NORTH HERTS COUNCIL

WEEK ENDING 4 FEBRUARY 2022

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NEWS AND INFORMATION

AGENDA & REPORTS

PUBLISHED WEEK COMMENCING
31 JANUARY 2022

None

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS WEEK COMMENCING
7 FEBRUARY 2022

Herts Police and Crime Panel – 8 February 2022
Council – 10 February 2022

CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS WEEK COMMENCING
7 FEBRUARY 2022

Date	Event	Location
Sunday 6 February 2022, 12.30pm and 2.30pm	Mayor of Dacorum – School Performance of 'Dirty Rotten Scoundrels'	Markova Theatre, Tring, Park School, HP23 5LX

VICE-CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS WEEK COMMENCING
31 JANUARY 2022

Date	Event	Location
	None	

OTHER EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING
31 JANUARY 2022

Date	Event	Location
	None	

North Herts Council

STRATEGIC PLANNING & ENTERPRISE

MEMBERS INFORMATION NOTE

Luton Airport Expansion – DCO Statutory Consultation - 8 February to 4 April 2022

In December 2017 London Luton Airport Limited (a private limited company owned by Luton Borough Council, now rebranded as Luton Rising) published its 'Vision for Sustainable Growth 2020-50' for London Luton Airport, outlining the maximum capacity of the existing single runway could be up to 36-38 million passengers per annum (mppa). Whilst it remains Luton Rising's aspiration to grow to 36-38mppa, the current preferred option is to grow 32 mppa. The scale of the proposal is such that it is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project for which consent will be sought through the Development Consent Order (DCO) process, with the decision being made by Government. The current limit on throughput of the Airport is 18mppa. This proposal is entirely separate from the proposal by the Airport operator to grow to a throughput of 19mppa.

The proposal includes an extended airfield platform, a new terminal, additional taxiways and aprons, additional parking, various airside and landside facilities, changes to surface access, surface water management, landscaping and replacement open space – with growth being phased to 21.5mppa by 2027, 27mppa by 2039 and 32mppa by 2043.

North Herts Council is one of four 'host authorities' (the others being Central Bedfordshire, Luton and Hertfordshire County Council). A host authority is one within whose administrative area part of the development would lie.

In 2019 Luton Rising undertook a statutory consultation on its preferred scheme to which the North Herts Council responded jointly with the other host authorities and in its own right.

The scheme has changed in a variety of ways since the 2019 statutory consultation, to take account of feedback from that consultation, general scheme development and the consequences of the pandemic. The scale of the changes are such that Luton Rising has taken the decision to undertake a second Statutory Consultation between **8th February and 4th April 2022**. The scheme is still in development and so this consultation presents what makes up the scheme at this stage. The scheme will be finalised in the period up to submission of the DCO application, taking into account the feedback from this consultation, amongst other things. Submission to the Government is expected later this year (probably more towards the end) and the process should generate a decision in 2024.

All Local Councillors in North Herts received (email dated 7th January) an invitation to a virtual briefing session. Members were also informed/reminded about these briefing sessions via a note in MIS dated 14 January.

The consultation website can be found here. This is a link we have been provided. *(Please note the consultation is not yet live – and will go live on 8th Feb):*

https://lutonrising.org.uk/our-airport/future-luton/

As well as all the consultation material the website will have a virtual exhibition. There will be considerable press coverage, widespread leaflet drops/posters, social media campaign, information provided direct to parish councils, and so on. There will be consultation events taking place at the following locations: (locations in North Herts highlighted)

- **Luton**
  Tuesday 15 February 15:00-20:00
  St Margaret of Scotland Church Hall**,** 22a Bolingbroke Road, Luton LU1 5JD

- **Markyate**
  Wednesday 16 February 15:00-20:00
  Markyate Village Hall, Cavendish Road, Markyate AL3 8PS

- **Stevenage**
  Friday 18 February 15:00-20:00
  Stevenage Arts and Leisure Centre, Lytton Way, Stevenage SG1 1LZ

- **Breachwood Green**
  Monday 21 February 15:00-20:00
  Breachwood Green Village Hall, Chapel Road, Breachwood Green SG4 8NX

- **Leighton Buzzard**
  Wednesday 23 February 15:00-20:00
  Leighton Town Football Club, Bell Close, Lake Street, Leighton Buzzard LU7 1RX

- **Pitstone**
  Friday 25 February 15:00-20:00
  Pitstone Memorial Hall, Vicarage Road, Pitstone LU7 9EY

- **Harpenden**
  Friday 4 March 15:00-20:00
  The Eric Morecambe Centre, Rothamsted Park, Harpenden AL5 2FR

- **Slip End**
  Saturday 5 March 10:30-15:00
  Slip End Village Hall, Markyate Road, Slip End LU1 4JW

- **Hitchin**
  Thursday 10 March 15:30-20:30
  Hitchin Town Hall, Brand Street, Hitchin SG5 1HX

- **Tring**
  Wednesday 16 March 14:00-19:00
  Victoria Hall, Akeman Street, Tring HP23 6AA

- **Whitwell**
  Saturday 19 March 10:30-15:00
  Whitwell New Fellowship Hall, Bendish Lane, Whitwell SG4 8HT

- **St Albans**
  Monday 21 March 15:00-20:00
  Jubilee Centre, Catherine Street, St Albans AL3 5BU

- **Luton**
  Saturday 26 March 10:30-15:00
  Wigmore Church and Community Centre, Crawley Green Road, Luton LU2 9TE

Paper copies of the documentation material will be available at Dunstable, Harpenden, Hitchin, Leighton Buzzard, Luton Central, Stevenage Central, Stopsley and Wendover Community libraries, at North Herts Council offices and at County Hall.

Submitting Comments:

Please direct your constituents to the Luton Rising website to view and comment on the proposals.

Once Members have had a chance to review the documents and if you have any feedback or comments you may wish to make on the proposals then please forward these to us for consideration in our response. We will be appointing consultants to review the documents and respond on our behalf and as part of a joint response with the host authorities.

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North Herts Council

Green Space Briefing Note No 204

February 2022

If you have any queries regarding the notes below or any other issues relating to Grounds Maintenance please do not hesitate to contact Thomas Ayres, Greenspace Manager on 01462 474518 or email: thomas.ayres@north-herts.gov.uk

District Wide Issues

The 10,000-tree giveaway is now virtually complete with the last remaining trees being collected by residents from our contractor's depot. The trees have found new homes across the District in virtually every Parish and Ward. We have also been able to support some local planting projects in Kimpton, Royston, Ashwell and Pirton. If you anyone that still would like a tree, please contact us as soon as possible as numbers are running low.

The Greenspace Team is now in the process of preparing for the next grass cutting season and the delivery of the new grass cutting standards. These changes have already been advertised on or web site and through our e newsletters etc and will be included in the next publication of Outlook in preparation for the spring. The new grass cutting standards will help us reduce our carbon emissions and improve biodiversity at the same time.

We now have recycling litter bins in our Town Centre Parks of Priory Memorial Gardens Royston, Avenue Park Baldock, Howard Gardens Letchworth Garden City and Bancroft Hitchin. There are 5 recycling bins in each location

The seasonal flowers of aconites, snowdrops and crocus are now starting to appear with a good display in the older sections of Icknield Way Cemetery Letchworth

Letchworth

The volunteers at Norton Common continue to meet on a Thursday each week and are making significant improvements to the Common as part of delivering the actions identified within the action plan for the site.

Hitchin

The balancing tanks adjacent St Mary's Church have now received their annual clean. It was surprising how much slit etc had built up in the balancing tanks which in places was significantly more than previous years. We also removed a number of bicycles, shopping trolleys and mobile phones.

Royston

The access footpath on Minster Road to the rear of York Way playing field is the focus of repeated anti-social behaviour particularly at weekends. This has been reported to our Enforcement Team, Community Safety and the Police as residents are particularly concerned about this matter.

Replacement of knee rail fencing to the open spaces within the Twigden estate has been completed which was an outstanding issue for some time.

Baldock

Further consultations are underway regarding the Ivel Springs and the augmentation project to reintroduce water flowing again into the under catchment of the River Ivel. This work is being undertaken in partnership with Affinity Water and Anglia Water and is likely to be delivered over the next 12 months is permissions can be sought from the Environment Agency.

Great Ashby

The Greenspace Team is working with the Great Ashby Community Council (GACC) to refurbish the play areas at Cleveland Way and The Chilterns. We are providing support and advice to GACC who are financing the works. We are expecting the works to start in the near future now that orders have been issued to the suppliers.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

North Hertfordshire District Council

Election of a District Councillor

for the Ward listed below

Ward	Number of District Councillors to be elected
Hitchin Highbury	One

1. Forms of nomination for the District Election may be obtained at Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 3JF from the Returning Officer who will, at the request of an elector for any electoral area prepare a nomination paper for signature.

2. Nomination papers must be delivered to the Returning Officer, Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 3JF during normal office hours on any working day after the date of this notice but no later than **4pm on Friday 11 February 2022.**

3. To ensure nominations can be delivered safely, please book an appointment by emailing elections@north-herts.gov.uk with details of the date and time that you would like to attend. Your appointment will be confirmed by email and this will include information regarding the measures that will be in place to ensure that nominations can be delivered safely.

4. If any election is contested the poll will take place on **Thursday 10 March 2022.**

5. Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by **12 midnight on Tuesday 22 February 2022**. Applications can be made online: **https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote**.

6. Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes and amendments or cancellations of proxy votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 3JF by **5pm on Wednesday 23 February 2022**.

7. New applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 3JF by **5pm on Wednesday 2 March 2022**.

8. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election on grounds of physical incapacity or for work/service reasons must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 3JF by **5pm on Thursday 10 March 2022**. To apply, the person must have become aware that they cannot go to the polling station in person after **5pm on Wednesday 2 March 2022**

Melanie Stimpson

Dated Thursday 3 February 2022

Returning Officer

Printed and published by the Acting Returning Officer.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Hertfordshire County Council

Election of County Councillor

for the Electoral Division of

Hitchin South

1. Forms of nomination for the above County Council election may be obtained from the Deputy Returning Officer at North Hertfordshire District Council, Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3JF, who will prepare a nomination paper for signature.

