

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

Annual Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth on Tuesday, 16 May 2006 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: *Councillors Mrs C.P.A. Strong (Chairman), A. Bardett (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. A.G. Ashley, Liz Beardwell, David Billing, Judi Billing, John Bishop, Monica Bloxham, Simon Bloxham, Tom Brindley, P.C.W. Burt, Paul Clark, J.M. Cunningham, Melissa Davey, Tricia Gibbs, Jane Gray, Gary Grindal, Ms F.R. Hill, T.W. Hone, A.F. Hunter, Robert Inwood, Sal Jarvis, Steve Jarvis, David Kearns, Lorna Kercher, Joan Kirby, Marilyn Kirkland, Ian Knighton, David Levett, Bernard Lovewell, Lawrence McNamara, D. Miller, M.R.M Muir, Elliot Needham, Mrs L.A. Needham, Lawrence Oliver, M. Paterson, Diane Proudlove, Deepak Sangha, R. Shakespeare-Smith, Derek Sheard, F.J. Smith, Martin Stears, R.A.C. Thake, Michael Weeks and Sarah Wren.*

IN ATTENDANCE: *Chief Executive, Strategic Director of Financial and Regulatory Services, Strategic Director of Customer Services, Head of Legal and Democratic Services, Democratic Services Manager and Senior Committee and Member Services Officer.*

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D.J. Barnard, H.M. Marshall and A.D. Young.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

Nominations were invited by the retiring Chairman (Councillor Mrs L.A. Needham) for the election of the Chairman of the Council to hold office until the next annual meeting of the Council in 2007.

It was proposed by Councillor F.J. Smith, seconded by Councillor T.W. Hone, and

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs C.P.A. Strong be elected Chairman of the Council to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council in 2007.

Councillor Mrs Strong then read and signed the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the retiring Chairman (Councillor Mrs L.A. Needham) placed the chain of office upon her. Councillor Mrs Strong thanked the Council for her election as Chairman and took the Chair. She informed the Council that her consort for the year would be her husband, Tony, and she invested him with his chain.

3. COUNCILLOR MRS L.A. NEEDHAM - PAST CHAIRMAN

The Chairman paid tribute to Councillor Mrs L.A. Needham for her services as Chairman during her term of office.

Councillor Mrs L.A. Needham expressed her appreciation for the support that had been given to her during her term as Chairman of the Council. She had thoroughly enjoyed her year, and had been particularly impressed by the tremendous work carried out by the charitable organisations in North Hertfordshire and across the county. She wished to record her thanks to the Chairman's Secretary, Reena Bagga, for her help during the Civic Year, and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

It was moved by the Chairman, Councillor Mrs C.P.A. Strong, seconded by Councillor F.J. Smith, and

RESOLVED: That the Council places on record its sincere thanks and appreciation to Councillor Mrs L.A. Needham for her services as Chairman of the Council during the past year.

The Chairman of the Council presented Councillor Mrs L.A. Needham with a bouquet of flowers as a mark of thanks for her work during her year of office.

4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman asked for nominations for the appointment of Vice-Chairman of the Council to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council in 2007.

It was moved by Councillor F.J. Smith, and seconded by Councillor T.W. Hone, that Councillor A. Bardett be appointed to the office of Vice-Chairman of the Council.

It was moved by Councillor David Kearns, and seconded by Councillor Judi Billing, that Councillor Joan Kirby be appointed to the office of Vice-Chairman of the Council.

Upon being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED: That Councillor A. Bardett be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council to hold office until the next Annual meeting of the Council in 2007.

