

# NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Hitchin Committee held in the Christchurch, Bedford Road, Hitchin  
on Tuesday, 1st March, 2022 at 7.30 pm

### 2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mike Hughson, Kay Tart, Clare Billing and Richard Thake.

### 3 MINUTES - 30 NOVEMBER 2021

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 30 November be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair.

### 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;

(2) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded;

(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;

### 6 HITCHIN BID MANAGER

A verbal presentation was received from the Hitchin BID Manager, Tom Hardy.

### 7 HERTFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY

A verbal presentation was received from Sergeant Guy Westwood from Hertfordshire Constabulary.

### 8 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - FEED UP, WARM UP & HITCHIN PANTRY

A verbal presentation was given by Shane Cole on the work of Feed up, Warm up and by Liz Wills of Hitchin Pantry

### 9 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NORTH HERTS PRIDE

A verbal presentation was given by Niamh Skinner and Kerrie Portman on the work and events of North Herts Pride

### 10 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Community Engagement Assistant explained to the Committee that Bethan Trezise was unable to attend the Committee, and read out a written statement on behalf of Goslings Playgroup in respect of their grant application.

**11 GRANT APPLICATION - GOSLINGS PLAYGROUP**

**RESOLVED:** That grant funding of £2000 be awarded to Goslings Playgroup for improving their outside play area as outlined in paragraph 8.1.1 of the officer's report.

**12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Community Engagement Assistant explained to the Committee that Hannah Reynolds was unable to attend the Committee, and read out a written statement on behalf of Imagination Dance in respect of their grant application.

**13 GRANT APPLICATION - IMAGINATION DANCE**

**RESOLVED:** That grant funding of £1115 be awarded to Imagination Dance for supporting their classes for children and young people with additional needs as outlined in paragraph 8.1.2 of the officer's report.

**14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A verbal presentation was given by Mandeep Kaur Nijjer on the organisation of a visual and audio exhibition in respect of Red Media Love's grant application.

**15 GRANT APPLICATION - RED MEDIA LOVE**

**RESOLVED:** That grant funding of £2480 be awarded to Red Media Love for supporting the organising of a visual and audio exhibition around the second generation of South Asians who grew up in Hitchin and Letchworth as outlined in paragraph 8.1.3 of the officer's report.

**16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A verbal presentation was received from Garry Brandon, Chair of the Hitchin Scouts, on the grant application.

**17 GRANT APPLICATION - THIRD HITCHIN SCOUTS**

**RESOLVED:** That grant funding of £580 be awarded to Third Hitchin Scouts for the purchase of six kitchen tents used to prepare meals by the young people at camps and day activities as outlined in paragraph 8.1.5 of the officer's report.

**18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Community Engagement Assistant explained to the Committee that Lisa King was unable to attend the Committee, and read out a written statement on behalf of Strathmore Fun Club in respect of their grant application.

**19 GRANT APPLICATION - STRATHMORE FUN CLUB**

**RESOLVED:** That grant funding of £1,100 be awarded to Strathmore Fun Club for purchasing additional toys, equipment, and materials to cover the cost of a programme of events and activities as outlined in paragraph 8.1.4 of the officer's report.

**20 POTENTIAL NEW TOWN TWINNING - AYENSUAKO, GHANA**

A verbal presentation was given by Joanne Wearne of Humanitas and Tommy Eaton of Bambuu Brush on a new potential town twinning opportunity with Ayensuako, Ghana.

It was:

**RESOLVED:** That the Hitchin Committee notes and welcomes the presentation on establishing a new Twinning arrangement with the community of Ayensuako in Ghana.

**RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:** To authorise further work to be done involving Members, Officers, the local community and the Hitchin Town Twinning Association.

**RESOLVED:** That the Hitchin Committee agrees to discuss the outcome of this work and any formal proposal for the adoption of a new twinning at its first meeting of the civic year in June.

## 21 GRANT APPLICATIONS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE

**RESOLVED:** That the Committee be recommended to endorse the actions taken by the Community Engagement team to promote greater community capacity and well-being for Hitchin.

## 22 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following ward matters were discussed:

- Hitchin Boys Year 10 Rugby Team reaching the semi-finals in the Natwest Cup;
- Councillor Mike Hughson and Simon Harwood's final Hitchin Area Meeting.
- The remaining grant balance.

## 23 POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Chair requested that, should any Members have any suggestions for agenda items for future meetings, they advise himself, officers or the Committee Clerk.