2. Nomination papers must be hand delivered to the Deputy Returning Officer, at North Hertfordshire District Council, Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3JF during normal office hours on any working day after the date of this notice, but no later than **4pm on Friday 11 February 2022.**

3. To ensure nominations can be delivered safely, please book an appointment by emailing elections@north-herts.gov.uk with details of the date and time that you would like to attend. Your appointment will be confirmed by email and this will include information regarding the measures that will be in place to ensure that nominations can be delivered safely

4. If the election is contested the poll will take place on **Thursday 10 March 2022.**

5. Applications to register to vote must be reach the Electoral Registration Officer by **12 midnight on Tuesday 22 February 2022.** Applications can be made online: https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

6. Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes or postal proxy votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at North Hertfordshire District Council, Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3JF by **5pm on Wednesday 23 February 2022.**

7. Applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at North Hertfordshire District Council, Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3JF by **5pm on Wednesday 02 March 2022.**

8. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election on grounds of physical incapacity or for work/service reasons must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 3JF by **5pm on Thursday 10 March 2022**. To apply, the person must have become aware that they cannot go to the polling station in person after **5pm on Wednesday 2 March 2022**

Quentin Baker
Returning Officer
Hertfordshire County Council

Dated: Thursday 03 February 2022

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RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT

Any interest to declare/ or conflict and any dispensation granted for the Officer or Executive Member [NO]

Any conflict with any Member of the Panel and the bodies concerned [NO] *If yes indicate who and what below*

SERVICE DIRECTORATE: Legal and Community

1. DECISION TAKEN

The approval of Health Protect Board Funding awards to the following bodies:

1.1. **£7,195** to Rotary Club of Hitchin towards the Mental Health Recovery Team at outlined in 6.1

1.2. **£3,505** to Open Art Box CIC towards home art workshop packs for people living with dementia and their caregivers as outlined in 6.2

1.3. **£3,835** to North Hertfordshire Multiple Sclerosis towards purchase of food for meals, cooking equipment, books, crafts and funds to cover rent as outlined in 6.3

1.4. **£16,000** to The Bancroft Players towards resources and alterations to make the Queen Mother Theatre safe for visitors due to the pandemic as outlined in 6.4

1.5. **£4,000** to Groundwork East towards the cost of a one-off 'garden clearance' service for elderly / vulnerable residents as outlined in 6.5

1.6. **£20,000** to NESSie towards provision of mental health support to children and young people and their families in educational settings and the community as outlined in 6.6

1.7. **£9,500** to Imajica Theatre CIC towards a youth engagement project utilising videos and social media tools as outlined in 6.7

1.8. **£4,500** to Home-Start Royston, Buntingford and South Cambridgeshire to assist with annual rent costs as outlined in 6.8

1.9. **£8,192** to Tilehouse Counselling towards sixteen more counselling sessions per week for teenagers as outlined in 6.9

1.10. **£12,280** to Create Community Network CIC towards careers advice and job search sessions as outlined in 6.10

1.11. **£4,078.51** to Baldock Arts and Heritage Centre towards sound and projector equipment, and film licenses to run film nights, as outlined in 6.11

1.12. **£1,850** to Benslow Music Trust to help facilitate concerts and residential courses, as outlined in 6.12

1.13. **£7,670** to Herts Disability Sports foundation (HDSF) towards a Learn to Ride bicycle course for children from disadvantaged areas, as outlined in 6.13

1.14. **£2,819** to Phase Hitchin towards the recruitment of two mentors to help deal with the increased need for mental health support in Hitchin secondary schools, as outlined in 6.14

2. DECISION TAKER

The Executive Member for Community Engagement in consultation with the Service Director – Legal and Community.

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

25 January 2022

4. REASON FOR DECISION

4.1 The Policy and Community Engagement Team applied to the Health Protection Board for funding available to assist the voluntary and community sector organisations in the North Herts District to continue services within the current COVID pandemic. A business case was submitted initially requesting £100,000 for the purpose of

1. Targeted interventions for specific sections of the local community and workplaces
2. Harnessing capacity within local sectors (e.g., voluntary, academic, commercial)

The business case was accepted and NHC received £100,000 to provide grants to organisations supporting North Herts residents through the Pandemic in a variety of ways.
The requests for funding outstripped the amount of HPB funding we had applied for and therefore Members asked that officers request a further £100,000 from the HPB.
A further business case was presented to the Board and accepted.
The £200,000 needs to be utilised by North Herts Council by the end of the 2022/23 financial year.

5. CONSULTATION WITH MEMBERS

5.1 Consultation on all of grant applications for consideration took place with the Members of the Capital and Revenue Grant Panel at three separate virtual meetings on, 9 November, 17 November, and 15 December 2021.
All the grant applicants provided their presentations to the Panel in support of their applications and answered any questions the Panel raised in relation to the grant funding request. The decisions outlined in this report are based on the Panel's recommendations.

5.2 The Panel voted on their recommendations to the Executive Member for Community Engagement at the meeting on 15 December taking the grants from each of the three meetings en-bloc.

5.3 The grants considered at the meeting held on 9 November:
Vote to recommend that Hitchin Youth Trust, Open Art Box, North Hertfordshire Multiple Sclerosis Society, and The Bancroft Players all receive the full amount as requested in their applications:

Result: Unanimous vote in favour of

5.4 The grants considered at the meeting held on 17 November:
Vote to recommend that Groundwork East, NESSie, Imajica Theatre Company, Home-Start Royston, Buntingford and South Cambridgeshire, Tilehouse Counselling and Create Community all receive the full amount as requested in their applications:

Result: Unanimous vote in favour of

5.5 The grants considered at the meeting held on 15 December:
Vote to recommend that Baldock Arts and Heritage Centre, Benslow Music, Phase, and North Herts Disability Sports Foundation all receive the full amount as requested in their applications:

Result: Unanimous vote in favour of

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6. APPLICATION DETAILS

6.1 Rotary club of Hitchin Tilehouse

Applicant	**Rotary club of Hitchin Tilehouse (applying on behalf on behalf of Hitchin Mental Health Recovery Team)**
Project	Mental health support for the young people in Hitchin on returning to school during the pandemic and after lockdown.
Sum requested	**£7,195**
Total project cost	£30,675
Match funding	£15,480 balance of grant from Valiant Trust £8,000 grant from Hitchin Youth Trust
Previous support	£5,000 for this project in November 2020 from the Covid Support Fund utilising Council reserves
NHDC Policy met	Yes
Council objectives	Be a more welcoming and inclusive Council Build thriving and resilient communities

The Hitchin Mental Health Recovery Team is a group of local organisations and charities that recognised the need for additional mental health support for the young people in Hitchin on returning to school during the pandemic and after lockdown.

The Hitchin Mental Recovery Team is made up of these Groups:
Rotary of Hitchin Tilehouse
Hitchin Partnership CIO (Family Support Service)
Hitchin Youth Trust
Grit (Growing Resilience in Teenagers)
Stand-by-me
Phase
Tilehouse Counselling
Letchworth Centre for Healthy Living
NESSie

Funding has already been applied for and received from Hitchin Youth Trust, Rotary of Hitchin Tilehouse, NHDC, Counsellors, Valiant Trust and Together Grant (NHS Sir Tom Moore) to support this group which started at the beginning of the academic year 2020/21.

The funding has been spent on support identified by the schools via representatives from each of the secondary schools and from the primary schools. Initially it was felt that this additional support would be required for one academic year only. However, as the pandemic progressed, it has been found that this support will be required during the academic year 2021/22. A detailed breakdown has been provided with their application.

Amount recommended by the Capital and Revenue Grant Panel: £7,195

6.2 Open Art Box

Applicant	**Open Art Box CIC**
Project	Home art workshop packs for people living with dementia and their caregivers.
Sum requested	**£3,505**
Total project cost	£5,205
Match funding	£800 Locality budget - Cllr Tina Bhartwas (Letchworth North)

	£400 Locality Budget - Cllr Terry Hone (Letchworth South) £200 Locality Budget - Cllr Paul Clarke (Hitchin South) £300 fundraising
Previous support	£2,000 Hitchin Area Grant for art workshops for people living with dementia 03/06/20 £2,820 Letchworth Area Grant for delivery of art packs to 10 clients 10/03/21
NHDC Policy met	Yes
Council objectives	Be a more welcoming and inclusive Council Build thriving and resilient communities

Open Art Box create and facilitate art projects for people living with early-stage dementia and their Carers. They run regular group art workshops, as well as delivering art projects to people's homes.

The team have been providing home workshop packs for people living with dementia and their caregivers since April 2020, when they became unable to run group workshops. They have built up knowledge, skills, and resources over this period to enable them to support particularly isolated people access a wide variety of engaging art activities from their homes to help support their mental health.

Open Art Box have been supporting over 30 families across Hertfordshire with a majority of these from North Herts. With the uncertainty of the pandemic and despite starting up group workshops again, many have expressed enthusiasm for continuing to have access to projects at home.

The grant would ensure that a further 300 boxes over the autumn/winter period can be delivered, funding art materials, PPE, travel expenses and a member of staff who will manage referrals, answer queries and perform introductions, plan activities, prepare and pack materials, manage volunteers, provide online and phone support, and document and publicise the project.

Funding will benefit up to 25 families across North Herts.
>Fifteen families who currently use the service are still requesting home packs rather than attend the in-person groups – seven in Letchworth, three in Baldock and one family in each of Royston, Ashwell, Hitchin, Tea Green and Radwell.
> With growing awareness of this service, the team has started to receive new referrals from GP link workers as part of the social prescribing scheme and the Occupational Therapy Team, leading to a growth in demand being expected over the winter period. Therefore, the team would to be able to offer this support to a further 10 families.
Amount recommended by the Capital and Revenue Grant Panel £3,505

6.3 North Hertfordshire Multiple Sclerosis Society

Applicant	**North Hertfordshire Multiple Sclerosis Society**
Project	Purchase of food for meals, cooking equipment, books and crafts, plus funds to cover rent.
Sum requested	**£3,835**
Total project cost	£3,835
Match funding	No confirmed income stream at the moment, but they may be able to raise small amounts from fundraising activity - pandemic dependent.
Previous support	£740 in 2018 Baldock Area Grant £740 in 2018 Royston Area Grant £1,500 in 2018 Hitchin Area Grant

	£1,500 in 2018 Letchworth Area Grant
NHDC Policy met	Yes
Council objectives	Be a more welcoming and inclusive Council Build thriving and resilient communities

The MS Society provide a local resource for people with Multiple Sclerosis, including a lunch club, exercise classes and social gatherings.

They would like to offer a combination of face-to-face and online sessions. The face-to-face sessions at Hadleigh in Letchworth would be a combination of physiotherapy professional-led exercise with a social element, which includes the provision of a hot nutritious meal. There are about 15 people from the local group who plan to attend these sessions. There would be between 3-8 people in attendance per session and there would be two to three sessions per week.

The society will need to retrain and revalidate people to provide the lunches and purchase suitable protection measures such as face masks, sanitising gel and PPE.

They are looking to supplement the face-to-face sessions with an outreach service of online sessions for those who might struggle to get to Hadleigh. Participants are from Baldock, Weston, Letchworth, Hitchin, Royston, and Stevenage areas. On average, around 80% of participants are from North Herts.

The blended service will reach a greater audience, especially those who do not cope well with online delivery. They are looking to reach about 48 members in total with this approach.

Amount recommended by the Capital and Revenue Grant Panel: £3,835

6.4 The Bancroft Players Amateur Dramatic Society

Applicant	**The Bancroft Players**
Project	Resources and alterations to make the Queen Mother Theatre safe for visitors due to the pandemic.
Sum requested	**£16,000**
Total project cost	£24,000
Match funding	£8,000 from donations and ticket sales
Previous support	£2000 in 2020 from the Community Support Fund
NHDC Policy met	Yes
Council objectives	Be a more welcoming and inclusive Council Build thriving and resilient communities

The Bancroft Players are the leading amateur dramatic group in North Hertfordshire, based at The Queen Mother Theatre, Hitchin. Their aims are to educate the public in the dramatic arts. They consider arts to have educative value and to compliment positive mental wellbeing, and they support equal opportunity, inclusion, and diversity within the local and surrounding communities. The theatre is one of two in the local region and the only not-for-profit Community Theatre of its type.

