

# NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Hitchin Committee held in the Christchurch, Bedford Road, Hitchin  
on Tuesday, 11th October, 2022 at 7.30 pm

### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Raj Bhakar and Kay Tart.

Councillors Sam Collins and James Denselow were absent.

### 2 MINUTES - 28 JUNE 2022

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 28 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 advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded;

(3) 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 HITCHIN BID MANAGER

The Chair invited Tom Hardy to give a verbal presentation for Members

### 6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair invited Ann Sander from Plastic Free Hitchin to give a verbal presentation for Members.

The Chair invited Haziq Patel from Hitchin Mosque to give a verbal presentation for Members.

### 7 CONSULTATION ON NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT 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.

### 8 INFORMATION NOTE - CHURCHGATE SHOPPING CENTRE UPDATE

The Chair provided a brief update to Members on the recent acquisition of the Churchgate Shopping Centre

**9 CHARNWOOD HOUSE UPDATE**

Councillor Keith Hoskins provided an update and lead a discussion on Charnwood House

**10 GRANTS & 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 Hitchin.

**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.

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

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

- A reminder that the consultation around closing the high street is still open

**12 POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Chair suggested that the topic of air quality should be on the agenda in the next meeting

The Chair requested that, should any Members have any suggestions for agenda items for future meetings, they advise himself, officers or the Committee Clerk.