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Our Ref Hitchin Area Forum 30 January 2024  
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To: Members of the Committee: Councillors Ian Albert (Chair), Clare Billing (Vice-Chair), Raj Bhakar, Val Bryant, Sam Collins, Elizabeth Dennis, James Denselow, Keith Hoskins MBE, Chris Lucas, Nigel Mason, Richard Thake, Dave Winstanley and Daniel Wright-Mason

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A**

**MEETING OF THE HITCHIN AREA FORUM**

to be held in the

**HITCHIN TOWN HALL, BRAND STREET, HITCHIN, SG5 1HX**

On

**TUESDAY, 30TH JANUARY, 2024 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**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Page</b>
<b>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	
<b>2. MINUTES - 28 MARCH 2023</b> To take as read and approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Hitchin Area Committee held on the 28 March 2023.	(Pages 5 - 12)
<b>3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> 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.	
<b>4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - GRANT APPLICATIONS</b> To consider community grant applications for recommendation to the Executive Member for Community and Partnerships.	
<b>5. GRANTS &amp; COMMUNITY UPDATE</b> To provide the Forum with an update to ensure Members are kept informed of the work of the Community and Partnerships Team.	(Pages 13 - 26)
<b>6. HITCHIN BID TOWN CENTRE UPDATE</b> To receive a verbal update from the Hitchin BID Manager on their work in Hitchin town centre.	
<b>7. TOWN TALK</b> Introductory presentation on Transport from Cllr Ruth Brown, Executive Member for Planning and Transport, followed by Q&A.	
<b>8. WARD MATTERS &amp; OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS</b> To receive any verbal reports from Members and members of the public regarding Ward matters and Outside Organisations.	
<b>9. FUTURE AREA FORUMS</b> To discuss topics for future meetings.	