The Bancroft Players support four societies within the theatre and a number of other societies with the use of the theatre, technical support, front of house, refreshments and a bar for any productions they wish to promote and produce. The other groups who use the theatre include: Big Band; Ensemble; The Dance Academy; Big Spirit

Youth Theatre; Putteridgebury Gilbert and Sullivan Society; Hitchin Thespians; Market Theatre; Hitchin Film Club.

In the last 3 years, more than 4,000 people have attended the Queen Mother Theatre to see productions staged by The Bancroft Players. This does not include visitors for the productions or activities of other societies or people who use the venue.

Due to the pandemic, the theatre requires a number of safety measures and interior alterations that will allow it to continue to remain open and for The Bancroft Players to support the Societies within the membership as well as external societies. To ensure the wellbeing of members and others, they need to invest in:

(i) UVC Air cleaning equipment for each of the operating areas: Foyer, Main Auditorium, Studio Theatre and Youth Wing.
(ii) Additional cleaning and misting processes after every performance.
(iii) PPE and sanitiser for all participants and guests to maintain necessary levels as a See It Safely Theatre.
(iv) New software for the Box Office to allow a Front of House Manager to control ticketless access easily and safely.
(v) Moving their Unlimited Charity Organisation to a CIO in order to provide an umbrella organisation to other societies that need a home and support from all aspects of theatre production and education
(vi) An interior re-shape (no architectural change) of the foyer area to offer support to other community groups in a safe environment.

Amount recommended by the Capital and Revenue Grant Panel: £16,000

6.5 Groundworks Herts

Applicant	**Groundwork East**
Project	To provide a one-off 'garden clearance' service to elderly / vulnerable residents in North Herts who cannot afford a private gardening service or carry out the work required themselves.
Sum requested	**£4,000**
Total project cost	£4,000
Match funding	£0
Previous support	Last awarded funding in 2017: £2,968 from Letchworth Area Grant for supervised outdoor play sessions on Norton Common. 2013: £840 from Hitchin Area Grant for RISE Project
NHDC Policy met	Yes
Council objectives	Build thriving and resilient communities

Groundwork East are the community and environmental charity working across the East of England to create stronger, healthier communities, responsible business, and greater prospects for local people. They work with local communities, the public sector and partner organisations, and deliver a wide range of practical projects and services including new or improved parks, green spaces and gardens; community food growing and horticultural therapy for elderly, disabled or vulnerable people; volunteer-supported 'garden rescue service for elderly householders'; environmental education and accredited training for children or unemployed young people; and energy efficiency support for businesses and vulnerable households. Groundwork East operates across the East of England with operations in several counties and local authority areas. Groundwork Hertfordshire operates across Hertfordshire.

The funding will be used to provide a one-off 'garden clearance' service to elderly/vulnerable residents in North Herts. These residents will have gardens that have become overgrown/out of control and who are unable to clear the garden themselves, cannot afford a private gardening service and carry out the clearance required. The reasons for this could be due to hospital stays, bereavements, increased frailty, or other reasons related to the coronavirus pandemic including reduced activity, ill health, and social isolation.

The funding will allow Groundwork East to reach more gardens where existing funding restricts this, including gardens on a reserve list. It will also enable more time to be spent on recruiting volunteers from within the community whose involvement with conservation activities may be reduced over the past 19 months. Overall, this scheme will benefit ten residents in North Hertfordshire directly. The activity will take place between the award of funding and March 2022.

Referrals will be received through connected organisations such as Age UK, Herts Help, social prescribers, NHS community navigators and tenancy support officers. Reporting afterward is triaged through to Herts Help as need due to issues identified and results of the service.

Value for money can be demonstrated via reduced crime, fire risk and social issues involved with unkept gardens and through exit questionnaires with residents themselves which is a mandatory part of the service.

It is worth noting that an NHDC councillor sits on the advisory committee for this organisation.

Amount recommended by the Capital and Revenue Grant Panel: £4,000

6.6 NESSie IN ED CIC

Applicant	**NESSie IN ED CIC** *(formerly known as North Herts Emotional Support in Schools)*
Project	To provide mental health support to children and young people (0-25 yrs) and their families in educational settings and the community.
Sum requested	**£20,000**
Total project cost	£83,000
Match funding	£31,000 DSPL £22,000 Private Counselling £5,000 John Coates Charitable Trust £4,500 Brian Lesley Reicher
Previous support	£1,250 Royston Committee August 2020 and £5,000 Covid Support June 2020
NHDC Policy met	Yes
Council objectives	Be a more welcoming and inclusive Council Build thriving and resilient communities

Covid 19 has had a devastating effect on children and young people's mental health and the recently published tenth annual Good Childhood Report by The Children's Society, finds "almost 7% of 10 to 15 years olds in the UK report they are unhappy". This marks a significant decline in children's happiness over the decade. In line with this and other data, in 2020-2021 NESSie saw 623 children and young people for mental health support which was an increase of over 50% from 2019 – 2020.

They also had an increase of referrals with neurodiversity by 16.6%; Anxiety by 7.1%; behavioural and mental health by 2.7%; low mood by 2.0% and significantly 13% of their referrals were in crisis and suicidal. NESSie provides not only counselling and

arts therapy support to children and young people but also training and counselling to families and professionals in education to ensure lasting change.

They had 86.4% positive outcomes from their support last year which is significant in early intervention and prevention. They would like to continue this support by funding a therapist an extra day per week for a year; build on their digital infrastructure to ensure effective digital referrals and risk management and increase admin support to meet this local need.

Evidence has shown that without support, mental health difficulties have been shown to be predictors of poor life outcomes including difficulties in relationships, and reduced life expectancy due to physical illness or suicide and that most young people wait on average over 10 years before accessing help. Each child's treatment costs approximately £600 which is considerable value for money when considering the cost of carrying the mental health difficulty into adulthood.

Amount recommended by the Capital and Revenue Grant Panel: £ 20,000

6.7 Imajica Theatre Company CIC

Applicant	**Imajica Theatre Company CIC**
Project	Youth engagement utilising videos and social media tools.
Sum requested	£9,500
Total project cost	£9,500
Match funding	Imajica Theatre will provide in kind support the use of their digital creation package.
Previous support	£2,000 Letchworth 23/9/20 £1,523 District-wide 17/6/20 £1,450 Letchworth Area Grant 23/10/19 £600 Letchworth Area Grant 10/12/15
NHDC Policy met	Yes
Council objectives	Be a more welcoming and inclusive Council Build thriving and resilient communities

Imajica Theatre are based in Letchworth Garden City and are a touring theatre group who work in the local community and throughout the UK. During lockdown, the company were successful in adapting two projects to working digitally and have continued to adapt while their industry navigates the COVID-19 pandemic, building on their digital skills to be able to widen their demographic and reach wider audiences.

Imajica have applied for funding to coordinate a project for young people, helping them create a selection of short music videos about issues (locally and nationally) that concern them. Working directly in the community, Imajica aim to reach out to young people where they live and give them a new approach to connecting with other people.

Participants will be involved in all parts of the process and, by hosting a showcase at the end of the project, they can share their experiences with others to inspire and celebrate their successes with friends, family, and the community.

Alongside giving young people a voice, the project will provide participants with an opportunity to gain important life skills, build friendships, develop cultural capital, and focus on positive health and wellbeing.

The grant would benefit approximately 60 young people aged 11-17, 30 in Letchworth and 30 in Hitchin, in areas with higher-than-average deprivation.

Amount recommended by the Capital and Revenue Grant Panel: £9,500

6.8 Homestart Royston

Applicant	**Home-Start Royston, Buntingford and South Cambridgeshire**
Project	Funding support to assist with annual rent costs for the group's office in Meldreth.
Sum requested	**£4,500**
Total project cost	£9,000
Match funding	£4,500 from fundraising activities
Previous support	In the last five years the group have received £1,050 from the Royston & District Committee (July 2019), £1,885 from the Covid Support Fund (June 2020) and £1,221 from the Royston & District Committee (October 2021).
NHDC Policy met	Yes
Council objectives	Be a more welcoming and inclusive Council Build thriving and resilient communities

Home-Start Royston, Buntingford and South Cambridgeshire is a registered charity that provides a key service for families with children aged nine and under. The organisation has been supporting families in the area for the last 38 years aiming to prevent them from slipping into crisis. Like most organisations it has been a struggle for the group to raise funds due to the ongoing Pandemic which has limited fundraising opportunities. Like other groups Home-Start Royston had to adapt working approaches during the Pandemic, with additional costs involved for technology including laptops, new phone systems and Zoom software. Home-Start Royston, Buntingford and South Cambridgeshire is made up of 12 Volunteer Committee Members, six part-time paid staff and 51 volunteers.

The main activities of Home-Start are the volunteer-led Home-Visiting Service and two specialist family support groups in Royston and Buntingford. Most families are supported by the Home-Visiting Service, whilst those who are socially isolated and excluded are invited to join a Family Support Group.

Each home-visited family is supported by a highly trained volunteer, who provides weekly compassionate, practical, and emotional support, which is non-judgemental, confidential and free. The support is tailored to meet each individual family's specific needs.

The Family Group(s) meet weekly during term-time - each session providing parents and children with structured activities, designed to enable them to successfully integrate into the local community and establish friendships and a peer-support network.

Home-Start monitoring, and evaluation reports show that over the last 3 years on average 93% of family needs have been met or partially met as a result of their support.

Below are a few quotes from families that have received support from Home-Start:
Home-Visited Family: "Because of our volunteer, I feel much less isolated, I feel able to talk to someone I trust implicitly, and I value her judgement... she is a stabilising force and has helped us ride the storms."

Family Group Participant: "It has been invaluable in our darkest time and through to the other side. My daughter has lovely friends and I have made some good connections along the way. The activities are both educational and nurturing and amazingly thought out."

The funding requested is to cover rent costs for the main office in Meldreth. The group has secured £4,500 from own funds and the £4,500 requested from the Health Protection Board will cover the rent costs for the quarters starting in Jan 2022 and April 2022.

Amount recommended by the Capital and Revenue Grant Panel: £4,500

6.9 Tilehouse Counselling

Applicant	**Tilehouse Counselling**
Project	Sixteen more counselling sessions a week for teenagers.
Sum requested	**£8,192**
Total project cost	£16,640
Match funding	£1,880 individual donations £900 PayPal Giving £5,668 contribution from charitable activities.
Previous Support	£1280 split between Hitchin and Letchworth Committees in April 2020.
NHDC Policy met	Yes
Council objectives	Be a more welcoming and inclusive Council Build thriving and resilient communities

Tilehouse Counselling would like to spend funding on additional counselling sessions for teenagers. Due to Covid-19, the demand for their service has vastly increased and they have, reluctantly, had to close their waiting list. The funding would mean they could re-open the list.

They would like to recruit an additional counsellor with specific training in working with young people. With an additional counsellor they would be able to provide 16 extra counselling sessions each week specifically for teenagers.

They would like to ask NHDC to cover the cost of paying counsellors to see 16 additional teenagers weekly, at a rate of £32.00 per session. This represents good value for money as the work is largely preventative. They aim to provide counselling support before mental health issues develop into enduring mental health illnesses.

