

# **NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **DECISION SHEET**

**Meeting of the Cabinet held in the Council Chamber, District Council Officers, Gernon Road,  
Letchworth, SG6 3JF  
on Tuesday, 20th May, 2025 at 7.30 pm**

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Tamsin Thomas.

### **2 MINUTES - 18 MARCH 2025**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 18 March 2025 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair.

### **3 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business notified.

### **4 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- (1) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be recorded.
- (2) The Chair reminded Members that the Council had declared both a Climate Emergency and an Ecological Emergency. These are serious decisions, and mean 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 the Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest needed to be declared immediately prior to the item in question.
- (4) The Chair advised for the purposes of clarification that 4.8.23(a) of the Constitution did not apply to this meeting.

### **5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation at the meeting.

### **6 ITEMS REFERRED FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

The Chair advised that referral 6A referred from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee would be taken with Item 7 on the agenda.

### **7 DECARBONISATION OF LEISURE CENTRES CONTRACT AWARD**

**RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:

- (1) Agreed to increase the project capital budget to £16.271 million.
- (2) Approved the extension of the lido seasons at both Hitchin and Letchworth as per paragraphs 8.13-8.14.
- (3) Approved the changes to the 2025/26 General Fund budget, resulting from the planned closures and extended opening of the lidos, a £937k increase in net expenditure.

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- (4) Awarded the leisure decarbonisation construction contract to Willmott Dixon Construction at a value of £15.890 million.

**REASON FOR DECISIONS:** To enable Cabinet to review the progress of the leisure decarbonisation project, including spend to date and anticipated increases in capital budget expenditure, as well as revenue implications (loss of income during closures and net costs of extending outdoor pool opening), and approve the award of the construction contract to Willmott Dixon Construction.