

**CABINET
20 NOVEMBER 2018**

***PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

ITEM 5A

TITLE OF REPORT: ITEM REFERRED FROM HITCHIN COMMITTEE: 13 NOVEMBER 2018 – REGENERATION OF CHURCHGATE SHOPPING CENTRE

Extract from the draft Minutes of the Hitchin Committee meeting held on 13 November 2018

48. REGENERATION OF CHURCHGATE SHOPPING CENTRE

Councillor Judi Billing declared a declarable Interest in that she was a Community Director of Hitchin Initiative.

The Deputy Chief Executive presented the report entitled Regeneration of Churchgate Shopping Centre. The following appendices were attached to the report:

Report due to be submitted to Council on 22 November 2018
Indicative Site Plan - Ground Floor
Indicative Site Plan - First Floor

The Deputy Chief Executive advised that, in respect of the report to the Hitchin Committee the following correction was required:

- Paragraph 4.1 (iv) should be deleted

He drew attention to the following sections of the report due to be considered by Council on 22 November 2018:

- Section 4 - Alternative Options;
- Section 5 – Consultation;
- Section 7 – Background;
- Section 8 – Relevant Considerations;
- Section 10 – Financial Implications.

The following Members contributed to the debate (in order of initial contribution):

Councillor Simon Harwood;
Councillor Sam Collins;
Councillor Paul Clark;
Councillor Judi Billing;
Councillor Martin Stears-Handscomb.

It was proposed by Councillor Billing and Seconded by Councillor Stears-Handscomb that the Chairman of the Hitchin Committee should be a member of the Project Board.

It was proposed by Councillor Stears-Handscomb, seconded by Councillor Collins and upon the vote it was:

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:

- (1) That the Chairman of Hitchin Committee should be a member of the Churchgate Project Board;
- (2) That the Hitchin Committee:
 - (i) Welcomes the ideas and concepts put forward by the community groups, as presented by John and Vicky Wyer;
 - (ii) Notes that, whilst some of the proposals may not be viable at this time, nevertheless many of the concepts and ideas make a positive contribution to the development of the project;
 - (iii) Asks the Council to engage with representatives of the community groups in the design and development of the project, should it go ahead.

REASON FOR DECISION: As the Churchgate Shopping Centre is located in Hitchin, this meeting provides a “forum for discussion on matters of local interest”.