Tilehouse Counselling can demonstrate their effectiveness in this respect through both qualitative and quantitative measures. They use CORE (Clinical Outcomes in routine evaluation), counsellors' initial and ongoing assessment, and perhaps most importantly, feedback from the teenagers that use their service. They receive excellent feedback from teenagers, some say they would not still be here if they had not had their counselling.

The benefits will include stopping self-harming (around 70% of teenagers are harming themselves when they start their counselling with them), improvements in self-confidence and self-worth, re-engagement with school, improved relationships within and outside the family, reduced social isolation, working through gender identity issues and reductions in drug and alcohol abuse.

Amount recommended by the Capital and Revenue Grant Panel: £8,192

6.10 Create Community Network CIC

Applicant	**Create Community Network CIC**
Project	Providing half day sessions to support those whose employment has been impacted by the pandemic. Money will be spent on overheads, staffing costs including management, administration, session facilitation, marketing, and outreach; as well as expenses and refreshments, activities, and laptops.
Sum requested	**£12,280**
Total project cost	£15,780
Match funding	£1,500 fundraising. £2,000 contribution from Letchworth Heritage Foundation.
Previous support	N/A
NHDC Policy met	Yes
Council objectives	Be a more welcoming and inclusive Council Build thriving and resilient communities

Create Community support the long term socially disengaged and those that are unemployed living within Letchworth and North Herts. The three key areas covered by the organisation are Health & Wellbeing, Moving Toward Employment and Living in a Digital Age. A fourth area is soon to be introduced around Nature for Wellbeing. The provision within these areas comprises of short programmes and courses, engagement activities (mindfulness, ceramics, music, and art) and 1:1 mentoring. The 'Hub' is based at 19 Station Road in Letchworth and offers a communal space, a classroom and small meeting rooms for 1:1 sessions. The aim is to provide a friendly, non-judgemental environment where people can go for support, nourishment, and growth.

These funds will be spent on providing 'drop-in' support for those who have been impacted by the pandemic. This will enable the organisation to offer individuals space, time and support, as well as the opportunity to offload, pause and explore options for next steps. Job searching support, such as CV support and signposting for further in-house or external provision, will also be made available. Short and bite-size activities will be developed and run to support mindset and decision making, and individuals will have access to experienced volunteer support as well as access to laptops and the internet.

The provision of this kind of flexible support is much needed and cost effective. The aim is to support upwards of 150 individuals, providing them with a solid platform on which to take balanced and measured steps toward a sustainable future (not just employment).

There is added value in this initiative which comes from:

- The location in the heart of the community in the town centre, close to the Job Centre Plus (JCP), close to railway and bus networks.
- The existing provision and network that can signpost individuals to 'next step' opportunities, internally and externally.
- Support of volunteers who can sustain the initiative both in terms of administrative/operational help but also insight from their own experience and learning.

This initiative is aimed at anyone who has been adversely impacted by the pandemic, whether mentally (anxiety, stress, loneliness) or from an employment perspective (furlough or redundancy). The initiative will be targeting anyone from Letchworth or the North Herts region, with a concerted effort to ensure residents from local BAME communities are also very much included.

Typically, the activities attract most participants from Letchworth and local communities, but also have participants regularly coming from Stevenage, Hitchin, Ickleford, Baldock and some from Royston. The activity will take place at the Hub in Letchworth, which is just across the road from the Station and the Job Centre.

Currently the project is funded to open 1.5 days a week. The adaptations that will be made will allow a much-needed extra day and therefore will increase the amount of service users that can be accommodated.

The space has been leased from Letchworth Heritage Foundation and £30,000 is paid per annum to cover rent and services. This does not include staffing and other running costs such as activity development and equipment.

Amount recommended by the Capital and Revenue Grant Panel £12,280

6.11 Baldock Arts and Heritage Centre

Applicant	**Baldock Arts and Heritage Centre (BAHC)** (Baldock Town Hall Limited)
Project	To run a monthly film night as before the pandemic with social distancing and improved viewing experience. Money will be spent on sound and projector equipment and film licenses.
Sum requested	**£4,078.51**
Total project cost	£4,678.51
Match funding	£600 BAHC Reserves (will cover the cost of the film licenses.)
Previous support	***N/A***
NHDC Policy met	Yes
Council objectives	**Be a more welcoming and inclusive Council** **Build thriving and resilient communities**

Baldock Arts and Heritage Centre (BAHC) is a volunteer-run organisation that took over the lease of the Old Town Hall in 2013 and was granted charity status in 2014. The main aims of the charity are:

- To maintain the Old Town Hall as an Arts and Heritage Centre for the benefit of the local community
- To encourage wider public participation in the arts
- To promote interest in local history

Since 2013 BAHC has hosted both professional and amateur drama, music festivals, book events, history talks, film nights and family shows. The downstairs Gallery has featured over 30 local and community artists. Baldock Museum is now an integral part of the building and BAHC activities.

Before the pandemic BAHC started to run a monthly Film Night. Film Nights take place each month in the main hall at BAHC, the Old Town Hall, Baldock. BAHC now wish to enhance this activity by improving the equipment to make it easier for volunteers to operate the system, to allow the audience to be more socially distanced from each other, as well as improving the viewing experience. Admission charge is £5 and BAHC have been able to cover the running and licence costs and expect to be able to continue to do so.

The venue is in Baldock but as BAHC have an open-door policy, the audience isn't limited to local residents. The aim is to provide a social event around the film showing, helping to foster community wellbeing.

Following the pandemic, the number of BAHC volunteers has fallen. As this project is entirely run by volunteers, the intention is to simplify the film night operations to enable it to continue with the available volunteers. With an improved and easier-to-use system, the hope is to attract more volunteers and increase the number and type of film showings. Obtaining this grant will potentially allow BAHC to be able to run more events, increasing the diversity of films and audience.

At present, the equipment used is difficult to setup because it wasn't designed for the purpose it is used for and gives a less than optimal show, the audio quality isn't good, the dialogue is difficult to hear, and the screen isn't large. BAHC wish to purchase dedicated equipment which can be permanently configured and provide overall better quality to viewers.

Since BAHC's original application for £5,000 they have been donated some equipment so the amount they are applying for has decreased.

***Amount recommended by the Capital and Revenue Grant Panel:* £4,078.51**

6.12 Benslow Music Trust

Applicant	**Benslow Music Trust**
Project	Live streamed concerts and offering online and residential music courses. Necessary PPE and a technician for live-streamed concerts are required to facilitate these.
Sum requested	**£1,850**
Total project cost	£12,661
Match funding	£10,811 – Cleaning costs will be covered by Benslow Music
Previous support	***N/A***
NHDC Policy met	Yes
Council objectives	**Build thriving and resilient communities**

Like many organisations, the pandemic had a significant impact on Benslow Music's activities. At the beginning of the pandemic the building had to close, and all activity was halted. This included ceasing all concerts and courses, putting staff on furlough and in some cases, making staff redundant. This also resulted in a significant impact on income. In 2020, the Benslow Music had budgeted to raise £950,000 from their music courses but only achieved £488,000.

As restrictions eased, the organisation adapted and began live streaming concerts with reduced live audience capacity, offered innovative online courses, changed the format of those coming for residential courses and overhauled cleaning and hygiene protocols. Concerts are free for that aged under-27 and have been particularly welcomed by those unable to attend live performances because of COVID. Adaptions being made include:

- Offering safe meals to residential course attendees by providing table service rather than a buffet
- Operating live streamed concerts so that audiences can enjoy high quality, live music from the comfort of their own homes
- Providing necessary PPE
- Continuing with enhanced cleaning

- Maintaining pre-Covid course prices to continue attracting participants (these are usually increased on an annual basis)

These adaptions incurred significant costs which included hiring additional staff to provide table service for residential course attendees, purchasing equipment for live-streaming (this cost £4,000 and was to mitigate the impact of the 50% reduced audience capacity) and purchasing necessary PPE: gloves, masks, hand sanitiser etc. Money was also spent on training new staff members as well as longer-standing colleagues who needed training in the new activities. There has also been loss of income from the courses, external hires, and concerts. In 2019 concerts generated £27,800, in 2020 it was £18,000 and this year is projected to generate £23,000.

Funding has been requested to assist providing PPE and sanitisation as well as hiring a freelance technician for live-streamed concerts.
Receiving this funding will help to continue to provide a unique and much-valued service to the local community. Benslow music strive to be a sanctuary and place of respite, joy, energy and wellbeing to audiences and concert participants.

The beneficiaries of this grant will be users of Benslow Music: course attendees, concert goers and those who perhaps no longer attend courses or concerts but are still very supportive of the work. The courses are residential and attract attendees from all over the country (as well as many local residents). The same applies to concert goers, who can and do come from further afield. This benefits the town and its businesses. Many of the staff live locally too. Between May–July 2021, 25% of concert attendees were from within the district of North Herts. Between 2018 – 2020, 364 of course participants came from North Hertfordshire. This made up about 3.3% of all of Benslow Music's participants. Overall, 10.3% of course participants were from Hertfordshire.

Benslow Music's conversations with audiences and collection of feedback has indicated that attending Benslow Music is a positive and beneficial experience which provides a social aspect and challenges individuals to learn something new or improve existing skills.

Amount recommended by the Capital and Revenue Grant Panel: £1,850

6.13 Herts Disability Sports Foundation (HDSF)

Applicant	**Herts Disability Sports Foundation (HDSF)**
Project	Providing Learn to Ride training to 100 primary school aged children from disadvantaged areas of North Herts that have been identified as being unable to cycle without stabilisers. This would include providing a suitable bike to those that do not already own one and q helmet to each attendee.
Sum requested	**£7,670**
Total project cost	£8,470
Match funding	£800 HDSF Reserves
Previous support	***N/A***
NHDC Policy met	Yes
Council objectives	**Be a more welcoming and inclusive Council** **Build thriving and resilient communities**

Herts Disability Sports Foundation's (HDSF) mission is to develop disability sport across Hertfordshire. HDSF provide activities for anyone with a learning or physical disability, whatever their age or ability. HDSF operate across Hertfordshire and have a small office base at Knights Templar School in Baldock. The foundation provides open sessions, holiday activities, cycle training, clubs for young people, teambuilding

events and Paralympic roadshows. Activities are provided by qualified instructors and coaches, of which the majority are themselves disabled. Five instructors have competed in parasports at international level.

On the first day of lockdown, HDSF converted all activities to online to keep everyone active and connected. The online fitness and dance sessions, social discos and bingo were attended by 624 people between April 2020 and April 2021. A blend of face-to-face small group activities and online social sessions are now being provided to ensure that all participants can continue to access the service.

The financial impact of the pandemic has been significant for HDSF. Income from activities fell by 62%, whist salary costs increased by 23%. However, some successful online funding events secured grant income of £143,000. Whilst this means that the foundation doesn't require funds to support core costs, there is not sufficient unrestricted reserves to enable the running of projects like this. Therefore, additional income is needed to cover project costs.

Following a successful pilot at Bedwell school in Stevenage in April, grant money would be spent on a project to get 100 primary school aged children cycling. HDSF will provide Learn to Ride training to pupils, that have been identified as being unable to cycle without the use of stabilisers, from five primary schools in some of North Herts' most deprived areas. Those who don't have their own bike will receive a reconditioned bike. For those who own a bike, HDSF's qualified bike mechanics will service bikes which are not currently roadworthy, or if the bike is not appropriate for their needs (too heavy or wrong size) a more suitable, reconditioned bike will be provided. Bikes will be acquired through Herts County Council Re-use Centre, Waste Savers and through bike donation schemes at each of the schools involved in the project. All participants will also take home a new helmet. Through re-conditioning and re-using bikes which have been donated or thrown away, costs can be kept as low as possible to ensure the project provides value for money.