Councillor A. Bardett then read and signed the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Chairman placed the Vice-Chairman's chain upon him. Councillor A. Bardett thanked the Council for his appointment as Vice-Chairman. He informed the Council that his consort for the year would be his wife, Patricia, and he invested her with her chain.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20 April 2006 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

7. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(1) Some Rules of Procedure reminders

The Chairman provided Members with the following procedural reminders:-

- (i) The Chairman announced that, in Council meetings, she would like to be addressed as Chairman or Madam Chairman.
- (ii) When a Member speaks at Full Council meetings they must stand and address the meeting through the Chairman – Standing Order 20.1. When the Chairman stands during a debate, any Member speaking at the time must stop and sit down, and the meeting must be silent.
- (iii) No speech may exceed 5 minutes, without the consent of the Chairman – Standing Order 13.4.
- (iv) Voting shall be by show of hands – Standing Order 16.3. The Chairman asked all Members to raise their arms clearly when voting, and to vote only when they had been present in the Chamber for the whole of the debate upon a particular item.
- (v) Points of Order – Standing Order 13.12 – a Member may raise a point of order if he/she alleged that there had been a breach of Standing

Orders or the law, but must indicate the precise Standing Order or law which he/she considers had been breached.

- (vi) Personal Explanation – a Member may make a personal explanation at any time. A personal explanation may only relate to some material part of an earlier speech by the Member which may appear to have been misunderstood in the present debate.

(2) Chairman's Charity 2006/07

The Chairman advised the Council that she would not be nominating a Charity for 2006/07. Instead, she would be using the Council as an enabler, in order to invite various charities to promote themselves throughout the year.

(3) New Councillors

The Chairman congratulated and welcomed Councillors Liz Beardwell, John Bishop, Monica Bloxham, Thomas Brindley, Melissa Davey, David Levett, Elliot Needham and Diane Proudlove following their election success at the District Council Elections on 4 May 2006.

(4) Former Councillors re-elected

The Chairman congratulated and welcomed back to the Council Councillors Jane Gray and Bernard Lovewell following their election success at the recent District Council Elections.

(5) Re-elected Councillors

The Chairman congratulated those existing Councillors who had been successful in seeking re-election at the District Council Elections, namely Councillors Allison Ashley, Alan Bardett, David Billing, Paul Clark, Fiona Hill, Tony Hunter, Michael Muir and Deepak Sangha.

(6) Councillors unsuccessful in seeking re-election

The Chairman thanked for all their work and effort over the years those standing Councillors who had been unsuccessful at the District Council Elections, namely former Councillors Bill Davidson, Tony Hartley, Alison Kingman, Ian Mantle and Peter Mardell.

8. REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER

The Council received and noted the report of the Returning Officer on the results of the District Council Elections held on 4 May 2006.

The Returning Officer reported that the Council had just received the Boundary Committee's final recommendations resulting from the "Further Review of North Hertfordshire". The Committee had endorsed all of its previous recommendations, including the retention of 49 councillors for the District, with the exception that they were proposing to revert back to the existing arrangements for Codicote, Kimpton, Weston & Sandon and Ermine wards. One of the recommendations was that the District would in future be split into 24 (rather than 26) wards.

The Returning Officer advised that it would now be up to the Electoral Commission to decide whether or not to endorse the Boundary Committee's recommendations, and to implement them by means of an Order. The Draft Order had been received, which as well as including the proposed boundary changes and the size of the Council, also included a requirement for all seats to be contested in May 2007 and a schedule of re-election by thirds.

The Returning Officer commented that written representations to the Electoral Commission on the Draft Order were required to be submitted by 27 June 2006, and that it was intended to convene a Special Council meeting in June to consider the matter. Copies of the Draft Order and Boundary Committee recommendations would be made available to Members in Committee Room 1 at the conclusion of the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

9. ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman invited nominations for the position of Leader of the Council.

It was moved by Councillor T.W. Hone, seconded by Councillor Tricia Gibbs, and

RESOLVED: That Councillor F.J. Smith be elected Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.

10. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman invited nominations for the position of Deputy Leader of the Council.

It was moved by Councillor F.J. Smith, seconded by Councillor Mrs L.A. Needham, and

RESOLVED: That Councillor T.W. Hone be appointed as the Deputy Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.

11. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

The Leader of the Council presented a report which was tabled at the meeting, and which advised the Council of the proposed Cabinet Portfolio Holders for 2006/07. The report also contained details of the delegation arrangements for Portfolio Holders, which would be incorporated into the Council's Constitution.

It was moved by Councillor F.J. Smith, seconded by Councillor T.W. Hone, and

RESOLVED: That it be noted that the following Members be appointed as Portfolio Holders and Members of the Cabinet for 2006/07 responsible for the following areas, and with the delegations for inclusion in the Council's Constitution as detailed in the report tabled at the meeting:

Cabinet Member	Portfolio
Councillor F.J. Smith	Leader and Cabinet Chairman
Councillor A.D. Young	Policy
Councillor T.W. Hone	Finance
Councillor R.A.C. Thake	Planning & Transport
Councillor Tricia Gibbs	Community Engagement & Rural Affairs
Councillor Sarah Wren	Housing & Environmental Health
Councillor Mrs L.A. Needham	Environment & Waste Management
Councillor I.J. Knighton	Leisure & E-Government

12. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Leader of the Council presented the report of the Monitoring Officer regarding proposed amendments to the Council's Constitution. A table of proposed amendments formed Appendix A to the report, and a short addendum to this appendix was tabled at the meeting.

It was moved by Councillor F.J. Smith, and seconded by Councillor T.W. Hone, that the recommended amendments to the Constitution contained in Appendix A to the

report be approved, subject to the deferral of the proposed amendments relating to the appointment of officers within the Terms of Reference of the Appointments Board, which required further investigation.

It was moved by Councillor Sal Jarvis, and seconded by Councillor Marilyn Kirkland, that the proposed amendment relating to the removal of the consideration of planning enforcement matters from the Terms of Reference of Area Committees be deferred for further investigation.

Upon being put to the vote, this amendment was carried.

In response to a query raised by a Member, the Monitoring Officer confirmed that Appendix A would require amendment, so that the statement in the "Action" column for the Item entitled "Part 4 – Standing Orders, Procedures and Regulations, Para 2.1j" be transferred to the "Action" column for the Item entitled "Part 4 – Access to Information Procedure Rules".

Upon the substantive motion being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the proposed amendments to the Council's Constitution, as set out in Appendix A to the report, and as amended, be approved, and the revised Constitution be adopted with effect from 16 May 2006, subject to deferral of the following items:
 - (i) the proposed amendments relating to the appointment of officers within the Terms of Reference of the Appointments Board;
 - (ii) the proposed amendment relating to the removal of the consideration of planning enforcement matters from the Terms of Reference of Area Committees;
- (2) That the Monitoring Officer report back to the next meeting of the Council on the deferred items referred to in (1) above.

REASON FOR DECISION: To ensure that the Constitution reflects the changes set out within the report.

13. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES FOR 2006/2007

The Democratic Services Manager reported on the proposed allocation of places on the Council's Committees and other bodies for 2006/2007. He also tabled details of the political balance of Committees as required under the provisions of Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 which imposed a duty for the Council to review the representation of the different political groups on the Council's committees. He indicated the bodies to which the section applied and set out the proposed numbers of seats on these bodies and the suggested allocation of places that complied with the requirements of the law.

It was moved by Councillor F.J. Smith, and seconded by Councillor T.W. Hone, that the details of the political balance of Committees, as per the report of the Democratic Services tabled at the meeting, be approved.

As an amendment, it was moved by Councillor S.K. Jarvis, and seconded by Councillor Paul Clark, that an alternative proposal for the political balance of Committees be approved. This amendment is reproduced in full at Appendix B to these Minutes.

At this juncture, the Chairman adjourned the meeting for five minutes to enable copies of the alternative proposal to be made available to all Members of the Council.

Upon the Chairman re-convening the meeting, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services was invited to comment on the legal position with regard to both proposals. She confirmed that both alternatives would satisfy the requirements of Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, but confirmed that the requirement for no Member to vote against a proposal applied only when a Council was intending to adopt "Alternative Arrangements" for the appointment of its Committees, as specified under Section 17 of the same Act.

