

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held in the Council Chamber, District Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth on Tuesday, 5th December, 2023 at 7.30 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Clare Billing, Dominic Griffiths and Ian Moody.

2 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded.
- (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.
- (3) The Chair advised that for the purposes of clarification clause 4.8.23(a) of the Constitution does not apply to this meeting.
- (4) The Chair asked the Committee for proposed topics for the Crime and Disorder Matters meeting on 29 January 2024.

3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation at this meeting.

4 DRAFT SUSTAINABILITY SPD

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:

- (1) That the draft Sustainability SPD, attached as Appendix A to the report, be endorsed and approved for a six-week public consultation from 4th January 2024 to 16th February 2024.
- (2) That the Hertfordshire Development Quality Charter attached as Appendix C was endorsed and that developers of strategic and significant sites in the District (as defined by the Local Plan) are encouraged to voluntarily sign and commit to its pledges.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) To allow the draft Sustainability SPD to be progressed to public consultation so that it may be developed and eventually adopted to support the adopted Local Plan.
- (2) To support a common standard for design quality and sustainability across Hertfordshire.
- (3) To reinforce and deliver the Council's pledges and ambitions as set out in the Climate Emergency and Ecological Emergency declarations.

5 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it

involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act (as amended).

6 WASTE, RECYCLING AND STREET CLEANSING CONTRACT SERVICE DESIGN - PART 2

RESOLVED: That the Committee returned to Part 1 to consider the report and to make a final determination on the recommendations as the recommendations for Part 1 and Part 2 were identical.

7 WASTE, RECYCLING AND STREET CLEANSING CONTRACT SERVICE DESIGN - PART 1

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET: That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee noted the recommendations in the report to Cabinet and requested that Cabinet takes into account the comments and questions made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in Part 1 and Part 2 when making their final decision.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION: To ensure Cabinet reviews and considers the comments and questions made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee when considering the final recommendations of the Waste, Recycling and Street Cleaning Contract Service Design.

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9 LEISURE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT AWARD - PART 2

Details of decisions taken on this item are restricted due to the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

10 LEISURE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT AWARD - PART 1

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET: That Cabinet agree to award the Leisure and Active Communities Contract to the successful bidder highlighted in the Part 2 report. Subject to Standstill period.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION: Our leisure management contracts expire on 31 March 2024. The recommendation ensures the procurement can be undertaken and completed within the project timescales, enabling the successful ongoing provision of leisure services in North Herts.