NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Cabinet Panel on Community held in the Virtual Meeting on Monday, 8th November, 2021 at 7.30 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sam Collins and Kay Tart.

2 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. The Chair welcomed those present at the meeting, especially those who had attended to give a presentation and join in the discussion. The focus of the meeting would be on how the Council might support towns and villages in the district with their recovery from Covid.
- 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

3 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Paul Ward and Claire Graham, Knebworth Parish Council, were in attendance to give a presentation.
- Graham Lee, Ashwell Parish Council, was in attendance to give a presentation.
- A number of other people were present from Town BIDs to contribute to the discussion.

5 MEMBERS' DISCUSSION

The Chair led a discussion on ways in which the Council could help to support villages and towns in the district with their recovery from the impact of Covid.

6 INFORMATION NOTE AND GROUP DISCUSSION

The Commercial Manager presented the Information Note entitled 'The Future of our Centres'.

7 ACTIONS ARISING AND WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED: That the Service Director – Commercial be requested to update the Work Programme with the following action points arising from the meetings discussions:

- To consider ways of collaborating with the BID and Parish representatives that could have positive impacts on recovery efforts.
- To consider a clear theme and direction for the next meeting due to be held on 31 January 2022.