The amendment, upon being put to the vote, was lost.

Upon the substantive motion being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the seats allocated to each political party on the Committees to which Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 applied and the seats allocated to each political party on the bodies to which Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 did not apply be as set out in Appendix A to these minutes;
- (2) That Members be appointed to the various Committees and other bodies in accordance with the wishes of the individual groups as detailed in Appendix C to these minutes.

14. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

The Council gave consideration to the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees (with the exception of Area Committees).

It was then moved by Councillor F.J. Smith, seconded by Councillor T.W. Hone, and

RESOLVED: That the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees be appointed in accordance with the details set out in the Appendix D to these minutes.

15. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to enable the five Area Committees to elect their respective Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.49pm

The meeting was re-convened at 8.55pm

16. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2005/2006

The Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee for the Civic Year 2005/2006 introduced the report of the Scrutiny Committee which set out the Scrutiny Committee's activities over the year and the plans for continued improvement over the coming year. He thanked the Members of the Scrutiny Committee and officers for their hard work during the past year.

RESOLVED: That the Annual Report of the Scrutiny Committee 2005/2006 be noted.

17. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER BODIES 2006/07

The Leader of the Council referred to the current position regarding District Council representatives on outside organisations, as detailed on the paper tabled at the

meeting. The Political Groups had indicated those positions they wished to have allocated to them and there were a small number of issues to resolve. The Leader of the Council suggested that nominations be notified to the Democratic Services Manager in due course.

It was moved by Councillor F.J. Smith, and seconded by Councillor T.W. Hone, that the list of Appointments to Outside Organisations for 2006/07 tabled at the meeting be approved.

As an amendment to the list, it was moved by Councillor David Kearns, and seconded by Councillor Lorna Kercher, that Mr P.A. Mardell be appointed in place of Councillor Monica Bloxham as one of the Council's representatives on the Letchworth Civic Trust.

Upon being put to the vote, this amendment was lost.

As an amendment to the list, it was moved by Councillor David Kearns, and seconded by Councillor Lorna Kercher, that Councillor Gary Grindal be appointed in place of Councillor Elliot Needham as one of the Council's representatives on the Howard Cottage Housing Association.

Upon being put to the vote, this amendment was carried.

As an amendment to the list, it was moved by Councillor S.K. Jarvis, and seconded by Councillor Paul Clark, that Councillor Liz Beardwell be appointed in place of Mr W.M. Davidson as one of the Council's representatives on the Coombes Community Centre (Royston) Management Committee.

Upon being put to the vote, this amendment was lost.

As an amendment to the list, it was moved by Councillor R.A.C. Thake, and seconded by Councillor I.J. Knighton, that Councillor M.R.M. Muir be appointed to the vacancy as the Council's second representative on the Hertfordshire Environmental Forum.

Upon being put to the vote, this amendment was carried.

Upon the substantive motion being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the report be approved, subject to the following changes:
 - (a) Councillor Gary Grindal to be appointed in place of Councillor Elliot Needham as one of the Council's representatives on the Howard Cottage Housing Association;
 - (b) Councillor M.R.M. Muir to be appointed to the vacancy as the Council's second representative on the Hertfordshire Environmental Forum.
- (2) That Political Group Leaders notify the Democratic Services Manager of appointments to the remaining vacancies or any changes to the existing representatives on outside organisations.

18. ITEM REFERRED FROM CABINET – 25 APRIL 2006 – BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2006/07

The Council considered the draft Minute of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 25 April 2006 in respect of Best Value Performance Plan 2006/07 (Minute 212 refers). The report considered by the Cabinet was attached, together with the following appendix:

Appendix A – Outline Best Value Performance Plan 2006/07

In presenting the report, the Leader of the Council commented that the Plan was not complete, in that 2005/06 figures and associated commentary were yet to be added.

