

# NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Royston and District Committee held in the Hardwicke Hall, Royston Town Hall,  
Melbourn Road, Royston  
on Wednesday, 29th June, 2022 at 7.30 pm

### 1 WELCOME

The Chair welcomed Members and Officers to the meeting.

The Chair welcomed Councillor Chris Hinchliff to his first Area Committee meeting following his election in May and placed on record thanks to former Councillor Sarah Dingley.

### 2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

### 3 MINUTES - 8 MARCH 2022, 26 MAY 2022

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Committee held on 8 March 2022 and 26 May 2022 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair.

### 4 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no Other Business notified.

### 5 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(1) 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.

### 6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair advised there was no public participation at this meeting of the Committee.

### 7 GRANTS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE

#### **RESOLVED:**

(1) That Officers would explore possible options of how Town Talks and Area Committee meetings could improve to be more effective and accessible for public and Members, in line with the Council Constitution and Terms of Reference of the Committee.

(2) That the Royston Surgeries be reduced to once every two months on the second Saturday of the month, starting from the Surgery scheduled on Saturday 10 September 2022.

(3) That the Committee endorsed the actions taken by the Community Engagement Officer to promote greater community capacity and well-being for Royston.

#### **REASONS FOR DECISIONS:**

(1) To ensure the Committee is kept informed of the work of the Community Engagement Officer.

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- (2) The Community Engagement Officer is seeking advice from the Committee on the best way forward with regards to future provision of Town Talk and Councillor Surgeries.
- (3) This report is intended to inform Members of the financial resources available to the Committee. It draws attention to the current budgetary situation by assisting in the effective financial management of the Area Committee's budget. This ensures that all actions are performed in line with the Authority's Financial Regulations, the Council's Constitution, and the guidance of the existing Grants policy as agreed by Cabinet in January 2020.
- (4) The awarding of financial assistance to voluntary organisations and the use of discretionary spending allows the Committee to further the aims of the Council Plan.

## **8 HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

A verbal update was provided by Herts County Councillor Fiona Hill regarding Highways Issues.

## **9 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Councillor Ruth Brown gave a verbal update to Members on the Town Twinning Association and Royston First.