

# NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Cabinet Panel on Community and Enterprise held in the Remote Meeting  
on Monday, 9th January, 2023 at 7.30 pm

### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Clare Strong and Elizabeth Dennis-Harburg.

### 2 MINUTES - 17 OCTOBER 2022

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 17 October 2022 were approved as a true record of proceedings.

### 3 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded as well as filmed. The recordings would be available to view on Mod.gov and via the NHDC Youtube channel.
- (2) The Chair reminded Members to make declarations of interests before an item and advised that a detailed reminder of this and speaking rights can be found on the agenda.
- (3) The Chair advised Member's and public participants that if they would like to speak during the meeting, that the 'raise hand' button was to be used. If that button was not available, raising your hand would be used to see who wishes to speak.
- (4) The Chair advised that Mr Punit Shah (Cook's Boutique, Letchworth) was unable to attend, and that Andrew Figgis would provide an update on his behalf.
- (5) The Chair agreed to change the order of the published agenda, with Item 7 'Business Sentiment in Hertfordshire' ahead of Item 6 'Christmas Consumer Demand'.

### 4 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

### 5 OVERVIEW OF HERTFORDSHIRE (AND NORTH HERTS) ECONOMY

Andrew Figgis, North Herts Economic Development Officer, provided an update on the Hertfordshire (and North Herts) economy.

### 6 CHRISTMAS CONSUMER DEMAND

Andrew Figgis, North Herts Economic Development Officer, provided an update on Christmas Consumer Demand.

### 7 BUSINESS SENTIMENT IN HERTFORDSHIRE

Liza Armstrong, from Herts Growth Hub, gave a presentation on Business Sentiment in Hertfordshire.

**8 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The following presentations were provided for the Committee:

- Hannah Vincenti- Fabio's Gelato.
- Andrew Figgis (on behalf of Punit Shah, Cook's Boutique).
- Martin Berry- Mick's Barbers.

**9 MEMBER'S DISCUSSION**

The Chair led a discussion amongst Members and representatives present as to how the Council can support businesses in North Herts.

**10 ACTIONS ARISING, WORK PROGRAMME & FUTURE DISCUSSION TOPICS**

Members and representatives present discussed the future work programme and it was agreed that car parking charges would be discussed at a future meeting.