It was moved by Councillor F.J. Smith, and seconded by Councillor T.W. Hone, that the Best Value Performance Plan 2006/07, as submitted, be adopted, subject to:

- (1) any further minor amendments to the Plan being delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Policy;
- (2) some potential further amendments to the targets relating to a number of the Performance Indicators, including Indicators LC15, PE32, BV84b and BV218, being considered by the Performance, Audit & Review Committee at its meeting to be held on 22 June 2006.

As an amendment, it was moved by Councillor David Kearns, and seconded by Councillor David Billing, that the full Best Value Performance Plan 2006/07 document be referred back to the Performance, Audit & Review Committee in order to review all of the targets and make a number of them more challenging.

Upon being put to the vote, this amendment was lost.

Upon the substantive motion being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED: That the Best Value Performance Plan 2006/07, as at Appendix A to the report, be adopted, subject to:

- (1) any further minor amendments to the Plan being delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Policy;
- (2) some potential further amendments to the targets relating to a number of the Performance Indicators, including Indicators LC15, PE32, BV84b and BV218, being considered by the Performance, Audit & Review Committee at its meeting to be held on 22 June 2006.

REASON FOR DECISION: The Best Value Performance Plan must be produced and published by 30 June each year.

The meeting closed at 9.50p.m.

Chairman

APPENDIX A

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES TO WHICH SECTION 15 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989 APPLIES

	Conservative	%	Labour	%	Lib Dem	%	Constitution
Total Seats	33	67.35%	9	18.37%	7	14.29%	49
Performance & Review	10	71.43%	2	14.29%	2	14.29%	14
Scrutiny	10	71.43%	3	21.43%	1	7.14%	14
Licensing & Appeals Committee	9	64.29%	3	21.43%	2	14.29%	10 to 15
Standards	1	33.33%	1	33.33%	1	33.33%	3
Appointment Board	3	60%	1	20%	1	20%	5
Joint Staff Consultative Committee (JSCC)	3	60%	1	20%	1	20%	5
Totals	36	65.25%	11	20.00%	8	14.55%	51 to 56
Variation		-1.89%		+1.63%		0.26%	

AREA COMMITTEE	Conservative	Labour	Lib Dem	Total
Baldock & District	4	-	2	6
Hitchin Committee	5	6	2	13
Letchworth Committee	11	3	-	14
Royston & District Committee	5	-	2	7
Southern Rural	8	-	1	9
Total	33	9	7	49

APPOINTMENT OF BODIES NOT INCLUDED IN THE POLITICAL BALANCE CALCULATIONS

Name of Body	Conservative	Labour	Lib Dem	Total
North Hertfordshire Highways Partnership Joint Member Panel (*subject to agreement of HCC)	6	1	1	8
West of A1(M) Joint Local Authorities Group	4	2	1	7
Hitchin Town Centre Working Party	4	2	1	7
Parish Challenge	4	2	1	7
Joint Member Panel of NHDC and Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation (All Members of the Letchworth Committee)	11	3	-	14
CCTV Joint Executive Board	2	1	-	3
Railtrack Joint Members Panel	2	1	-	3
Health Scrutiny - Stevenage and North Herts PCT	3	1	-	4
Health Scrutiny - East Herts and Buntingford PCT		-	1	1
Total	36	13	5	54

APPENDIX B

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP MOTION:

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES TO WHICH SECTION 15 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989 APPLIES

That the allocation to political groups of committee places for those committees to which the provisions of Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 apply be as follows:

	Conservative	%	Labour	%	Lib Dem	%	Constitution
Total Seats	33	67.35%	9	18.37%	7	14.29%	49
Performance & Review	10	71.43%	2	14.29%	2	14.29%	14
Scrutiny	10	71.43%	2	14.29%	2	14.29%	14
Licensing & Appeals Committee	9	64.29%	3	21.43%	2	14.29%	10 to 15
Standards	1	33.33%	1	33.33%	1	33.33%	3
Appointment Board	3	60%	1	20%	1	20%	5
Joint Staff Consultative Committee (JSCC)	4	80%	1	20%	0	0%	5
Totals	37	67.27%	10	18.18%	8	14.55%	51 to 56
Variation		-0.07%		-0.19%		+0.26%	

