

# NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Cabinet held as a Virtual Meeting  
on Thursday, 22nd October, 2020 at 7.30 pm

### 1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed everyone to this virtual meeting of Cabinet 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 gave advice regarding the following:

- Attendance;
- Live Streaming;
- Noise interference;
- Rules of Debate;
- Voting.

The Chair, Councillor Martin Stears-Handscorn, started the meeting proper.

### 2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gary Grindal, Sam North, Helen Oliver, Sean Prendergast, Carol Stanier and Kay Tart.

### 3 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chair welcomed everyone to this meeting of Cabinet;
- (2) 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;
- (3) Members were reminded that this Council had declared a Climate Emergency. This was a serious decision and meant that, as this was an emergency, all of us, officers and Members had that in mind as we carried out our various roles and tasks for the benefit of our District;
- (4) 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 HERTFORDSHIRE GROWTH BOARD - PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEES

#### **RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the content of the report entitled Hertfordshire Growth Board – Proposed Joint Committees and attached joint cover report Appendix HGB “Hertfordshire Growth Board Integrated Governance Framework” be noted;

- (2) That Cabinet agrees, as per Appendix HGB summary of functions, to the extent that these are Executive Functions, to delegate the exercise of such functions to enable HGB to pursue and achieve the purposes in paragraphs 4.1 and 4.2 of the Terms of Reference, and to undertake any actions necessary, incidental or ancillary to achieving those objectives.

**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL**

- (1) To confirm the establishment of the Growth Board and Growth Board Scrutiny Joint Committees (to hold their inaugural meetings in January/February 2021 and then HGB Scrutiny aligned to confirmation of securing Government funding in 2021);
- (2) To adopt the Growth Board Integrated Governance Framework into the Councils own constitutional framework;
- (3) To agree the Council's nominated representatives on the Growth Board as Councillor Martin Stears-Handscomb (as Leader of the Council), Deputy Councillor Paul Clark (as Deputy Leader of the Council) and Scrutiny Committee as Councillor David Levett (as Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee), Deputy Councillor Kate Aspinwall (as Vice-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee).

**REASON FOR DECISIONS:** To provide longer term joint place leadership.

**5 BUSINESS RATE POOL 2021/22**

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That Cabinet approve that the Council is part of a Hertfordshire Business Rates pool in 2021/22;
- (2) That Cabinet delegate to the Service Director: Resources (in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and IT) authority to approve the detailed arrangements in relation to the Pool, such as a Memorandum of Understanding.

**REASON FOR DECISIONS:** So that the Council could benefit financially from being part of a Business Rates pool.