

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

**Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices,
Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City
on Tuesday, 22nd June, 2021 at 7.30 pm**

1 WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting that was being held in the Council Chamber and advised that the meeting was being streamed live on the Council's YouTube channel and some Officers were joining online.

The Chair invited the Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer to explain how proceedings would work.

The Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer undertook a roll call of those officers joining the meeting online to ensure that they could hear and be heard and gave advice regarding the following:

- Rules of Debate;
- Voting; and
- Covid Risk Assessment Measures.

The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor David Levett started the meeting proper.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Lisa Nash, Kate Aspinwall and Terry Tyler.

Having given due notice, Councillor Ruth Brown advised that she would be substituting for Councillor Lisa Nash.

3 MINUTES - 9 MARCH 2021

It was noted that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 March 2021 had not been included in the Agenda Pack and would therefore be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

4 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

5 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chair welcomed those present at the meeting, especially those who had attended to give a presentation and new Members of the Committee;
- (2) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded as well as filmed. The audio recording would be available on the NHDC website 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 advised that he would take Item 9 – Leader of the Council Presentation, after Item 11;
- (5) The Chair also advised that there was no longer a Part 2 item on the agenda as it had been decided that the Community Lottery Policies did not need to be restricted.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no presentations by members of the public.

7 URGENT AND GENERAL EXCEPTION ITEMS

No urgent or general exception items had been received.

8 CALLED-IN ITEMS

Since the last meeting, no decisions had been called-in by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

9 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL PRESENTATION

The Leader of the Council thanked the Chair for the invitation to address the Committee and gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the following:

- Things that had gone well in the last year;
- Things that could be improved upon;
- Long term strategic priorities for the future; and
- Building on our successes.

The Chair thanked the Leader of the Council for her presentation.

10 RESOLUTIONS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the report entitled Resolutions of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted;
- (2) That the Task and Finish Group on the Waste Contract be removed from the list of Resolutions as it was no longer relevant;
- (3) That the Items marked as 'complete' be removed from the list of Resolutions.

REASON FOR DECISION: To enable the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review and comment on actions and feedback received regarding resolutions previously made.

11 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the report entitled Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22 be noted;

- (2) That the following items be added to the Forward Work Programme to be considered at a future meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- Housing Delivery Test Action Plan (13 July 2021);
- Developer Contributions SPD (13 July 2021);
- Customer Service Strategy (13 July 2021);
- Community Revenue Grants Criteria Review (13 July 2021);
- Discussion on the recovery of the Town Centres following the pandemic (14 September 2021)

- (3) That the recommendations of the Corporate Peer Challenge Action Plan be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION: To allow the Committee to set a work programme which provides focussed Member oversight, encourages open debate and seeks to achieve service improvement through effective policy development and meaningful policy and service change.

12 PERFORMANCE MONITORING FOR 2020/21 - YEAR END

RESOLVED: That the 4th Quarter Update on Performance against Performance Indicators be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION: To update the Committee on the performance indicators as well as other indicators that officers have updated and activated on Pentana Risk.

13 KEY PROJECTS FOR THE DISTRICT 2020/21 - YEAR END

RESOLVED: That delivery against the key projects for 20/21 be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION: To enable achievements against the key projects for 2020/21 to be considered.

14 NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE COMMUNITY LOTTERY - NEW POLICIES

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:

- (1) That the age limit for playing the North Hertfordshire Community Lottery should be raised from 16 to 18, should legislation allow;
- (2) That consideration be given to putting a policy in place which would limit any one person to buying no more than £10 worth of tickets per week;
- (3) That the concerns and issues raised by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as detailed in the minutes of the Committee held on 22 June 2021, be taken into account when making its final decision on adopting these policies and the lottery.

REASON FOR DECISIONS: To enable the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to comment on the report entitled North Hertfordshire Community Lottery – New Policies prior to consideration by Cabinet.

15 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was noted that the exclusion of the public and press was no longer required as there were no Part 2 papers.

16 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

No questions had been submitted.

17 NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE COMMUNITY LOTTERY - NEW POLICIES - Appendices

It was noted that the Appendices had been included in Part 1 so the Part 2 (restricted) item was no longer required.