

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

**Meeting of the Cabinet Panel on Community held in the Virtual Meeting
on Monday, 31st January, 2022 at 7.30 pm**

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ian Albert and Tony Hunter.

Having given due notice, Councillor Michael Muir substituted for Councillor Tony Hunter.

2 MINUTES - 30 SEPTEMBER 2021, 8 NOVEMBER 2021

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Committee held on 30 September 2021 and 8 November 2021 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair.

3 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 Community Events Throughout 2022, with a specific focus on events arranged for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
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 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Jim McNally, Baldock Big Lunch Committee, was in attendance to give a verbal presentation.
- Tom Hardy, Hitchin BID Manager, was in attendance to give a verbal presentation.
- A number of other representatives of Town BIDs and local organisations were present to contribute to the discussions.

6 INFORMATION NOTE AND GROUP DISCUSSION

The Chair led a discussion around Community Events Throughout 2022, with a specific focus on the upcoming Platinum Jubilee events.

7 MEMBERS' DISCUSSION

The Chair led a discussion amongst Members on ways in which the Council could support community events in 2022 and beyond, with a specific focus on the upcoming Platinum Jubilee events.

8 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 provide information on the NHDC website which includes ideas and examples of what we are doing to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, including a reminder of key Community Engagement contacts and promotion of smaller events.
- Set out timeframes on the NHDC website for undertaking an event application, to help applicants understand the time it will take.
- Explore whether the Council can provide, on its website, a comprehensive calendar of events happening across the district.
- Request that the Council uses its social media platforms to promote events happening across the district.
- To explore the possibility of the Council providing practical support for events (for example waste management).
- Include a wider discussion on community events in 2022 at a future meeting of the Cabinet Panel on Community Engagement.