

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

**Meeting of the Cabinet Panel on Community Engagement and Cooperative Development held as
a Virtual Meeting
on Monday, 9th November, 2020 at 7.30 pm**

1 WELCOME AND REMOTE/PARTLY REMOTE MEETINGS PROTOCOL SUMMARY

The Chair welcomed everyone to this virtual Cabinet Panel on Community Engagement and Co-operative Development 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 Manager undertook a roll call and referred Members to the Remote/Partly Remote Meetings Protocol Summary included with the agenda and full version which was available on the Council's website and included information regarding:

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

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Kay Tart and Michael Weeks.

Having given due notice Councillor Ian Albert advised that he would be substituting for Councillor Kay Tart and Councillor Michael Muir advised that he would be substituting for Councillor Michael Weeks.

3 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chair welcomed those present at the meeting, and particularly thanked those who were attending from the community;
- (2) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded. 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.
- (4) The Chair asked any Councillors who needed to register the new Mod.Gov app to remain present at the end of the meeting.

4 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

5 INTRODUCTION BY THE JOINT CHAIRS OF THE CABINET PANEL ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT

The Joint Chairs gave brief introductions to this Cabinet Panel on Community Engagement and Co-operative Development meeting which was focusing on Community Engagement in the Age of Social Media.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following attendees gave brief introductions regarding their organisations:

- Caroline Mayger, Codicote Foodbank
- Alex Snelling, Royston vs Coronavirus
- Vivienne Reid, Baldock Coronavirus Support Group
- Mark and Chrissy Russell, We Are From Hitchin, We Are From Letchworth and We Are From Baldock Facebook Pages
- Nick White, Royston Reporting Facebook Page
- Aletheia Mashiri, Getting Rooted
- Tony Williams, North Herts African Caribbean Community and Diversity and Culture Group
- Anni Sander, Plastic Free Hitchin and Hitchin Reuse Project
- Sue Watkinson, Hitchin Food Provision Team
- Hannah Morgan-Gray, North Hertfordshire Centre for Voluntary Service
- Rosie Waters, Citizens Advice North Herts
- Cath Boughton, The Listing Magazine, Royston

The Chair thanked all attendees for their introductions.

7 MEMBERS' DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN THE AGE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

The Chair led a discussion with all attendees on the topic of Community Engagement in the Age of Social Media.

8 INFORMATION NOTE - WORK PROGRAMME AND ACTION TRACKER

RESOLVED: That the Policy and Community Engagement Manager be requested to update the Work Programme and Action Tracker following each meeting and present it at all future meetings of the Panel.

REASON FOR DECISION: To ensure that the Cabinet Panel on Community Engagement and Co-operative Development is able to plan its workload and monitor actions.