

# **NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**



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Our Ref Southern Rural Community Forum 11  
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## **MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN RURAL COMMUNITY FORUM**

to be held in the

**GREAT ASHBY COMMUNITY CENTRE, WHITEHORSE LANE,  
STEVENAGE, SG1 6NH**

On

**THURSDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 2025 AT 7.30 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**

<b>Item</b>		<b>Page</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>ELECTION OF A CHAIR FOR THE COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING</b> To elect a chair for the Southern Rural Community Forum meeting on 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2025.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> 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.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - GRANT APPLICATIONS</b> To consider community grant applications for recommendation to the Executive Member for Governance.	(Pages 5 - 14)
<b>5.</b>	<b>PRESENTATION - LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION</b> Presentation and Q&A on Local Government Reorganisation.  Information on the Local Government Reorganisation can be found in the links below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Help shape Hertfordshire's future - have your say on changes to local government   North Herts Council</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation   North Herts Council</a></li></ul>	(Pages 15 - 16)
<b>6.</b>	<b>COMMUNITY UPDATE</b> To provide the Forum with an update to ensure Members are kept informed of the work of the Community Partnerships Team.	(Pages 17 - 18)
<b>7.</b>	<b>WARD MATTERS &amp; OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS</b> To receive any verbal reports from Members and questions from members of the public regarding Ward matters and Outside Organisations.	
<b>8.</b>	<b>FUTURE COMMUNITY FORUMS</b>	

To discuss topics for future meetings.