

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

**Meeting of the Cabinet Panel on the Environment held as a Virtual Meeting
on Tuesday, 7th July, 2020 at 7.30 pm**

1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The Chair, Councillor Steve Jarvis. welcomed everyone to this Virtual meeting of the Cabinet Panel on the Environment.

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

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

The Chair, Councillor Steve Jarvis, started the meeting proper.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sam Collins and Kay Tart.

Having given due notice Councillor Carol Stanier advised that she would be substituting for Councillor Sam Collins.

Having given due notice Councillor Mike Hughson advised that he would be substituting for Councillor Kay Tart.

3 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) 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;
- (2) Members were reminded to make declarations of interest before an item, the detailed reminder about this and speaking rights was set out under Chair's Announcements on the agenda.

4 ITEMS REFERRED FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

The Committee considered the referral from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 16 June 2020 that:

"The Cabinet Panel on the Environment be requested to consider air quality in the District, in particular the effect that the Covid-19 pandemic has had on areas of poor air quality.

The Chair advised that this would be considered when looking at the work programme.

5 INFORMATION NOTE - WORK PROGRAMME AND ACTION TRACKER FOR 2019/20

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Information note entitled Work Programme and Action Tracker for 2019/20 be noted;
- (2) That the Policy and Community Engagement Manager be requested to amend the Action Tracker as follows:
 - Prioritise the actions listed taking into account what is achievable;
 - A column be added to indicate when an action was expected to progress;
 - Wherever possible updates be provided on particular projects;
- (3) That the referral from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be considered at the next meeting of the Cabinet Panel on the Environment, due to be held on 9 September 2020.

REASON FOR DECISION: To ensure that the Cabinet Panel on the Environment are able to plan its workload and monitor actions.

6 PRESENTATION BY THE TRANSPORT POLICY OFFICER

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Transport Policy Officer be thanked for his informative presentation;
- (2) That NHDC press HCC to be more ambitious regarding their plans in around town centres for instance consider pedestrianisation and entry and exit routes for town centres;
- (3) That, in respect of new developments, entry and exit points for cyclists be considered at the planning stage.

REASON FOR DECISION: To enable the Environment Panel to consider the issues around reduction of emissions from transport.

7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - JULIA SONANDER

Julia Sonander thanked the Chair for the opportunity to address the Panel.

The Chair thanked Julia Sonander for her presentation.

8 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - JOHN WEBB

John Webb thanked the Chair for the opportunity to address the Panel.

The Chair thanked John Webb for his presentation.

9 PANEL DISCUSSION

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Joint Chairs of the Panel be requested to engage with the Executive Member for Planning and Transport to discuss actions required to develop a plan for a cycle network in North Herts;

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- (2) That the Executive Member for Planning and Transport be requested to engage with community groups and members of the public in the process for developing a plan for a cycle network in North Herts.

REASON FOR DECISION: For the Panel to be apprised of the actions and plans regarding the reduction of emissions from travel and transport in North Herts.