

**6b REFERRAL FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 14 DECEMBER 2021
– COMMERCIAL UPDATE**

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Councillor David Levett, as Chair, proposed and Councillor Claire Strong seconded and, following a vote, it was:

RESOLVED: That the report entitled 'An update of the Commercial Directorate's progress and future work programme' be noted.

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N.B the report considered by Overview & Scrutiny can be found at Minute 63 here: [Agenda for Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday, 14th December, 2021, 7.30 pm - North Hertfordshire District Council \(north-herts.gov.uk\)](#)