During the first 1.5-hour session, pupils will use specialist lightweight bikes, which help children to balance and progress quickly. The second session is a refresh and bike fitting. Bikes are set up to meet the needs of each child, who then leave the session with their donated bike and a new helmet. Additional 1:1 training will be provided for those with SEND if necessary. After the project, bikeability training will be scheduled in coordination with the Hertfordshire County Council Cycle Training Team to help children progress further.

During the pandemic, many children have become lonely and isolated. With sport and fitness opportunities available through school and local leisure providers reduced during the restrictions, many have become less active, resulting in significant weight gain for some. For those who can ride a bike, cycling has provided many children and parents with the opportunity to exercise and have fun as a family at no cost. Children who can't cycle have been disadvantaged. They may be unable to ride because:

- The availability of cycle training since the start of the pandemic has been very poor due to school closures. When schools were open, the focus was on helping children to catch up academically when they have been at school.
- Many families are facing financial hardship as a result of the pandemic and are unable to afford to purchase bikes.
- Many children with SEND need additional help to gain confidence and skills.
- Many children struggle to learn to cycle because they are using an inappropriate bike – for example, the frame is too large or too heavy.
- Some parents may not have the skills or feel confident to teach their child to ride – particularly if the child has additional needs.
- Children have a bike which requires repairs.

The ability to cycle is a key life skill, providing opportunities to exercise, have fun and socialise outdoors and leading to improved mental and physical health. Children who

don't have this skill, or appropriate equipment are severely disadvantaged, particularly as they progress towards secondary school.

Amount recommended by the Capital and Revenue Grant Panel: £7,670

6.14 Phase

Applicant	**Phase**
Project	The money will be used to recruit two more volunteer mentors to provide more mentoring for young people at the three Hitchin secondary schools. This is to meet increased need for support.
Sum requested	**£2,819**
Total project cost	£5,765.25
Match funding	£1,446.25 from Phase fundraising drive 'Hitchin Home Olympics) £500 from Magic Little Grants £1,000 from the Howard Foundation
Previous support	£4,916 between 2012 and 2014 from Hitchin Area Grant for the RISE project (broken down into seven individual payments) £1,500 in 2015 from Hitchin Area Grant for support groups for self-harming young people £1,925 in 2020 from Hitchin Area Grant for virtual mentoring sessions for young people
NHDC Policy met	Yes
Council objectives	Be a more welcoming and inclusive Council Build thriving and resilient communities

Phase (Providing Help and Support in Education) work alongside young people in Hitchin to promote their wellbeing and resilience. They reach young people through schools and increasingly through other channels like social media and online resources. Their resources cover resilience, emotional and physical wellbeing, dealing with stress and uncertainty, and planning for the future. Virtual mentoring is also provided.

They will use the funding to provide more mentoring for young people by recruiting two more volunteer mentors. They currently provide the mentoring service to pupils in the three secondary schools in Hitchin: The Priory School, Hitchin Boys' School and Hitchin Girls' School.

Mentoring is a way of supporting a young person who is struggling with emotions, wellbeing, anxiety, or stress. It helps them set goals, try out strategies for handling emotions, and feel more in control of what's happening around them. Phase offers mentoring in half hour meetings in six-week blocks, which we know is long enough to establish new habits and coping strategies. Young people can opt to continue with further blocks if they and the mentor agree it would be useful.

Demand for mentoring has increased as a result of the pandemic. School closures, exam uncertainty, unpredictability of access to teachers and support staff, bubble closures as well as enforced changes to socialising and peer to peer contact have caused disruption and been a huge source of concern for many students. Phase have found that even after schools opened fully in March 2021 pastoral care teams reported high levels of anxiety about schoolwork, family, and friendships. In the Summer 2021 term alone they received 60 referrals from schools, an increase around 50% on usual numbers. They are currently running a waiting list.

They would like to increase their capacity to meet this demand by recruiting two more volunteers as well as redirecting existing staff time into this valuable intervention.

Amount recommended by the Capital and Revenue Grant Panel: £2,819

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Chapter 1, s1-8 of the Localism Act 2011 provides a General Power of Competence which gives local authorities the powers to do anything if it is not specifically prohibited in legislation.

7.2 Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 provides specific authority for the Council to incur expenditure on anything which is in the interests of and will bring direct benefit to its area. This includes a charity or other body operating for public service.

7.3 The decision taker signing the Decision Notice has delegated authority to take such a decision in accordance with the North Hertfordshire District Council Constitution under section 14.6.8(b)(iii)(A) in relation to Community engagement and development, including financial assistance and grants to external organisations.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The current balance available in the budget to allocate is **£200,000** funding provided from the Health Protection Board.

8.2 The total amount of funding requested adds up to **£105,425**

8.3 The decision to agree this level of funding as outlined will leave an amount of **£94,575** to utilise by the end of the financial year in March 2023.

9. RISK IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no relevant risk entries that have been recorded on Pentana Risk, the Council's performance and risk system. Individual events should have their own risk assessments in place to mitigate any health and safety issues. Whenever a request for grant funding for equipment is received, the recipient of the funding will be advised to obtain insurance for the item to avoid a repeat request for funding in the event of the equipment being stolen or damaged. There are no pertinent risk implications for the Authority associated with any items within this report.

10. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

10.1 In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of their functions, give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

10.2 Grant funding is awarded to community groups that clearly demonstrate positive impact on the community and wider environment. The projects outlined in this report seek to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations.

11. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

11.1 The Social Value Act and "go local" requirements do not apply to this report.

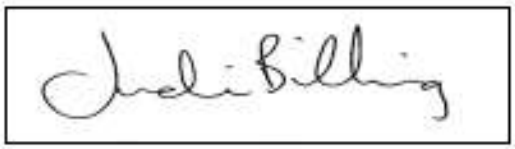
12. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

12.1. There are no known Environmental impacts or requirements that apply to this report.

15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

13.1 There are no pertinent Human Resource implications associated with any items within this report.

NOTIFICATION DATE
17 December



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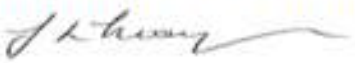

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Call-in does not apply to NON-EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT

Any interest to declare/ or conflict and any dispensation granted [N/A]

SERVICE DIRECTORATE: LEGAL AND COMMUNITY

1. DECISION TAKEN

Following the appointment of Councillor Ruth Brown to the position of Executive Member for Planning, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group and Deputy Leader of Council, and a request for other changes, subsequent to appointments made at the Annual Council meeting, that:

i. Cllr Tom Tyson replace Cllr Keith Hoskins on the Cabinet Panel on Environment.
ii. Cllr Keith Hoskins replace Cllr Ruth Brown on the Cabinet Panel on Community.

2. DECISION TAKER

Melanie Stimpson, Democratic Services Manager.

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

26 January 2022.

4. REASON FOR DECISION

4.1 As per the constitution, the Service Director: Legal and Community and the Democratic Services Manager (given as a sub delegation) have delegated authority to make appointments (or where relevant nominate) Councillors or Substitutes to Committees, Sub-Committees, panels, boards and outside bodies, in consultation with Group Leaders during the civic year in respect of the appointments that have previously been made at Annual Council.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None considered. Appointments to seats allocated to each political party under the provisions of Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 are made on a politically proportionate basis at the Annual Council meeting. It is therefore a matter for the respective Group Leaders on who they wish to nominate as an appointment or replacement.

5.2 Regarding outside organisation and other bodies to which the Council has a seat, it is for Group Leaders to discuss and determine which Members be appointed.

6. CONSULTATION (INCLUDING THE EFFECT ON STAKEHOLDERS, PARTNERS AND THE PUBLIC)

6.1 In accordance with the Constitution, the delegated decision is made in consultation with Group Leaders.

7. FORWARD PLAN

7.1 This decision is not a key Executive decision and has therefore not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

8. BACKGROUND/ RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

8.1 Following the sudden passing of Councillor Paul Clark, Councillor Ruth Brown, was appointed to the position of Executive Member for Planning, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group and Deputy Leader of Council.

8.2 As a result Cllr Keith Hoskins was appointed Deputy Executive Member for Community Engagement.

8.3 Following which the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group provided notice to the Proper Officer, on 24 January 2022 (convened initially via the Committee, Member and Scrutiny Team), of changes as a result of 8.1, 8.2, subsequent to appointments made at the Annual Council meeting.

8.4 The Group Leaders were notified of the changes on 26 January 2022.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1. 14.6.8 (a) Delegation of Authority – Service Director: Legal and Community of the Constitution states:

(xx) To make appointments (or where relevant nominate) Councillors or Substitutes to Committees, Sub-Committees, panels, boards and outside bodies, in consultation with Group Leaders during the civic year in respect of the appointments that have previously been made at Annual Council.

9.2 14.6.2 (c) Scheme of Delegations to Officers – General Principles - *All officers discharging these functions may authorise any member of their staff to act on their behalf and shall keep a written record of all sub-delegations in a register held by the Monitoring Officer (subject to the limitations at 14.6.3 and within specific policies).*

9.3 Sub delegation to Democratic Services Manager under 1.14.1 of officer's delegations:

e) The appointment, nomination or revocation of appointment of any individual to any office/ body other than to Full Council in the event of vacation of office, in consultation with Group Leaders in respect of elected Councillors (In accordance with any requirements under the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, or any legislation replacing the same under section 14.5.1 of the Constitution.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1. There are no direct financial implications. There is a Members' Allowance budget which is approved via the budget setting propose and any councillor vacancy means that there are some savings until the seat is elected either at the ordinary elections usually held in May or where applicable via a by-election.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

11.1 A vacancy on a Committees, Sub-Committees or Panel could result in the respective political party not being fully represented at a particular meeting and that the district council is not represented at the outside organisation/bodies meetings.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

12.1 In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of their functions, give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

12.2 There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

13.1 The Social Value Act and “go local” policy do not apply to this decision.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

14.1. There are no known Environmental impacts or requirements that *apply to this report.*

15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

15.1 The Committee, Member and Scrutiny Team are responsible for updating the committee management system to ensure the membership on committees etc is accurate as well as ensuring the relevant members are notified of any summons to a meeting and agenda publication.

15.2 In addition, the Committee, Member and Scrutiny Team are responsible for notifying changes to the outside organisations and other bodies as well as notifying the payroll provider (in respect of members allowances’).

16. BACKGROUND PAPERS

16.1 Annual Council – 26 May 2021 Agenda for Council on Wednesday, 26th May, 2021, 7.30 pm - North Hertfordshire District Council (north-herts.gov.uk)

16.2 Council – 20 January 2022 – Appointment of Member, Substitute and Chair to the Planning Control Committee - Agenda for Council on Thursday, 20th January, 2022, 7.30 pm - North Herts Council (north-herts.gov.uk)

17. APPENDICES

17.1 *N/A*

NOTIFICATION DATE

Date: 3 February 2022

Signature of Decision Taker

Call-in does not apply to NON-EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Cabinet Panel on Community held in the Virtual Meeting on Monday, 31st January, 2022 at 7.30 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ian Albert and Tony Hunter.

