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Our Ref Hitchin Community Forum 2 June 2026  
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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, 2ND JUNE, 2026 AT 7.00 PM**

Yours sincerely,

Isabelle Alajooz  
Director – Governance

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## **Agenda** **Part I**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Page</b>
<b>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	
<b>2. 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>3. ANNUAL HITCHIN COMMUNITY FORUM MINUTES</b> To approve the annual minutes of the 2024, 2025 and 2026 Hitchin Community Forums.	(Pages 5 - 10)
<b>4. TOWN TALK - NEW LOCAL PLAN SCOPING CONSULTATION</b> Presentation on New Local Plan scoping consultation by North Herts Council's Planning Team followed by Q&A.  Consultation runs from 11 May to 28 June 2026.  Share your views on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• how you would like to be involved in shaping the Local Plan</li><li>• the key issues the Local Plan should address</li><li>• what should be included in the overall vision for North Herts</li></ul> Full details, and how to take part in the consultation can be found here: <a href="https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/.../share-your-views-new...">https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/.../share-your-views-new...</a>	
<b>5. HITCHIN BID UPDATE</b> To receive a verbal update from the Hitchin BID on their work in Hitchin town centre.	
<b>6. PUBLIC PRESENTATION - GRANT APPLICATIONS</b> To consider community grant applications for recommendation to the Executive Member for Governance.	(Pages 11 - 26)
<b>7. COMMUNITY UPDATE</b>	(Pages

To provide the Forum with an update to ensure Members are kept informed of the work of the Community and Partnerships Team. 27 - 28)

8. **WARD MATTERS & OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS** (Pages 29 - 32)  
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.

9. **FUTURE COMMUNITY FORUMS**  
To discuss topics for future meetings.