

# NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Southern Rural Committee held in the Council Chamber, District Council Offices,  
Gernon Road, Letchworth  
on Thursday, 29th September, 2022 at 7.30 pm

### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ralph Muncer

Councillors Terry Tyler, Sam North, David Barnard and Faye Frost were absent

### 2 MINUTES - 30 JUNE 2022

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 30 June 2022 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair.

### 3 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

### 4 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chair welcomed those present at the meeting, especially those who had attended to give a presentation;
- (2) 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.

### 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair invited David Sample from Offley Parish Council to give a verbal presentation for Members in support of their grant application.

### 6 GRANT APPLICATION - OFFLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**RESOLVED:** That the Committee allocate £500 to Offley Parish Council towards a new noticeboard for the village of Offley as outlined in 8.1.1-8.1.4 of the officer's report.

### 7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair invited John Ferguson from Kimpton Primary School to give a verbal presentation for Members in support of their grant application.

### 8 GRANT APPLICATION - KIMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

**RESOLVED:** That the Committee allocate £657 to Kimpton Primary School towards a painting station as part of their playground development as outlined in 8.1.5-8.1.10 of the officer's report.

### 9 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair invited Aimee Flack to give a verbal presentation on behalf of Breachwood Green Charity Group (CIO) for Members in support of their grant application.

**10 GRANT APPLICATION - BREACHWOOD GREEN CHARITY GROUP (CIO)**

**RESOLVED:** That the Committee approved £369 to Breachwood Green Charity Group (CIO) towards two community coffee mornings and annual insurance for litter picking as outlined in 8.1.11-8.1.14 of the officer's report. The Committee deferred £300 towards website management to allow Members to ask questions and get further details about what this will go towards.

**11 GRANT APPLICATIONS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE**

**RESOLVED:** That the Committee be recommended to endorse actions taken by the Community Engagement team to promote greater community capacity and well-being for Southern Rural.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

- (1) To ensure the Members are kept informed of the work of the Community Engagement Team
- (2) This report intended to inform Members of the financial resources available. It draws attention to the current budgetary situation by assisting in the effective financial management of the budgets. 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.
- (3) 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.

**12 LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the Committee note the report
- (2) That Members are encouraged to respond to the North Herts District LCWIP consultation draft and encourage residents and local organisations to do so too

**13 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The following items were discussed in relation to Ward Matters and Outside Organisations:

- Knebworth Twinning Association
- Three rural policing community surgeries in Hitchwood, Offa and Hoo