Having given due notice, Councillor Michael Muir substituted for Councillor Tony Hunter.

2 MINUTES - 30 SEPTEMBER 2021, 8 NOVEMBER 2021

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Committee held on 30 September 2021 and 8 November 2021 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair.

3 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Chair welcomed those present at the meeting, especially those who had attended to give a presentation and join in the discussion. The focus of the meeting would be on Community Events Throughout 2022, with a specific focus on events arranged for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

2. The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded as well as filmed. The audio recording would be available on the NHDC website and the film recording via the NHDC YouTube channel;

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

4 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Jim McNally, Baldock Big Lunch Committee, was in attendance to give a verbal presentation.
- Tom Hardy, Hitchin BID Manager, was in attendance to give a verbal presentation.
- A number of other representatives of Town BIDs and local organisations were present to contribute to the discussions.

6 INFORMATION NOTE AND GROUP DISCUSSION

The Chair led a discussion around Community Events Throughout 2022, with a specific focus on the upcoming Platinum Jubilee events.

7 MEMBERS' DISCUSSION

The Chair led a discussion amongst Members on ways in which the Council could support community events in 2022 and beyond, with a specific focus on the upcoming Platinum Jubilee events.

8 ACTIONS ARISING AND WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED: That the Service Director – Commercial be requested to update the Work Programme with the following action points arising from the meetings discussions:

- To provide information on the NHDC website which includes ideas and examples of what we are doing to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, including a reminder of key Community Engagement contacts and promotion of smaller events.
- Set out timeframes on the NHDC website for undertaking an event application, to help applicants understand the time it will take.
- Explore whether the Council can provide, on its website, a comprehensive calendar of events happening across the district.
- Request that the Council uses its social media platforms to promote events happening across the district.
- To explore the possibility of the Council providing practical support for events (for example waste management).
- Include a wider discussion on community events in 2022 at a future meeting of the Cabinet Panel on Community Engagement.

EAST TEAM

Application No.	Applicant/Agent Address	Location Address, Applicant Name & Proposal
Baldock		
21/03511/LBC	Stuart Judd PicklePlanning PicklePlanning 1 Sale Drive, Clothall Common, Baldock, SG7 6NS	8 Whitehorse Street Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6QN Jason Kitchener External alterations to south-west elevation including replacing 2no. existing second floor dormer windows with single-glazed, side-hung casements with horizontal glazing bars, replace existing external kitcher door with part-glazed door and change previously approved 6-pane entrance door to flats with 9-pane, part-glazed door (as a variation to listed building consent ref: 18/00525/LBC granted on 12/09/2018).
22/00290/FPH	Brick Architects Ltd Mr Jack Punter 17 Brook View, Hitchin, SG4 9NY, United Kingdom	47 Salisbury Road Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5BZ Cussen Erection of front porch, enlarge existing rear window and replace existing rear bay window with bi-fold doors following demolition of existing front door canopy
Barkway Parish Council		
22/00263/FPH	2P Studio Mr Emlyn Pritchett 15 Bowker Close, Newport, CB11 3BQ	Keepers Barn Royston Road Barkway Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8BX Mr Ben Pape Single storey rear extension (as a resubmission of planning application 21/02064/FPH, refused on 27.10.2021)
Hinxworth Parish Council		
22/00224/FPH	Peter George Town Planning Mr Tom Donovan Nine Hills Road, Cambridge, CB2 1GE	The Paddock High Street Hinxworth Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5HJ Mr & Mrs Parker Single storey front extension following the conversion of the existing attached garage into habitable accommodation. Insertion of rear dormer window to north-western wing and replacement of existing first floor window to north-west elevation with French doors and 'Juliet' balcony. Replacement double glazed windows. Existing horizontal weatherboarding. re-painted black. New black-pained timber fascia and soffits.
Letchworth Garden City		

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DEADLINE FOR COUNCILLORS' CALL IN: 24/02/2022

22/00191/FPH	D.Chandler Architectural Design Ltd. Mr Daniel Chandler 61 Gernon Road, Letchworth, SG6 3HS, United Kingdom	23 Longmead Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4HP Mr & Mrs Byrne Two storey rear extension and insertion of rooflight to existing side roofslope to facilitate conversion of loftspace into habitable accommodation following demolition of existing rear conservatory
22/00193/FPH	ArchiTech Ltd. Mr Richard Chambers 72 Lytton Avenue, Letchworth, SG6 3HY, United Kingdom	15 Crabtree Dell Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 2TJ Mr and Mrs Patch Erection of front porch and single storey rear extension
22/00194/FPH	Houghton Architecture Ltd Mr Mark Houghton Suite 83, Enterprise House, 86 Bancroft, Hitchin, SG5 1NQ	28 Earlsmead Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3UE Mr & Mrs C Roe Part single, part two storey side extension
22/00211/TCA	Mr Mark Gibson 4Seasons Specialist Tree Surgeons 17 Marigold Way, Stotfold, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 4HQ, United Kingdom	13 Shott Lane Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1SD Miss Virginia Brown T2 Cherry - Lateral growth back to suitable growth points.
22/00228/FPH	PicklePlanning Stuart Judd 1 Sale Drive, Clothall Common, Baldock, SG7 6NS	83 Spring Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3SL Hugh Hamilton Erection of side elevation porch and replace existing attached garage doors with single timber door
22/00250/TCA	Mr Mark Gibson 4Seasons Specialist Tree Surgeons 17 Marigold Way, Stotfold, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 4HQ, United Kingdom	11 Shott Lane Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1SD Miss Virginia Brown T1 Ash - Prune back to the boundary to suitable growth points.
22/00252/FPH	D.Chandler Architectural Design Ltd. Mr Daniel Chandler 61 Gernon Road, Letchworth, SG6 3HS, United Kingdom	9 Baldock Lane Willian Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 2AY Mr Mike Delayney Single storey rear extension.

22/00262/FP	Galliford Try Mr Jodie Kane PO Box 17452, 2 Lochside View, Edinburgh, EH12 1LB, Scotland	Telecommunications Site Letchworth Gate Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire Care of Agent Removal of 15m high street furniture style mast incorporating 3No. antennas (Brown), 1No. meter cabinet and ancillary development. Installation of 20m high street furniture style mast incorporating 6No. antennas (Grey RAL7035), 1No. meter cabinet and ancillary development.
22/00286/TCA	Mr Fred Burkitt The Blue Tree Company 50 Bunyan Road, Hitchin, SG5 1NN, undefined	25 Pix Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1PU Mr Carl Albon T1 Black Pine - Reduce in height by 2.5 m and bring the sides into shape. All pruning to viable growth points. Remove major deadwood and thin canopy by 20%
22/00289/TCA	Mr Fred Burkitt The Blue Tree Company 50 Bunyan Road, Hitchin, SG5 1NN	14 Sollershott West Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3PX Jane Lavender T1 8x Conifers - Fell to ground level. T2 Sycamore - Fell to ground level. T3 Holly - Reduce to 4 m. T4 Sycamore group - Prune previous points. T5 Sycamore - Prune to previous points. T7 Cherry - Lift over driveway to provide a clearance of 3.5 - 4m. T9 Sycamore - Remove lowest limb.
Reed Parish Council		
22/00295/FPH	Nigel Cox Architects Mr Nigel Cox 13 Mornington, Welwyn, AL6 0AJ, United Kingdom	Drages Farm High Street Reed Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8AH MR S. Young Single storey side extension attached to main dwelling via small opening in existing side wall
22/00296/LBC	Nigel Cox Architects Mr Nigel Cox 13 Mornington, Welwyn, AL6 0AJ, United Kingdom	Drages Farm High Street Reed Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8AH MR S. Young Single storey side extension attached to main dwelling via small opening in existing side wall
Royston Town Council		

22/00227/LDCP	Ensen Design Mr Paul Emmerson 52 Minster Road, Royston, SG8 5EW, United Kingdom	42 Tannery Drift Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5DE Mr Jim Archibald Infill door of existing detached garage with brick and insertion of rooflight to existing garage roofslope
22/00245/TPO	Mr Matthew Kent Treelovers Limited 5 Newmans Court, Watton at Stone, SG14 3TN, Herts	19 Baldock Street Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5AY Mrs Bridget Pegma T1 Mature Horse Chestnut - Reduction of approx 2m back to previous pruning points and remove major dead wood.
22/00246/TPO	Mr Martin Oak Longacre Tree Surgery 4 Norwood Close, Hertford, SG142EX	23 St Marys Park Royston Hertfordshire SG8 7XB Dupuy T1 Silver maple - Fell and remove the stump
22/00247/FPH	CB Architect Mr Christopher Bond Office 1, First Floor, 1 Market Hill, Royston, SG89JL, United Kingdom	17 The Brambles Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9NQ Mr & Mrs D Williams Raise existing roof ridge height
Rushden And Wallington Parish Council		
22/00244/FPH	Westridge Property Consultants Mr R Clark Mill House, Mill Court, Great Shelford, Cambridge, CB22 5LD	Mill House Mill End Rushden Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0TA Mr & Mrs Lewin Erection of front elevation porch, attached garage and single storey side/rear extension
Sandon Parish Council		
22/00195/FPH	Mr Alastair Hazlewood 1 Brewers Cottages, Classified Road Sandon Lane To North Boundary, Of Doebridge Farm, Mill End, Mill End, SG9 0RW, United Kingdom	Brewers Cottage Classified Road Sandon Lane To North Boundary Of Doebridge Farm Mill End Sandon Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0RW Mr Alastair Hazlewood Installation of solar panels to existing detached stable block.

