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Our Ref Hitchin Area Forum/ 4 Jul 2023
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To: Members of the Committee: Councillor Ian Albert (Chair), Councillor Clare Billing (Vice-Chair), Councillor Raj Bhakar, Councillor Clare Billing, Councillor Val Bryant, Councillor Sam Collins, Councillor Elizabeth Dennis, Councillor James Denselow, Councillor Keith Hoskins MBE, Councillor Chris Lucas, Councillor Nigel Mason, Councillor Richard Thake, Councillor Dave Winstanley and Councillor Daniel Wright-Mason

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A

MEETING OF THE HITCHIN AREA FORUM

to be held in the

**ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE, ST. JOHN'S ROAD,
HITCHIN, SG4 9JP**

On

TUESDAY, 4TH JULY, 2023 AT 7.30 PM

Yours sincerely,

Jeanette Thompson
Service Director – Legal and Community

****MEMBERS PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU DOWNLOAD ALL AGENDAS AND REPORTS VIA THE MOD.GOV APPLICATION ON YOUR TABLET BEFORE ATTENDING THE MEETING****

Agenda **Part I**

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1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
2.	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.	
3.	TOWN TALK Presentation from North Herts Council's Community Safety Team Leader on vandalism in open spaces and allotments. Followed by Q&A.	
4.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION To consider community grant applications for recommendation to the Executive Member for Community and Partnerships.	
5.	GRANTS & COMMUNITY UPDATE To provide the Area Forum with an update to ensure Members are kept informed of the work of the Community and Partnership Team.	(Pages 3 - 12)
6.	HITCHIN BID TOWN CENTRE - UPDATE To receive a verbal update from the Hitchin BID manager on their work in Hitchin town centre.	
7.	PROPOSED OFF-STREET CAR PARKING TARIFFS FOR 2023/24: CONSULTATION To seek the Area Forum's comments on proposed off-street car parking tariff increases for 2023/24.	(Pages 13 - 22)
8.	WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS To receive any verbal reports from Members and members of the public regarding Ward matters and Outside Organisations.	
9.	FUTURE AREA FORUMS To discuss topics for future meetings and agree whether winter meetings should be either hybrid or virtual.	