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## NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

### CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE (LOCAL AUTHORITY TRADING COMPANIES' SHAREHOLDER)

MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES,  
LETCWORTH GARDEN CITY  
ON TUESDAY, 21ST DECEMBER, 2021 AT 9.00 AM

#### MINUTES

**Present:** *Councillors: Councillor Ian Albert (Chair), Elizabeth Dennis-Harburg and Sam Collins*

**In Attendance:** *Ian Fullstone (Service Director – Regulatory), Jeanette Thompson (Service Director – Legal & Community), Ian Couper (Service Director – Resources), James Lovegrove (CMSO), Louis Mutter (CMSO)*

**Also Present:** *At the commencement of the meeting there were no members of the public present.*

#### 24 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

#### 25 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chair welcomed those present at the meeting;
- (2) The Chair advised that much of the meeting would be conducted in Part 2 private session and that if/when the meeting moved in to Part 2 the live stream would be ended. When the meeting returned to public session the live stream would not resume. Public notice of any decisions taken would be made in the usual way.
- (3) 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.

#### 26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

#### 27 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Councillor Ian Albert proposed and on the vote it was:

**RESOLVED:** That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3 Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act (as amended).

**28 HERTFORDSHIRE BUILDING CONTROL CONSORTIUM - PART 2**

*N. B As this item was considered in private session there is no audio recording.*

The Service Director – Commercial presented the report entitled Hertfordshire Building Control Consortium along with Appendix 1 – Directors Report for 8 Hertfordshire Authorities, Appendix 2 – Business Case and Appendix 3 – Auditors due diligence report.

The following Members asked questions and took part in debate:

- Councillor Steve Jarvis
- Councillor Sam Collins
- Councillor Ian Albert

The Service Director – Commercial, Service Director – Resources, Service Director – Legal & Community gave advice and answered questions.

On the vote it was:

**RESOLVED:** That the Sub-Committee note the content of the Part 2 report and appendices before coming to a decision in public session.

**29 HERTFORDSHIRE BUILDING CONTROL CONSORTIUM - PART 1**

*N. B This item was considered after the Part 2 item of the same title*

The Service Director – Commercial presented the report entitled Hertfordshire Building Control Consortium.

On the vote it was:

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) To consider the information in the Part 2 report;
- (2) To approve the acquisition of the group of companies and delegate the Service Director: Regulatory to vote accordingly on behalf of the Council;
- (3) To delegate any action required to complete the acquisition to the Service Directors for Regulatory and Legal and Community on behalf of the Council as shareholder.

**REASON FOR DECISIONS:** To seek to enable the acquisition of the group of companies to proceed subject to the support of the other 7 shareholders.

Chair