Proposer: Councillor Steve Jarvis

Seconder: Councillor Paul Clark

CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES, AND WORKING GROUPS 2006/2007

Set out below are the proposed Members of the Committees, Boards and Working Groups for the civic year **2006/2007**:

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

(14 Members)

Councillors:

David Billing
John Bishop
S. Bloxham
P.C.W. Burt
Paul Clark
Melissa Davey
Jane Gray
David Kearns
H.M. Marshall
M.R.M. Muir
Elliot Needham
M. Paterson (Vice-Chairman)
R.L. Shakespeare-Smith
Martin Stears (Chairman)

(Substitutes: Councillors Lorna Kercher & Sal Jarvis)

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(7 Members - consisting of Independent Chairman and Vice-Chairman, 2 Parish Council Members and 3 District Councillors)

Chairman – Mr Nicolas Moss
Vice-Chairman – To be advised

Councillors:
Steve Jarvis
David Kearns
M.R.M. Muir

Parish Council Representatives:
Mr M. Goddard
Mr R. Wornham

PERFORMANCE, AUDIT AND REVIEW COMMITTEE

(14 Members)

Councillors:

Monica Bloxham
J.M. Cunningham (Chairman)
A.F. Hunter
Marilyn Kirkland
David Levett
Bernard Lovewell
L. McNamara
D. Miller (Vice-Chairman)
Lawrence Oliver
Diane Proudlove
Deepak Sangha
Derek Sheard
Mrs C.P.A. Strong
M.E. Weeks

(Substitutes: Councillor Liz Beardwell)

APPOINTMENTS BOARD

(5 Members)

Chairman appointed for each meeting

Councillors:

Judi Billing
T.W. Hone
S.K. Jarvis
F.J. Smith
A.D. Young

BALDOCK & DISTRICT COMMITTEE

(Baldock, Arbury & Weston & Sandon Wards - Parishes of Ashwell, Bygrave, Caldecote, Clothall, Hinxworth, Newnham, Radwell, Rushden, Sandon, Wallington & Weston)

(6 Members)

Councillors:

S.K. Jarvis
Marilyn Kirkland
I.J. Knighton
M.R.M. Muir
M.E. Weeks (Chairman)
A.D. Young (Vice-Chairman)

ROYSTON & DISTRICT COMMITTEE

(Royston & Ermine Ward - Parishes of Barkway, Barley, Kelshall, Nuthampstead, Reed & Therfield)

(7 Members)

Councillors:

Liz Beardwell
P.C.W. Burt
Mrs F.R. Hill (Chairman)
A.F. Hunter
Robert Inwood
H.M. Marshall (Vice-Chairman)
F.J. Smith

HITCHIN COMMITTEE

(13 Members)

Councillors:

Mrs A.G. Ashley
David Billing
Judi Billing (Chairman)
Paul Clark
Joan Kirby
Bernard Lovewell
Lawrence Oliver
R.L. Shakespeare-Smith
Derek Sheard (Vice-Chairman)
Martin Stears
Deepak Sangha
R.A.C. Thake
Sarah Wren

SOUTHERN RURAL COMMITTEE

(Parishes of Codicote, Gosmore, Graveley, Hexton, Holwell, Ickleford, Kimpton, Kings Walden, Knebworth, Langley, Lilley, Offley, Pirton, Preston, St. Ippolyts, St. Paul's Walden & Wymondley)

(9 Members)

Councillors:

A. Bardett
D.J. Barnard (Chairman)
John Bishop
Tom Brindley (Vice-Chairman)
Tricia Gibbs
Jane Gray
Sal Jarvis
D. Miller
Mrs C.P.A. Strong

LETCHWORTH COMMITTEE

(Letchworth Only) (14 Members)

