

# NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL



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To: The Chair and Members of North Hertfordshire District Council

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A**

**MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

to be held in the

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES, GERON  
ROAD, LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY**

on

**THURSDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2021**

at

**7.30 PM**

Yours sincerely,

Jeanette Thompson  
Service Director – Legal and Community

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## **Agenda**

### **Part I**

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. MINUTES OF MEETING ON 8 JULY 2021**

To take as read and approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 8 July 2021

**3. NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS**

Members should notify the Chair of other business which they wish to be discussed at the end of either Part I or Part II business set out in the agenda. They must state the circumstances which they consider justify the business being considered as a matter of urgency.

The Chair will decide whether any item(s) raised will be considered.

**4. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Climate Emergency

The Council has declared a climate emergency and is committed to achieving a target of zero carbon emissions by 2030 and helping local people and businesses to reduce their own carbon emissions.

A Cabinet Panel on the Environment has been established to engage with local people on matters relating to the climate emergency and advise the council on how to achieve these climate change objectives. A Climate Change Implementation group of councillors and council officers meets regularly to produce plans and monitor progress. Actions taken or currently underway include switching to green energy, incentives for low emission taxis, expanding tree planting and working to cut food waste.

In addition the council is a member of the Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership, working with other councils across Hertfordshire to reduce the county's carbon emissions and climate impact.

The Council's dedicated webpage on Climate Change includes details of the council's climate change strategy, the work of the Cabinet Panel on the Environment and a monthly briefing on progress.

Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded that any declarations of interest in respect of any business set out in the agenda, should be declared as either a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Declarable Interest and are required to notify the Chair of the nature of any interest declared at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenda. Members declaring a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest must withdraw from the meeting for the duration of the item. Members declaring a Declarable Interest, wishing to exercise a 'Councillor Speaking

Right', must declare this at the same time as the interest, move to the public area before speaking to the item and then must leave the room before the debate and vote.

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

To receive petitions, comments and questions from the public.

**6. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

To consider any motions, due notice of which have been given in accordance with Standing Order 4.8.12.

**7. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

To consider any questions submitted by Members of the Council, in accordance with Standing Order 4.8.11 (b).

**8. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

Any Items referred from other committees will be circulated as soon as they are available.

**9. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY**

To consider the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

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**10. COUNCIL PLAN 2022-2027 AND COUNCIL OBJECTIVES FOR 2022-2027**

To consider the Council Plan 2022-2027 and Council Objectives for 2022-2027

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**11. COUNCILLORS PARENTAL LEAVE POLICY REPORT**

This report provides a draft Councillor Parental Leave Policy for approval. This would introduce a right to such leave, that would potentially stretch to beyond 6 months, with continued allowances.

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**12. ELECTORAL CYCLE CONSULTATION**

To consider and approve public consultation on whether to retain the current electoral cycle of elections by thirds or to move to whole council elections.

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