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Our Ref Hitchin Community Forum 10 March
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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, 10TH MARCH, 2026 AT 7.00 PM

Yours sincerely,

Isabelle Alajooz
Director – Governance

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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 Presentation by North Herts Safer Neighbourhood Team followed by Q&A.	(Pages 5 - 6)
4. HITCHIN BID UPDATE To receive a verbal update from the Hitchin BID on their work in Hitchin town centre.	
5. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UPDATES Air Quality in Hitchin and The Renters' Rights Act – update from North Herts Council's Environmental Health Manager followed by Q&A.	
6. PUBLIC PRESENTATION - GRANT APPLICATIONS To consider community grant applications for recommendation to the Executive Member for Governance.	(Pages 7 - 34)
7. 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 35 - 36)
8. WARD MATTERS & OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS To receive any verbal reports from Members and questions from members of the public regarding Ward matters and Outside Organisations. Short written updates have been published with this agenda on Churchgate, Charnwood House, Riverside Walk and Oughtonhead Weir Project.	(Pages 37 - 40)
9. FUTURE COMMUNITY FORUMS	

To discuss topics for future meetings.