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Our Ref Hitchin Community Forum 9 December 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, 9TH DECEMBER, 2025 AT 7.00 PM

Yours sincerely,

Isabelle Alajooz
Director – Governance

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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.	TOWN TALK Presentation on North Herts Council's Draft Town Centres Strategy from a council representative, followed by Q&A.	(Pages 5 - 18)
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 19 - 28)
6.	INFORMATION ON SECTION 106 Information for the Community Forum on the current status of Section 106 for Hitchin.	(Pages 29 - 46)
7.	INFORMATION NOTE ON PROPOSED PARKING TARIFF INCREASES Information note to inform the Community Forum of the proposed parking tariff increases for 2026/27 initial option. For the Community Forum to provide any views on the initial proposed car parking tariff increases as set out in Appendix A.	(Pages 47 - 54)
8.	COMMUNITY UPDATE To provide the Forum with an update to ensure Members are kept informed of the work of the Community and Partnerships Team.	(Pages 55 - 56)
9.	WARD MATTERS & OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS	(Pages

To receive any verbal reports from Members and questions from members of the public regarding Ward matters and Outside Organisations. 57 - 58)

10. FUTURE COMMUNITY FORUMS
To discuss topics for future meetings.