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Our Ref Hitchin Community Forum 15 September
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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, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 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 - GREEN SPACE CONSULTATION Presentation on North Herts Council's green space consultation by North Herts Green Space Team followed by Q&A. Consultation runs from 6 July to 30 September 2026. Full details, and how to take part in the consultation can be found here: https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/news/have-your-say-north-herts-councils-green-spaces	(Pages 5 - 10)
4.	TOWN TALK - RIVERSIDE WALK UPDATE Presentation on the planned Riverside Walk by North Herts Council's Principal Estates Surveyor	
5.	HITCHIN BID UPDATE To receive a verbal update from the Hitchin BID on their work in Hitchin town centre.	
6.	NEW LOCAL PLAN UPDATE Update on New Local Plan by North Herts Council's Planning Team followed by Q&A.	
7.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION - WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU Update and Q&A on Local Government Reorganisation. Information on the Local Government Reorganisation can be found here: Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation North Herts Council	

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| 8. | PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - GRANT APPLICATIONS
To consider community grant applications for recommendation to the Executive Member for Governance. | (Pages
11 - 22) |
| 9. | 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
23 - 24) |
| 10. | WARD MATTERS & OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS
To receive any verbal reports from Members and questions from members of the public regarding Ward matters and Outside Organisations. | (Pages
25 - 26) |
| Short written updates have been published with this agenda on Churchgate, Charnwood House and Riverside Walk. | | |
| 11. | FUTURE COMMUNITY FORUMS
To discuss topics for future meetings. | |