

17 June 2022 Our Ref Hitchin Committee/28 June 2022

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To: Members of the Committee: Councillor Ian Albert (Chair), Councillor Clare Billing (Vice-Chair), Councillor Judi Billing MBE, Councillor Raj Bhakar, Councillor Val Bryant, Councillor Sam Collins, Councillor Elizabeth Dennis-Harburg, Councillor James Denselow, Councillor Keith Hoskins MBE, Councillor Chris Lucas, Councillor Nigel Mason, Councillor Kay Tart and Councillor Richard Thake

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A

MEETING OF THE HITCHIN COMMITTEE

to be held in the

CHRISTCHURCH, BEDFORD ROAD, HITCHIN, SG5 1HF

On

TUESDAY, 28TH JUNE, 2022 AT 7.30 PM

Yours sincerely,

Jeanette Thompson Service Director – Legal and Community

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Agenda <u>Part I</u>

Item Page

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES - 1 MARCH 2022, 26 MAY 2022

(Pages 5 - 14)

To take as read and approve as a true record the minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on the 1 March 2022 and 26 May 2022.

3. 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.

4. 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 the debate and vote.

5. HITCHIN BID MANAGER

To receive a verbal presentation from the Hitchin BID Manager.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To receive petitions, comments and questions from the public, including:

Plastic Free Hitchin

7. INFORMATION NOTE - AIR QUALITY IN HITCHIN

(Pages 15 - 112)

INFORMATION NOTE OF THE AIR QUALITY CONSULTANT

The Chair to lead a discussion on the Air Quality in Hitchin.

8. CHARNWOOD HOUSE UPDATE

The Chair to provide a verbal update on Charnwood House and lead a discussion with Members.

9. TOWN TWINNING

The Chair to provide a verbal update on potential new Town Twinning and lead a discussion with Members.

10. GRANTS & COMMUNITY UPDATE

(Pages 113 -

UPDATE FROM THE ASSISTANT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

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To advise the Members on the current expenditure and balances of the Committee Grant budgets.

To bring to the Members' attention recent requests received for Committee grant funding, made by community groups and local organisations, including:

- Back2Schoolival CIC
- Hitchin Fun Club
- PoetsIN

To advise of the activities and schemes with which the Community Engagement officers have been involved in.

To bring to the Members' attention some important community-based activities that will take place during the next few months.

11. WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

To receive any verbal reports from Members regarding Ward matters and Outside Organisations.

12. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Chair to lead a discussion regarding possible agenda items for future meetings.