# NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL



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To: The Chair and Members of North Hertfordshire District Council

#### **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A**

### MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

to be held in the

## COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES, LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY

on

**TUESDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2021** 

at

7.00 PM

Yours sincerely,

Jeanette Thompson Service Director – Legal and Community

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## Agenda <u>Part I</u>

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#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

#### 2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Climate Emergency

The Council has declared a climate emergency and is committed to achieving a target of zero carbon emissions by 2030 and helping local people and businesses to reduce their own carbon emissions.

A Cabinet Panel on the Environment has been established to engage with local people on matters relating to the climate emergency and advise the council on how to achieve these climate change objectives. A Climate Change Implementation group of councillors and council officers meets regularly to produce plans and monitor progress. Actions taken or currently underway include switching to green energy, incentives for low emission taxis, expanding tree planting and working to cut food waste.

In addition the council is a member of the Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership, working with other councils across Hertfordshire to reduce the county's carbon emissions and climate impact.

The Council's dedicated webpage on Climate Change includes details of the council's climate change strategy, the work of the Cabinet Panel on the Environment and a monthly briefing on progress.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

Members are reminded that any declarations of interest in respect of any business set out in the agenda, should be declared as either a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Declarable Interest and are required to notify the Chair of the nature of any interest declared at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenda. Members declaring a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest must withdraw from the meeting for the duration of the item. Members declaring a Declarable Interest, wishing to exercise a 'Councillor Speaking Right', must declare this at the same time as the interest, move to the public area before speaking to the item and then must leave the room before the debate and vote.

# 3. RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE 6 MONTH RULE – SECTION 85 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

To consider an extension of the six-month rule for Councillor John Bishop, having regard to the circumstances for absence from meetings.

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