

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

**Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, District Council Offices, Gernon Road,
Letchworth, SG6 3JF
on Tuesday, 13th January, 2026 at 7.30 pm**

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Chalmers, Matt Barnes, Elizabeth Dennis, Joe Graziano, Sean Prendergast, Tina Bhartwas and Dominic Griffiths.

2 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

3 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.

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

5 ELECTION OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED: That Councillor Val Bryant be elected as the Leader of the Council.