

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Cabinet Panel on the Environment held in the via Zoom
on Wednesday, 1st July, 2026 at 7.30 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Amy Allen.

Having given due notice, Councillor Val Bryant substituted for Councillor Allen.

2 MINUTES - 1 APRIL 2026

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 1 April 2026 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

3 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be recorded.
- (2) 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.
- (3) The Chair reminded Members that the Council had declared both a Climate Emergency and an Ecological Emergency, and that Officers and Members should have this in mind when carrying out their various roles and tasks for the District. More details on this could be found on the Agenda front sheet.
- (4) The Chair advised that the Cabinet Panel meetings on 13 January and 17 March 2027 had been cancelled after agreement by the Executive Member for Environment in consultation with Group Leaders.
- (5) The Chair informed those present that the theme for this Panel meeting was 'Working Together to Achieve More' and that various speakers were in attendance to present on topics related to this at Agenda Item 7.
- (6) The Chair advised of a change to the order of Agenda and that Agenda Item 5 would be taken after Agenda Item 7.

4 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In accordance with Standing Order 4.8.10(c), one question was submitted by a member of the public by the required deadline date set out in the Constitution.

(A) Sewage Discharge Point into Norton Common

Jessica Crighton to Councillor Amy Allen, Executive Member for Environment.

6 INFORMATION NOTE - COUNCIL ACTIVITY UPDATE AND ACTION TRACKER

Officers from the Policy & Strategy Team presented the Information Note entitled 'Council Activity Update and Action Tracker' including a verbal update on the work of the Council to progress its biodiversity aims.

7 PRESENTATIONS

Presentations were received from Abbie Robinson, MP Chris Hincliff and Heidi Hutton and Andrew Taylor on various topics related to the theme of the meeting 'Working Together to Achieve More'.