: Councillor Ian Albert (Chair), Councillor Clare Billing (Vice-Chair), Councillor Judi Billing MBE, Councillor Val Bryant, Councillor Paul Clark, Councillor Sam Collins, Councillor Elizabeth Dennis-Harburg, Councillor Simon Harwood, Councillor Keith Hoskins MBE, Councillor Mike Hughson, Councillor Martin Stears-Handscomb, Councillor Kay Tart and Councillor Richard Thake.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A
MEETING OF THE HITCHIN COMMITTEE

to be held as

A VIRTUAL MEETING

On

TUESDAY, 2ND 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 5 - 6)
2.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
3.	MINUTES - 10 MARCH 2020 TO 1 DECEMBER 2020 To take as read and approve as a true record the minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on: 10 March 2020; 30 June 2020; 29 September 2020; 1 December 2020.	(Pages 7 - 46)
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 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.	MESSAGE FROM THOMAS FESER - LORD MAYOR OF BINGEN AM RHEIN To receive and view a video message from Thomas Feser, Lord Mayor of the	

City of Bingen am Rhein twinned with Hitchin.

7. HERTFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY

To receive the annual update from the Hertfordshire Constabulary on their work in the Hitchin area.

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To receive petitions, comments and questions from the public including:

- Getting Rooted – Hitchin
- Hitchin Band
- Hitchin Bridge Club
- Charnwood Community Management Association
- Citizens Advice North Hertfordshire

The Chair may take presentations from public speakers alongside their respective agenda items.

9. HITCHIN BID MANAGER

To receive a verbal presentation from the Hitchin BID Manager.

10. CITIZENS ADVICE NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE - PROVISION OF SERVICES IN HITCHIN

To discuss the provision of services in Hitchin by Citizens Advice North Hertfordshire with Rosie Waters, CEO.

11. DISCUSSION ITEM - CHARNWOOD HOUSE

To discuss options for the future use of Charnwood House.

**12. COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER - HITCHIN BRIDGE CLUB
REPORT OF THE SENIOR ESTATES SURVEYOR**

(Pages
47 - 102)

To enable the Hitchin Committee to comment on the report entitled Community Asset Transfer - Hitchin Bridge Club prior to consideration by Cabinet.

**13. GRANTS & COMMUNITY UPDATE
REPORT OF THE POLICY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

(Pages
103 -
112)

To update the Committee on the activities and actions of the Communities Officer, to advise on the current expenditure and balances of the delegated budgets and to consider applications for grant funding.

14. WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

To receive any verbal reports from Members regarding Ward matters and Outside Organisations.

15. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Chair to lead a discussion regarding possible agenda items for future meetings including:

- Arts & Culture in Hitchin
- Mental Health Provision
- Food Provision Network
- Fair Trade Town status
- Air Quality
- Local Equality & Diversity initiatives
- Business Vacancies & Unemployment in Hitchin post-COVID