22/00196/LBC	Mr Alastair Hazlewood 1 Brewers Cottages, Classified Road Sandon Lane To North Boundary, Of Doebridge Farm, Mill End, Mill End, SG9 0RW, United Kingdom	Brewers Cottage Classified Road Sandon Lane To North Boundary Of Doebridge Farm Mill End Sandon Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0RW Mr Alastair Hazlewood Installation of solar panels to existing detached stable block.
Therfield Parish Council		
22/00298/TCA	Dr Duncan Casson The Paddock, Pedlars Lane, Therfield, Royston, SG8 9PX, United Kingdom	The Paddock Pedlars Lane Therfield Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9PX Dr Duncan Casson Ash - 50% crown reduction
Weston Parish Council		
22/00287/TCA	Mr Fred Burkitt The Blue Tree Company 50 Bunyan Road, Hitchin, SG5 1NN	Green End Cottage Green End Weston Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7AL Mr Dan Walton T1 Tree of Heaven - Crown reduce to previous points. Reduction of up to 2m

WEST TEAM

Application No.	Applicant/Agent Address	Location Address, Applicant Name & Proposal
22/00204/ADJ	Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE	54 Codicote Road Welwyn Hertfordshire AL6 9UJ Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council Internal alterations to amalgamate two flats (reduction of the approved 12 flats to 11 in total) with associated landscaping, parking, bin and cycle storage facilities. NORTH HERTS DISTRICT COUNCIL : ADJACENT AUTHORITY : CONSULTEE ONLY
Codicote Parish Council		

21/03441/PNAA	HUB Architects And Designers Ltd. Mr Simon Watkins Unit 25,, Basepoint, Crab Apple Way, Evesham, WR11 1GP	Hobbits Danesbury Park Road Welwyn Hertfordshire AL6 9SS Mr Steven Geddes Enlargement of detached dwelling by the construction of an additional storey over original dwelling, to result in an overall height of 8.52 metres.
22/00197/FPH	P Walsh Designs Mr P Walsh 23 St Dunstans Close, Monks Risborough, Bucks, HP27 9BN	5 Old Chapel Mews High Street Codicote Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8SY Mr David Goodrum Single storey rear extension
22/00261/FPH	Alison Young Planning Associates Ltd Ms Alison Young Yew Tree Cottage, Green End, Dane End, Ware, SG12 0NX	The Bungalow Vanstone Park Garden Centre Hitchin Road Codicote Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8TH Mr. G. Groom Erection of log cabin to side elevation and link to main dwelling
22/00273/PIP	Urbancurve Architecture Limited Mr Nick Blunt The Stallion Box, Raywood Offices, Leacon Lane, Charing, Kent, TN27 0ET	Land To The South East Of Long Barns Danesbury Park Road Welwyn Hertfordshire AL6 9SH Mr Eric Pavyer Permission in Principle: Erection of one dwelling.
Hitchin		
22/00096/FPH	Mr Colin Shambrook 8 Fairfield Way, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG4 0PU	8 Fairfield Way Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0PU Mr Colin Shambrook Erection of front porch
22/00163/LDCP	Mr Mark Hanson 33 Foster Drive, Hitchin, SG4 9EH	33 Foster Drive Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9EH Mr Mark Hanson Overclad existing brickwork on west elevation with insulation and "Cedral" boarding in "Cream White"

22/00179/FPH	Mrs Rachael Lawtey Lawtey Design 83a High Street, STEVENAGE, SG1 3HR	1 Winston Close Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2HB Richard and Jessica Tyler Single storey rear extension and replace existing front elevation uPVC cladding with render between brick piers following demolition of existing rear element
22/00213/FPH	Mr Kwok-Gam Ng 30 Hollow Lane, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG4 9SD	28 And 30 Hollow Lane Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9SD Mr Kwok-Gam Ng Formation of vehicular crossover in front of No.28 and No.30 Hollow Lane via a dropped kerb, hardstanding to front garden to create parking spaces, erection of retaining walls to front/side elevation and installation of EV charging points
22/00233/FPH	Mr Damien Poulter Damien Poulter 9 Bakers Grove, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 2DJ, United Kingdom	20 Queenswood Drive Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0LG Mr Philip Woods Single storey side and rear extension
22/00234/LDCP	Mr Damien Poulter Damien Poulter 9 Bakers Grove, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 2DJ, United Kingdom	20 Queenswood Drive Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0LG Mr Philip Woods Hip to gable roof extension, insertion of rooflights to existing front and dormer to existing rear roofslope to facilitate conversion of loftspace into habitable accommodation
22/00243/FPH	Architecture And Structural Design Solutions Mr Sam Burton 65 Shefford Road, Clifton, SG17 5RQ, Bedfordshire	49 Bedford Street Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2JG Isabelle Desmas Insertion of rear dormer window and two front velux windows to facilitate loft conversion.
22/00254/S73	Peter George Town Planning Mr Tom Donovan Nine Hills Road, Cambridge, CB2 1GE	151C Bearton Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1UB Mr Shahi Sultan The use of the premises as a hot food takeaway (Use Class Sui-Generis), shall only operate between the hours of 11.00am and 10.30pm Monday to Saturdays and between the hours of 4.00pm and 9.30pm on Sundays (including Bank Holidays) as variation of condition 3 of Planning permission 95/00276/1 granted 24.05.1995.

22/00256/FPH	Boyd Seddon Architect Mr Boyd Seddon 10 Periwinkle Lane , Hitchin, SG5 1TY, United Kingdom	26 High View Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2HL Mr & Mrs Watson Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear conservatory
22/00257/TCA	Mr William Boddey 23 Trevor Road, Hitchin, SG4 9TA, United Kingdom	23 Trevor Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9TA Mr William Boddey Pine - Crown reduction by 30% and thin. All deadwood to be removed.
22/00269/FPH	KDR Architectural Ltd Kevin Todd PO Box 1643, Bedford, MK42 5EJ, United Kingdom	8 Westwood Avenue Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9LH Ms K Sheryn First floor side extension over existing side extension
22/00288/TCA	Mr Fred Burkitt The Blue Tree Company 50 Bunyan Road, Hitchin, SG5 1NN, undefined	7 Highbury Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9RW Elham Faryad T1 Oak - Remove lowest 2 x limbs growing over the shed and the stub growing towards the left hand boundary. Crown reduce by up to 2m to viable growth points
22/00292/FPH	MSPACE Mr Chris McCaughey 15 Five Oaks, Caddington, Luton, LU1 4JD, UK	6 Linten Close Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9PA Mr Peter Martin Single storey side extension
Holwell Parish Council		
22/00217/FP	Mr Neil Hansford Inigo Architecture Ltd The Firs, 81 Station Road, Lower Stondon, SG16 6JN, Bedfordshire	Dunroamin Ramerick Nursery Bedford Road Holwell Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3RX Mr J Finnigan Erection of one detached 4-bed dwelling, detached double garage following demolition of existing detached garage and associated works.
Ickleford Parish Council		

22/00164/FP	Boyd Seddon Architect Mr Boyd Seddon 10 Periwinkle Lane , Hitchin, SG5 1TY, United Kingdom	Bella House Snailswell Lane Ickleford Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3TP PMC Consultants Erection of one detached 3-bed dwelling (revision of previously approved planning permission 14/03254/1 granted 29.01.2015).
22/00172/FP	Peter George Town Planning Mr Tom Donovan Nine Hills Road, Cambridge, CB2 1GE	Glencoe Villa Snailswell Lane Ickleford Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3TS Mr and Mrs Del Basso Erection of one detached four-bedroom dwelling with associated access, car parking and hard and soft landscaping following the demolition of existing structures and hardstanding.
Knebworth Parish Council		
22/00186/FPH	A.T. Design (Welwyn) Ltd Mr Adam Trigg 30c High Street, Welwyn, AL6 9EQ	Hollybush House 39A Pondcroft Road Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6DE Mr Chris Aconley Single storey rear extension
Pirton Parish Council		
22/00242/LDCP	ArchiTech Ltd. Mr Richard Chambers 72 Lytton Avenue, Letchworth, Herts, SG6 3HY, United Kingdom	15 Danefield Road Pirton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3QQ Mrs Venn Insertion of rear dormer window to facilitate loft conversion.
Preston Parish Council		
21/03445/FPH	Mr Alan Duncan Mr Alan Duncan 56 High Street, Whitwell, Herts, SG4 8AG	Chequers End Chequers Lane Preston Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7TY Mr Neal Brearley Erection of detached pool changing facilitates. Conversion of existing detached garage to provide games room at ground floor level and one bedroom at first floor level.
Wymondley Parish Council		

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22/00222/FP	Mike Easton Mike Easton 21 Shrubbery Grove, Royston, Sg8 9lj, United Kingdom	Titmore Green Farm Stevenage Road Titmore Green Little Wymondley Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7JT Mr Bernard Duffy	Change of use of agricultural barns to light industrial and storage and distribution with ancillary offices (renewal of planning application 11/02173/1 granted 31.10.2011).

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List of Planning Decisions
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(Including Withdrawn decisions)

EAST TEAM

Application No: 20/00801/DOC	**Location:** Johnson Matthey Plc Orchard Road Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5HE **Applicant Name:** Mr Michael Davies **Description:**Discharge of Condition 13 (Surface Water Drainage Strategy) as attached to Planning Application 18/01764/FP granted on 18.01.2019	**Decision:** Approval of Details **Decision Date:** 01/02/2022
Application No: 21/00803/FPH	**Location:** Mardleybury Manor Reed End Therfield Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9RL **Applicant Name:** c/o Strutt & Parker **Description:**Erection of greenhouse to the east of the Manor House and external alterations to existing barn (as amended by plans received on 12/01/2022)	**Decision:** Conditional Permission **Decision Date:** 01/02/2022
Application No: 21/02112/OP	**Location:** Daisy Barn Treacle Lane Rushden Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0SL **Applicant Name:** Mr And Mrs R Sedgewick **Description:**Outline application for one detached dwelling (all matters reserved except means of access).	**Decision:** Conditional Permission **Decision Date:** 28/01/2022
Application No: 21/02550/FPH	**Location:** 30 Haymoor Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4HT **Applicant Name:** Mr & Mrs Howe **Description:**First floor rear extension over existing rear extension and erection of rear detached annex following demolition of existing detached garage (as amended by plans no. 3610 19C, 3610 20C and 3610 21B received 11th November 2021).	**Decision:** Conditional Permission **Decision Date:** 31/01/2022
Application No: 21/03279/DOC	**Location:** Icknield Way Cottage High Street Barley Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8JA **Applicant Name:** Mr Cordell **Description:**Discharge of Condition 7 (Glazing bars) as attached to Listed Building Consent 21/00308/LBC granted on 06.09.2021 (as amended by plan received 27/01/22)	**Decision:** Approval of Details **Decision Date:** 01/02/2022
Application No: 21/03374/OP	**Location:** Baldock Services Great North Road Radwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5TR **Applicant Name:** . Extra MSA Baldock Ltd. **Description:**Erection of a Drive-Thru Coffee Shop with associated car parking with all matters reserved except for access.	**Decision:** Conditional Permission **Decision Date:** 31/01/2022
Application No: 21/03386/FPH	**Location:** 13 Dixies Close Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5QN **Applicant Name:** Mrs Alison Chester **Description:**Single storey side and rear extension following demolition of existing detached side elevation outbuilding as amended by plans received on 25 and 26 January 2022	**Decision:** Conditional Permission **Decision Date:** 31/01/2022
Application No: 21/03396/LBC	**Location:** 92 Norton Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1AG **Applicant Name:** Mrs Clare Buddle Letchworth Garden City Heritage Fo **Description:**Replace 2no. external doors (1no. boarded and 1no. part-glazed) to side elevation with new black-painted doors (1no. boarded and 1no. part-glazed).	**Decision:** Conditional Consent **Decision Date:** 27/01/2022

