

**HITCHIN COMMITTEE  
2 MARCH 2021**

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**TITLE OF REPORT: COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER: HITCHIN BRIDGE CLUB**

REPORT OF THE SENIOR ESTATES SURVEYOR

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: CLLR JARVIS, EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE

COUNCIL PRIORITY: BUILD THRIVING AND RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

**1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 To enable the Hitchin Committee to comment on the report entitled Community Asset Transfer: Hitchin Bridge Club prior to consideration by Cabinet.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Hitchin Committee consider and comment on the report entitled Community Asset Transfer: Hitchin Bridge Club prior to consideration by Cabinet.

**3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 To enable the comments of the Hitchin Committee to be considered by Cabinet.

**4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 No alternative options considered.

**5. CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT MEMBERS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS**

- 5.1 The attached report is due to be considered by Cabinet on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021.
- 5.2 Details regarding consultation on the substantive report are included in that report.
- 5.3 The Chair of the Hitchin Committee has requested that the Hitchin Committee be given the opportunity to comment on the substantive report prior to consideration by Cabinet.

## **6. FORWARD PLAN**

- 6.1 This report does not contain a recommendation on a key Executive decision and has therefore not been referred to in the Forward Plan.
- 6.2 The attached report contains a recommendation on a key Executive decision that was first notified to the public in the Forward Plan on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

## **7. BACKGROUND**

- 7.1 The attached report was due to be considered by Cabinet on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.
- 7.2 The Chair of the Hitchin Committee requested that the report be considered by that Committee prior to consideration by Cabinet.
- 7.3 Following this request the report will now be considered by Hitchin Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 and by Cabinet on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

## **8. RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS**

- 8.1 That the Hitchin Committee be given the opportunity to consider and comment on the substantive report prior to consideration by Cabinet.

## **9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 None relating directly to this covering report.
- 9.2 Legal implications regarding the substantive report are detailed in that report.

## **10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 None relating directly to this covering report.
- 10.2 Financial implications regarding the substantive report are detailed in that report.

## **11. RISK IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1 None relating directly to this covering report.
- 11.2 Risk implications regarding the substantive report are detailed in that report.

## **12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 12.1 None relating directly to this covering report.
- 12.2 Financial implications regarding the substantive report are detailed in that report.

## **13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS**

- 13.1. The Social Value Act and “go local” requirements do not apply to this report.

## **14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 14.1 None relating directly to this covering report.
- 14.2 Environmental implications regarding the substantive report are detailed in that report.

## **15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 15.1 There are no human resource implications.

## **16. APPENDICES**

- 16.1 Report due to be considered by Cabinet on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021.
- 16.2 Appendix A: Site plan of NHDC's freehold recreation ground.
- 16.3 Appendix B: Site plan of HBC's proposed lease demise.
- 16.4 Appendix C: HBC's expression of interest.
- 16.5 Appendix D: Comments from HBC members on benefits of playing bridge.
- 16.6 Appendix E: HBC and its relationship with Hitchin, the local and wider community.
- 16.7 Appendix F: Membership breakdown of HBC.
- 16.8 Appendix G: HBC during Covid-19 lockdown.
- 16.9 Appendix H: NHDC's insight on Community Asset Transfer request by HBC.
- 16.10 Appendix I: Equality Analysis.
- 16.11 Appendix J: Environmental Impact Assessment.

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## **18. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 18.1 None.