

**COUNCIL
29 JANUARY 2026**

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TITLE OF REPORT: NOTICE OF MOTIONS

The following amendment to a motion has been submitted:

HertsLynx Expansion

Amendment to be moved by Councillor Vijaiya Poopalasingham and seconded by Councillor Emma Fernandes.

The HertsLynx was first launched in North and East Herts in September 2021 by the previous Conservative Administration at Hertfordshire County Council, offering residents the opportunity to access more flexible and reliable journeys by bus, as well as enhancing connections and making it easier for people who live in rural communities to access employment, education and healthcare located within key hub towns including Hitchin, Letchworth and Stevenage.

However, despite the service going from strength to strength in recent years with over 5,000 passenger journeys being taken every month and the service having been expanded to Dacorum in December 2023, the rural communities within the Southern Rural area have not yet been able to experience the benefits of this service due to the operating zone not having been expanded to cover them.

Although there has been a change in administration at Hertfordshire County Council, there are currently no published plans from the new Liberal Democrat led administration to expand HertsLynx to the Southern Rural area.

Therefore, Council resolves:

1. To instruct the Leader of the Council to write to the Executive Member for Environment, Transport and Growth at Hertfordshire County Council, calling on them to explore costs and feasibility of expanding ~~urging them to expand the HertsLynx operating zone to cover the Southern Rural area, and to further enhance the service for residents across North Hertfordshire.~~ ~~service to the communities within the Southern Rural area who don't currently enjoy the benefits of this innovative service, as well as enhance the service currently experienced by those living elsewhere in North Herts.~~
2. To instruct Officers to work with Hertfordshire County Council in order to identify the best way North Hertfordshire District Council can encourage and support any proposals for the expansion and service enhancement of the HertsLynx, including through Section 106 contributions. ~~including investigating any potential financial support this Council could offer in order to deliver these ambitions.~~