

**CABINET  
20 NOVEMBER 2018**

**\*PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

**ITEM 5B**

**TITLE OF REPORT: NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE MUSEUM AND HITCHIN TOWN HALL: ACQUISITION OF 14/15 BRAND STREET**

*Extract from the draft Minute of the Cabinet Sub-Committee meeting held on 20 November 2018*

**6. NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE MUSEUM AND HITCHIN TOWN HALL: COUNCIL PROPOSAL TO ACQUIRE 14/15 BRAND STREET**

The Cabinet Sub-Committee considered a report presented by the Service Director: Customers with an update on the Council proposals in relation to the North Hertfordshire Museum and Hitchin Town Hall including the land owned by the Hitchin Town Hall Gymnasium and Workman's Hall Trust.

The Sub-Committee were referred to a number of typographical errors regarding paragraph numbering within the report and were provided with a brief background of the matter.

For completeness, included within the circulated agenda, the Sub-Committee were provided with the report and appendices that were to be considered by the Cabinet which proposed that the Council entered into a settlement agreement.

The Sub-Committee were advised that the matter for deliberation was not to consider the terms of the settlement agreement, but to determine whether the agreement complied with the public benefit duty of the Trust.

The report, having been fully considered by all Members of the Sub-Committee, it was

***RESOLVED:***

That the Charities Sub-Committee:

- i. Notes the proposal for the Council to acquire 14/15 Brand Street for a purchase price of £550,000.00;
- ii. Confirms that it has no objections to the settlement agreement referred to in the submitted report;
- iii. Authorises the Council to execute the settlement agreement on behalf of the Trust;

- iv. Delegates to the Service Director - Customers in consultation with the Trust Lawyer and the Chairman of the Cabinet Sub-Committee authority to review the management agreement entered into between the Hitchin Town Hall Gymnasium and Workmans Hall Trust and the Council and to make any minor amendments to take account of the settlement agreement in the event that it is completed;
- v. Requests that the Cabinet be informed of the resolutions of the Sub-Committee as detailed in i – iv.

***REASON FOR DECISION:*** To ensure that the charitable requirements of the Trust are met in respect of the Council's proposal to enter into the settlement agreement.

**(Note this referral will be taken with Item 8)**