

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL



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Our Ref Hitchin Community Forum 16 September 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, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2025 AT 7.00 PM

Yours sincerely,

Isabelle Alajooz
Director – Governance

****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

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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.	TOWN TALK Update on the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) for Queen Street hub scheme from Jeff Clayton, Strategy & Programme Manager for Highways Implementation, Hertfordshire County Council. Followed by Q&A. Open Q&A session – questions will be invited from the floor for the Hitchin Community Forum Councillors.	
4.	HITCHIN BID UPDATE To receive a verbal update from the Hitchin BID on their work in Hitchin town centre.	
5.	PUBLIC PRESENTATION - GRANT APPLICATIONS To consider community grant applications for recommendation to the Executive Member for Governance.	(Pages 5 - 14)
6.	PRESENTATION - LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION Presentation and Q&A on Local Government Reorganisation.	(Pages 15 - 16)
	Information on the Local Government Reorganisation can be found in the links below. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Help shape Hertfordshire's future - have your say on changes to local government North Herts Council• Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation North Herts Council	

- 7. 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.
- 8. WARD MATTERS & OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS** (Pages 19 - 20)
To receive any verbal reports from Members and members of the public regarding Ward matters and Outside Organisations.
- 9. FUTURE COMMUNITY FORUMS**
To discuss topics for future meetings.