

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,
LETCWORTH GARDEN CITY**

on

THURSDAY, 20 JANUARY 2022

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 - 11 NOVEMBER 2021, 7 DECEMBER 2021, 7 DECEMBER 2021 To take as read and approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 11 November 2021, 7 December 2021 and 7 December 2021.	5 - 18
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 <u>Climate Emergency</u> 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. <u>Declarations of Interest</u> 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 including:

- A petition to extend the opening periods of Hitchin and Letchworth Outdoor Pools which can be found here:

[Petition - Extend the opening periods of Hitchin and Letchworth Outdoor Pools - Change.org](#)

6. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

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

7. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

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

8. COUNCIL SIZE SUBMISSION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND ('LGBCE') 19 - 52

To agree the submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on Council Size.

9. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OTHER COMMITTEES 53 - 62

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

10. INTEGRATED PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT 63 - 68

To consider proposals for integrated performance, project monitoring and risk procedures.

11. SECOND QUARTER INVESTMENT STRATEGY (CAPITAL AND TREASURY) REVIEW 2021/22 69 - 80

To notes the position of Treasury Management activity as at the end of September 2021.

12. APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS FOR 2023/24 TO 2027/28 81 - 86

To consider the appointment of External Auditors for 2023/24 to 2027/28.

13. COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME - 2022/2023 87 - 94

To approve the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) for North Hertfordshire for 2022/2023

14. REVIEW OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 95 - 116

To agree the Member's Allowances Scheme 2022/2023 having taken into account the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

15. ELECTORAL SERVICES - SCALE OF FEES 2022/23 117 - 124

To agree the Scale of Fees for electoral events held during 2022/23

- 16. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER, SUBSTITUTE AND CHAIR TO THE PLANNING CONTROL COMMITTEE** 125 -
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To appoint a new member, substitute and chair to the Planning Control Committee for the remainder of this civic year.
- 17. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**
To consider passing the following resolution:
- That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the following report will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act (as amended).
- 18. POTENTIAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION** 129 -
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The purpose of this report is to provide councillors with an update on a potential acquisition and to seek approval of this potential purchase.