

# **NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **DECISION SHEET**

**Meeting of the Cabinet Panel on Community Engagement and Cooperative Development  
held as a Virtual Meeting  
on Wednesday, 21st October, 2020 at 7.30 pm**

### **1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

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 Officer undertook a roll call and gave advice regarding the following:

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

The Chair, Councillor Judi Billing, started the meeting proper.

### **2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Helen Oliver, Kay Tart and Michael Weeks.

Having given due notice Councillor Ian Albert advised that he would be substituting for Councillor Helen Oliver and Councillor Michael Muir advised the he would be substituting for Councillor Michael Weeks.

Councillor Jean Green had given apologies that she would arrive late for the meeting.

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

The Joint Chairs gave brief introductions to this first Cabinet Panel on Community Engagement and Co-operative Development meeting focusing on Co-operative Development.

**5 PRESENTATION ON THE ROLE OF CO-OPERATIVES AND THE FUTURE**

Ms Anna Peachey, Economy, Partnerships and Regeneration Manager, Plymouth City Council, gave a presentation entitled 'Growing the Co-op Economy – Co-operatives Unleashed from the Grassroots'.

The Chair thanked Ms Peachey for her presentation.

**6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - CREATE SEVEN**

Ms Jill Chapman, Create Seven, provided Members with a verbal presentation on personal development for co-operation and collaboration.

The Chair thanked Ms Chapman for her presentation.

**7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - TRANSITION TOWN LETCHWORTH**

Mr John Webb, Transition Town Letchworth provided Members with a verbal presentation in respect of his organisation.

The Chair thanked Mr Webb for his presentation.

**8 MEMBERS' DISCUSSION**

***RESOLVED:***

- (1) That the Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer be requested to send the presentations and written submissions included in this meeting to all members of the Panel and, subject to the contributors permission, publish them on mod.gov.
- (2) That the Service Director- Commercial be requested to review the list of current commercial ideas and opportunities to consider whether any have the potential to be run via a cooperative approach.
- (3) That the Service Director- Commercial be requested to liaise with Plymouth City Council regarding recent cooperatives set up in that region with the aim of considering the cooperative approach for NHDC initiatives.

***REASON FOR DECISIONS:*** To initiate the development of the co-operative economy in North Hertfordshire.

**9 INFORMATION NOTE - WORK PROGRAMME AND ACTION TRACKER 2020/21**

***RESOLVED:*** That the Service Director – Commercial 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 Cooperative Development are able to plan its workload and monitor actions.