Councillors:

Monica Bloxham
S. Bloxham (Vice-Chairman)
J.M. Cunningham
Melissa Davey
Gary Grindal
T.W. Hone
David Kearns
Lorna Kercher
David Levett
L. McNamara
Elliot Needham
Mrs L.A. Needham
M. Paterson (Chairman)
Diane Proudlove

JOINT STAFF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

(5 Members)

Councillors:

Judi Billing
Tricia Gibbs (Chairman)
T.W. Hone
D Sheard
F.J. Smith

(Substitutes:)

HITCHIN TOWN CENTRE WORKING PARTY

(7 Members)

Councillors:

Mrs A.G. Ashley
Lawrence Oliver
F.J. Smith (Chairman)
R.A.C. Thake (Vice-Chairman)
Sarah Wren
+ 2 Labour vacancies – to be advised

(Substitutes:)

LICENSING & APPEALS COMMITTEE

(Pool consisting of 10 to 15 Members)

Councillors:

P.C.W. Burt (Chairman)
A. Bardett
D. Barnard
S. Bloxham
Tom Brindley
Paul Clark
J.M. Cunningham
Gary Grindal
Lorna Kercher
Joan Kirby
Marilyn Kirkland
L. McNamara
M.R.M. Muir
M.E. Weeks

HIGHWAYS PARTNERSHIP JOINT MEMBER PANEL

Councillors:

P.C.W. Burt
J.M. Cunningham
Fiona Hill
Lorna Kercher
Marilyn Kirkland
Diane Proudlove
R.A.C. Thake
A.D. Young

(Substitutes: Councillor Joan Kirby)

PARISH CHALLENGE PANEL

(7 Members)

Councillors:

Paul Clark
Gary Grindal
Fiona Hill
Joan Kirby
Ian Knighton
Mrs L.A. Needham
Sarah Wren

WEST OF THE A1(M) COMMITTEE

(12 Members)

Councillors:

A. Bardett
B. Tom Brindley
Tricia Gibbs
D. Miller
Mrs C.P.A. Strong
R.A.C. Thake
Sarah Wren

Labour and Liberal Democrat Group nominations to be advised

CCTV JOINT EXECUTIVE BOARD

(3 Members)

S. Bloxham
M.R.M. Muir
Derek Sheard

Note: these appointments are pending the possible establishment of a Joint CCTV Committee with Stevenage BC and East Herts DC, which may require the appointment of a Cabinet Member to such a body.

HEALTH SCRUTINY - NORTH HERTS AND STEVENAGE PCT

(4 Members)

Councillors:

Mrs A.G. Ashley
M. Paterson
Joan Kirby
D. Miller

RAILWAY JOINT MEMBERS PANEL

(3 Members)

Councillors:

Tricia Gibbs
M. Paterson
Derek Sheard

JOINT MEMBER PANEL - LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY HERITAGE FOUNDATION

All Members of the Letchworth Committee.

HEALTH SCRUTINY - EAST HERTS AND BUNTINGFORD PCT

(1 Member)

Councillor:

Robert Inwood

**WA1(M) JOINT LOCAL AUTHORITY
GROUP**

(7 Members)

Councillors:

John Bishop

Tricia Gibbs

Sal Jarvis

Mrs C.P.A. Strong

R.A.C. Thake

+ 2 Labour vacancies – to be advised

APPENDIX D**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES 2006/2007**

COMMITTEE	CHAIRMAN	VICE-CHAIRMAN
Licensing & Appeals Committee	Councillor P.C.W. Burt	N/A
Performance and Review Committee	Councillor J.M. Cunningham	Councillor D. Miller
Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Martin Stears	Councillor M. Paterson
Highways Partnership Joint Member Panel	HCC Councillor (To be appointed at the first Panel meeting)	NHDC Councillor (To be appointed at the first Panel meeting)
Joint Staff Consultative Committee	Councillor Tricia Gibbs	To be advised