

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Cabinet Panel on the Environment held in the as a Virtual Meeting
on Tuesday, 17th November, 2020 at 7.30 pm

1 WELCOME AND REMOTE/PARTLY REMOTE MEETINGS PROTOCOL SUMMARY

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

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

- Attendance;
- Live streaming;
- Noise interference;
- Voting;

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

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Val Bryant advised that Councillor Mike Hughson (substitute) sent his apologies.

Councillor Carol Stanier advised that she was in attendance but not substituting and if a voting matter were to arise she would not participate.

3 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;
- (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;
- (4) The Chair noted that the theme for this meeting was Food Waste;
- (5) The Chair advised that the Information Note of the Policy & Community Engagement Manager - Work Programme & Action Tracker would be taken before the presentations and public participation.

4 ITEMS REFERRED FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

No items were referred from other committees.

5 PRESENTATION BY SERVICE MANAGER - WASTE & RECYCLING

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Service Manager – Waste be thanked for her informative presentation.

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- (2) That the Cabinet Panel on the Environment is supportive of anaerobic digestion options being pursued and that the Executive Member for Recycling and Waste Management be requested to discuss the Panel's view with the Leader of the Council and convey this view when the contract is up for tender.

REASON FOR DECISION: To enable the Cabinet Panel on the Environment to consider the issues around reduction of food waste.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Emma Goulding, Food Rescue Hub, thanked the Chair for the opportunity to address the Panel.

The Chair thanked Emma Goulding for her presentation.

7 STATEMENT & VIDEO: BEST BEFORE CAFÉ

A video provided by Best Before Café was presented to the Panel.

8 DISCUSSION REGARDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEETING

RESOLVED:

- (1) The Policy & Community Engagement Manager be requested to look in to including Waste Officers in the work of the Food Provision Network;
- (2) That the Executive Member for Recycling and Waste Management be requested to liaise with the Hertfordshire Waste Partnership to provide information from food rescue organisations in the District and respond to government consultation on waste management policy.

REASON FOR DECISION: For the Panel to be informed of the actions and plans regarding the reduction of food waste in North Herts.

9 INFORMATION NOTE - WORK PROGRAMME AND ACTION TRACKER

RESOLVED: That the Information Note entitled Work Programme and Action Tracker be noted.

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