

# NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Cabinet held in the Council Chamber, District Council Offices, Gernon Road,  
Letchworth  
on Wednesday, 2nd November, 2022 at 7.30 pm

### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence was received from Councillor Steve Jarvis.

### 2 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(1) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded;

(2) Members were reminded that this Council has declared a Climate Emergency. This was a serious decision and meant that, as this was an emergency, all of us, officers and Members had that in mind as we carried out our various roles and tasks for the benefit of our District.

(3) The Chair drew attention to the item on the agenda front pages regarding Declarations of Interest and reminded Members that, in line with Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest needed to be declared immediately prior to the item in question. The Chair also reminded Members that after declaring an interest they must inform the Committee of any dispensations given to them by the Monitoring Officer.

### 3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

### 4 NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE LOCAL PLAN 2011-2031

**RESOLVED:** That Cabinet recommends to Full Council that:

(1) The outcome of the examination set out in the Inspector's Report (IR), attached as Appendix 1, along with his recommended Main Modifications o the Plan, attached as Appendix 2, be noted.

(2) The final version of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011-2031 ('the Local Plan') attached as Appendix3, incorporating both the Inspector's Main Modifications and the proposed Additional Modifications, attached as Appendix 4, be adopted as part of the statutory Development Plan for the District.

(3) The Policies Map, illustrated by Appendices 5a to 5g, is adopted in order to give geographical effect to the policies of the Local Plan.

(4) The updated Local Development Scheme, attached as Appendix 6, be approved.

(5) Delegated authority is granted to the Service Director – Regulatory in consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Transport to make any minor non-material corrections (including but not limited to cosmetic additions or presentational alterations) to the adopted Local Plan or the adopted Policies Map as considered necessary for their publication and publicity in accordance with the relevant regulations.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

To provide the District with an up-to-date Local Plan in accordance with the requirements of national legislation and policy.

**5 THERFIELD HEATH SSSI MITIGATION STRATEGY**

***RESOLVED:***

(1) That, subject to approval of the Local Plan by Full Council, the Therfield Heath SSSI Mitigation Strategy is approved as a material consideration for the purposes of determining planning applications in Royston and the surrounding area.

(2) That delegated authority is granted to the Service Director – Regulatory in consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Transport and the Executive Member for Environment and Leisure to incorporate the minor changes requested by Natural England, attached as Appendix C and any further non-material corrections prior to publication of the Strategy.

***REASON FOR DECISION:***

To provide a mechanism through which to negotiate mitigation measures to address recreational impact on the Therfield Heath Site of Scientific Interest (SSSI) and fulfil the Council's Statement of Common Ground with Natural England.