

# NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Cabinet Panel on Community held as a Virtual Meeting  
on Thursday, 30th September, 2021 at 7.30 pm

### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Councillors Daniel Allen, Kay Tart and Ian Albert.

### 2 MINUTES - 19 JULY 2021

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 19 July 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 how the Council might improve its engagement with young people;
- (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

- Ms Laura Butcher, North Herts Team Leader, Hertfordshire Services for Young People, was in attendance to give a presentation;
- Ms Samantha Hough and Ms Kimberly Black, Imajica Theatre Company, were in attendance to give a presentation;
- A number of young people were also present at the meeting to contribute to the discussion.

### 6 INFORMATION NOTE AND GROUP DISCUSSION

The Chair led a discussion on how the Council might improve its engagement with young people.

### 7 MEMBERS' DISCUSSION

The Chair led a discussion amongst Members on ways in which the Council could improve its engagement with young people.

**8 ACTIONS ARISING AND WORK PROGRAMME**

**RESOLVED:** That the Community Engagement Team Leader be requested to update the Work Programme with the following action points arising from the evening's discussion:

- To invite the members of the North Herts Youth Council to attend Full Council twice a year and also to extend an invitation to attend Area Committee meetings should they wish;
- To request the Community Engagement Team to continue to look into developing contacts in schools to improve communication between North Herts Council and interested young people;
- To request the Community Engagement Team to look into promoting events such as the Youth Democracy event amongst a wider audience through, for example, school newsletters;
- To request the relevant Executive Member to work with the Communications Team to review the Council's current use of social media channels to ensure they are used to best effect.