NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

23 December 2022 Our Ref Cabinet Panel on Community and

Enterprise/9 January 2023

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To: Members of the Committee: Keith Hoskins (Co-Chair), Chris Lucas, Tom Plater, Ian Albert, Simon Bloxham, Ralph Muncer, Claire Strong and Mandi Tandi

Substitutes: Councillors Ruth Brown, Tom Tyson, Adam Compton, Morgan Derbyshire, Elizabeth Dennis-Harburg and Alistair Willoughby

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A

MEETING OF THE CABINET PANEL ON COMMUNITY AND ENTERPRISE

to be held as a

REMOTE MEETING

On

MONDAY, 9TH JANUARY, 2023 AT 7.30 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

Members are required to notify any substitutions by midday on the day of the meeting.

Late substitutions will not be accepted and Members attending as a substitute without having given due notice will not be able to take part in the meeting.

2. MINUTES - 17 OCTOBER 2022

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To take as read and approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Panel on Community held on 17 October 2022.

3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 debate and vote.

4. NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

Members should notify the Chair of other business which they wish to be discussed at the end of either Part I or Part II business set out in the agenda. They must state the circumstances which they consider justify the business being considered as a matter of urgency.

The Chair will decide whether any item(s) raised will be considered.

5. OVERVIEW OF HERTFORDSHIRE (AND NORTH HERTS) ECONOMY

To receive a presentation from Andrew Figgis, North Herts Economic Development Officer, regarding the position of Hertfordshire, and North Herts, economy since Covid and during the cost of living crisis.

6. CHRISTMAS CONSUMER DEMAND

To receive a presentation from Andrew Figgis, North Herts Economic Development Officer, regarding the town centre footfall in North Herts towns compared to previous years over the Christmas period.

7. BUSINESS SENTIMENT IN HERTFORDSHIRE

To receive a presentation from Liza Armstrong, from Herts Growth Hub, regarding the interim results of their Herts Growth Hub Crisis survey.

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To receive any petitions, comments and questions from the public including from businesses in Hitchin, Baldock and Letchworth.

9. MEMBER'S DISCUSSION

The Chair to lead a Member's discussion on potential actions arising from the Group Discussion.

10. ACTIONS ARISING, WORK PROGRAMME & FUTURE DISCUSSION TOPICS

To record any actions arising from the Group Discussion for inclusion in the Panel's Work Programme for 2022/23.