

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

**Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, District Council Offices, Gernon Road,
Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3JF
on Thursday, 2nd October, 2025 at 7.30 pm**

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ian Albert, David Barnard, Ruth Clifton and Paul Ward.

2 MINUTES - 10 JULY 2025

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 10 July 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 that the normal procedure rules in respect of debate and times to speak will apply.
- (5) The Chair advised that 4.8.23(a) of the Constitution did not apply to this meeting. A comfort break would be held at an appropriate time, should proceedings continue at length.
- (6) The Chair reminded Members to respond to the Youth Democracy Day invite in November and encouraged them to spread awareness of the event to schools within their wards.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Representatives of Citizens' Advice North Herts, North Herts CVS and North Herts Minority Ethnic Forum provided presentations on their respective organisations and, following each presentation, Members asked questions.

6 ITEMS REFERRED FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

The Chair advised that the referral from Cabinet would be taken with the respective item on the Agenda.

7 FIRST QUARTER CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REVIEW 2025/26

RESOLVED: That Council approved a capital budget of £1.275M (£0.319M in 25/26, £0.478M in 26/27 and £0.478M in 27/28) for the Government's new energy efficiency Warm Homes Scheme. This would be fully funded from Government grants as paragraph 8.5 of the report referred.

8 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

There were three motions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 4.8.12.

(A) Use of Asylum Hotels in North Hertfordshire

RESOLVED: That the motion was lost.

(B) Local Government Pension Scheme and Responsible Investment

The Chair advised that this motion had been withdrawn and would be considered at a future meeting of Full Council. This was confirmed by the proposer and seconder.

(C) Waste Service Rollout

RESOLVED: That the motion was lost.

9 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

In accordance with Standing Order 4.8.11, four questions were submitted by the required deadline set out in the Constitution.

(A) Local Government Reorganisation Options

Councillor Ralph Muncer to Councillor Daniel Allen (Leader of the Council).

(B) Penalty Charge Notices – Free After 3

Councillor Matt Barnes to Councillor Donna Wright (Executive Member for Place).

(C) Events on Council Land

Councillor Chris Lucas to Councillor Mick Debenham (Executive Member for Regulatory).

(D) Hitchin Lido Closure

Councillor Louise Peace to Councillor Amy Allen (Executive Member for Environment).