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Our Ref Hitchin Community Forum 4 March 2025
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To: Members of the Area Forum: Councillors Ian Albert (Chair), Clare Billing (Vice-Chair), Val Bryant, Jon Clayden, Sam Collins, Elizabeth Dennis, Keith Hoskins MBE, Chris Lucas, Nigel Mason, Dave Winstanley, Daniel Wright-Mason and Donna Wright

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A

MEETING OF THE HITCHIN COMMUNITY FORUM

to be held in the

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

On

TUESDAY, 4TH MARCH, 2025 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**

Item		Page
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.	HITCHIN BID TOWN CENTRE UPDATE To receive a verbal update from the Hitchin BID on their work in Hitchin town centre.	
4.	PUBLIC PRESENTATION - GRANT APPLICATION To consider a community grant application for recommendation to the Executive Member for Community and Partnerships.	(Pages 5 - 12)
5.	PRESENTATION - POLICE UPDATE Presentation by North Herts Safer Neighbourhood Team.	
6.	TOWN TALK - TRANSPORT UPDATE FROM HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL Update from Jeff Clayton, Strategy & Programme Manager for Highways Implementation, Hertfordshire County Council, covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) infrastructure for Queen Street bus stops• Recap on 20mph zoning in 2024-25• Volumes and safe travel routes at junctions	
7.	INFORMATION NOTE ON NEW BIN DELIVERIES Information about the new bin deliveries starting in May, ready for the new collection service in August.	(Pages 13 - 14)

- 8. INFORMATION NOTE ON ECO FLEX SCHEME** (Pages 15 - 16)
Information about the Energy Company Obligation Flexible Eligibility (ECO Flex) scheme.
- 9. COMMUNITY UPDATE** (Pages 17 - 18)
To provide the Forum with an update to ensure Members are kept informed of the work of the Community and Partnerships Team.
- 10. WARD MATTERS & OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**
To receive any verbal reports from Members and members of the public regarding Ward matters and Outside Organisations.

Will include short written updates, read out by the Forum Chair on Churchgate, Charnwood House and Riverside Walk.
- 11. FUTURE COMMUNITY FORUMS**
To discuss topics for future meetings.