EAST TEAM		
Application No: 21/03408/FPH	**Location:** Sandon Bury Cottage Sandon Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0QY **Applicant Name:** Mr Faure Walker **Description:**Two storey rear extension following demolition of existing lean-to.	**Decision:** Conditional Permission **Decision Date:** 28/01/2022
Application No: 21/03432/FPH	**Location:** 2 Providence Way Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6TT **Applicant Name:** Mr And Mrs Shaw **Description:**Single storey side extension	**Decision:** Conditional Permission **Decision Date:** 31/01/2022
Application No: 21/03455/FP	**Location:** Unit 5 - 7 Greenfield Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5HN **Applicant Name:** Tuplin Ltd Mr Henderson **Description:**Erection of open-sided canopy to provide a covered loading area.	**Decision:** Conditional Permission **Decision Date:** 01/02/2022
Application No: 21/03538/TCA	**Location:** Elm Tree House Letchworth Lane Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3ND **Applicant Name:** Mr Tom McNicholas **Description:**3 x Lawson Cypress - Remove	**Decision:** No Objection **Decision Date:** 02/02/2022
Application No: 22/00012/EC	**Location:** Land Opposite 41 Ashwell Street Ashwell Hertfordshire SG7 5QT **Applicant Name:** Sitec Infrastructure Services Ltd Pauline Martin **Description:**Installation of FTTP Voneus cabinet: 1000mm (W), 540mm (D), 1700mm (H) and Power cabinet: 400mm (W), 250mm (D), 1018mm (H)	**Decision:** No Objection **Decision Date:** 28/01/2022
Application No: 22/00068/NMA	**Location:** 22 Cashio Lane Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1AX **Applicant Name:** Mr J Owen **Description:**Change of glazing bars on windows to horizontal style to match the style of original house; removal of the proposed front porch; removal of the proposed pitched roof over the front bay window; removal of the proposed front gable roof and first floor element of the extension (As Non-Material Amendment to Planning Permission 21/00940/FPH granted 12.05.2021).	**Decision:** Agreed **Decision Date:** 31/01/2022
Application No: 22/00115/TPO	**Location:** Spring Wood Spring Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3PR **Applicant Name:** Mr Darren Oswick Treescapes garden services **Description:**Blue atlas cedar - 20% reduction & dead wooding.	**Decision:** Conditional Consent **Decision Date:** 28/01/2022
WEST TEAM		
Application No: 20/01638/FP	**Location:** Land To The Rear Of Nos 61 And 61A Radcliffe Road, Hitchin SG5 1QG **Applicant Name:** Mr Adams **Description:**Conversion and extension of existing outbuildings to form two semi-detached 3-bed dwellings including creation of vehicular access off Radcliffe Road together with associated parking and amenity area (as amended by plan received 21.10.20).	**Appeal Decision:** Appeal Allowed **Decision Date:** 01/02/2022
Application No: 21/00052/DOC	**Location:** 63 Bancroft Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1LL **Applicant Name:** Mr D Robert Robkit Developments **Description:**Discharge of Condition 8 (Land contamination) as attached to Planning Application 20/00193/FP granted on 08.06.2020	**Decision:** Approval of Details **Decision Date:** 01/02/2022
Application No: 21/00354/FP	**Location:** Land To The Rear Of 23 Conquest Close Hitchin Hertfordshire **Applicant Name:** Mr Harry Schleider Hurstcourt Investments Limited **Description:**Erection of one 3-bed and one 2-bed bungalows including associated car parking.	**Decision:** Refused **Decision Date:** 28/01/2022

WEST TEAM

Application No: 21/01392/FP	**Location:** Land Rear Of 17 Walnut Tree Road Pirton Hertfordshire **Applicant Name:** Mr O Doyle Blakeney Estates **Description:**Erection of ten dwellings comprising of two 2-bed, four 3-bed, one 4-bed and three 5-bed dwellings with associated garaging and landscaping including creation of new vehicular access off Walnut Tree Road.	**Decision:** Conditional Permission **Decision Date:** 01/02/2022
Application No: 21/02576/FP	**Location:** Courtlands Todds Green Stevenage Hertfordshire SG1 2JE **Applicant Name:** EHP Land & Development Ltd **Description:**Means of access in relation to proposed redevelopment of existing stables to provide 17 dwellings with access road, parking, landscaping, footpath connections, infiltration basin and pump station.	**Decision:** Conditional Permission **Decision Date:** 28/01/2022
Application No: 21/02986/FPH	**Location:** Dungarvan Back Lane Preston Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7UJ **Applicant Name:** Mr Buckland **Description:**Conversion of bungalow into a two storey dwelling involving: raising of roof including insertion of three side dormer windows and front, side and rear roof lights to facilitate addition of first floor, two storey front extension, double height porch extension, single storey rear extension and alterations to existing fenestration.	**Decision:** Conditional Permission **Decision Date:** 01/02/2022
Application No: 21/03346/FPH	**Location:** 103 Bearton Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1UF **Applicant Name:** Mr & Mrs Rob/Teresa Ainscough **Description:**Two storey front/side extension, part single storey, part two storey rear extension and erection of detached garden shed following demolition of existing rear conservatory and detached garage	**Decision:** Conditional Permission **Decision Date:** 31/01/2022
Application No: 21/03381/FPH	**Location:** 4 Bearton Avenue Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1NZ **Applicant Name:** Ms D Girgenti **Description:**Side and rear first floor extension over existing side garage and rear extension and single storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear sunroom as amended by plan received on 21 January 2022	**Decision:** Conditional Permission **Decision Date:** 28/01/2022
Application No: 21/03402/DOC	**Location:** 11A High Street Kimpton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8RA **Applicant Name:** S Hearn **Description:**Discharge of Condition 4 (Electric vehicle charging point) as attached to Planning Application 21/02434/FP granted on 20.10.21	**Decision:** Not Required **Decision Date:** 01/02/2022
Application No: 21/03403/DOC	**Location:** 11A High Street Kimpton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8RA **Applicant Name:** S Hearn **Description:**Discharge of Condition 7 (Landscaping) as attached to Planning Application 21/02434/FP granted on 20.10.21	**Decision:** Agreed **Decision Date:** 28/01/2022
Application No: 21/03404/DOC	**Location:** 11A High Street Kimpton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8RA **Applicant Name:** S Hearn **Description:**Discharge of Condition 8 (Materials) as attached to Planning Application 21/02434/FP granted on 20.10.21	**Decision:** Agreed **Decision Date:** 28/01/2022
Application No: 21/03433/FPH	**Location:** 3 Holden Close Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0EJ **Applicant Name:** Mr & Mrs Janes **Description:**Single storey side link extension between detached garage and dwelling.	**Decision:** Conditional Permission **Decision Date:** 31/01/2022

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Application No: 21/03438/FPH	**Location:** 26 Verulam Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1QE **Applicant Name:** Mr & Mrs Sanders-Hewett **Description:**Single storey side extension and 2.1m high boundary fence.	**Decision:** Conditional Permission **Decision Date:** 01/02/2022
Application No: 21/03453/FPH	**Location:** 8 The Aspens Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9NB **Applicant Name:** Mr & Mrs Hepple **Description:**Single storey rear extension	**Decision:** Conditional Permission **Decision Date:** 27/01/2022
Application No: 21/03462/DOC	**Location:** 7 Royal Oak Lane Pirton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3QT **Applicant Name:** Mr Westcott **Description:**Discharge of Condition 3 (Materials list) as attached to Planning Application 20/00924/FP granted on 25.06.2020	**Decision:** Approval of Details **Decision Date:** 31/01/2022
Application No: 21/03470/FPH	**Location:** 11 Mill Road St Ippolyts Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7RG **Applicant Name:** Mr & Mrs C Atkinson **Description:**Single storey rear extension	**Decision:** Conditional Permission **Decision Date:** 01/02/2022
Application No: 21/03473/FPH	**Location:** 14 Kingswood Avenue Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0PA **Applicant Name:** Mr Kevin Hardwick **Description:**Front porch extension and single storey rear extension (as amended by plans received 17 January 2022).	**Decision:** Conditional Permission **Decision Date:** 28/01/2022
Application No: 21/03482/DOC	**Location:** 7 Royal Oak Lane Pirton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3QT **Applicant Name:** Mr Westcott **Description:**Discharge of Condition 4 (Landscaping) as attached to Planning Application 20/00924/FP granted on 25.06.2020	**Decision:** Approval of Details **Decision Date:** 31/01/2022
Application No: 21/03493/FPH	**Location:** 13 Kershaws Hill Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9AQ **Applicant Name:** Dr M Rigby & Ms S Chadha-Rigby **Description:**Erection of side entrance porch, single storey side extension, two storey rear extension, insertion of rooflights and solar panels to existing front roofslope and insertion of dormer to existing rear roofslope to facilitate conversion of loftspace into habitable accommodation. Replace existing side elevation door with a window, insertion of side elevation first floor window and cladding of rear elevation brick wall	**Decision:** Conditional Permission **Decision Date:** 01/02/2022
Application No: 21/03498/AG	**Location:** Todds End Todds Green Stevenage Hertfordshire SG1 2JE **Applicant Name:** Mr And Mrs Simon Smyth Todds End Estate **Description:**Erection of agricultural storage building.	**Decision:** Prior Approval Not Required **Decision Date:** 31/01/2022
Application No: 22/00042/AG	**Location:** Land Adjacent To Brookend Farm House Stevenage Road St Ippolyts Hertfordshire **Applicant Name:** Mr David Chapman **Description:**Erection of storage barn associated with the agricultural use of the site including installation of additional hardstanding to the front of the barn to provide all weather access.	**Decision:** Prior Approval Not Required **Decision Date:** 01/02/2022
Application No: 22/00077/TCA	**Location:** Site Of Former John Burgess And Co Ltd Wratten Road East Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2AP **Applicant Name:** Burgess Homes **Description:**T1 Beech - Reduce by 3m and shape	**Decision:** No Objection **Decision Date:** 02/02/2022

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Application No: 22/00112/LDCP	**Location:** 3 Broadmead Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9LU **Applicant Name:** Mr John Medcalf **Description:**Increase the width of existing rear dormer window.	**Decision:** Granted Permission **Decision Date:** 27/01/2022
Application No: 22/00152/TCA	**Location:** 31 Benslow Lane Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9RE **Applicant Name:** Mr James Collier **Description:**Holly - Remove	**Decision:** No Objection **Decision Date:** 02/02/2022
Application No: 22/00161/TPO	**Location:** Land At 21-23 Pirton Road And 25-59 High Point Pirton Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2BH **Applicant Name:** E Snedden High Point Hitchin (Maintenance) Ltd - C/o **Description:**T3 Mature Sycamore - Pollard overall crown by approx. 4m below previous reduction points. Remove limb with significant lean over garage block. To reduce crown weight to main stem and reduce crown to a compact form, alleviating weight stress to multi-stemmed tree and lower attachment points. T10. Scots Pine - Fell. T11 Sycamore - Fell. T13 Mature Scots Pine - Fell and remove to low stump level	**Decision:** Conditional Consent **Decision Date:** 02/02/2022
Application No: 22/00167/TCA	**Location:** 1 Wallace Court Bancroft Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1LN **Applicant Name:** Mr Joe Darby Ace of Trees **Description:**T1 Goat Willow - Fell to ground level	**Decision:** No Objection **Decision Date:** 31/01/2022

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PRESS RELEASE

PR 3635 **01 February 2022**

North Herts Lottery officially launches to good causes

North Herts Council officially launched its Community Lottery on 18 January with an online event for local good causes.

20 different organisations from across the district, including charities, youth groups, sports clubs, heritage organisations and conservation groups, attended the virtual event.

Chloe Gray, North Herts Council's Commercial Manager, said: "It was a privilege to welcome everyone to the virtual event. I was delighted so many good causes we able to join us. We are looking forward to signing up plenty of local groups to the North Herts Community Lottery, as it offers a simple way for them to raise money for their good causes. We are excited about the future of the Lottery and to watch it grow as more good causes sign up and ticket sales commence.

"We are committed to continuing our support of local voluntary and community groups, and this is a good way to spread the benefit more widely across the district."

Once a good cause has signed up to the North Herts Community Lottery, they will be able to set up their own lottery page and receive 50p in every pound spent by players who choose to support their cause.

Local good causes that want to be a part of the lottery can find out more or register online at: www.northhertscommunitylottery.co.uk.

Ticket sales will go live on 15 February via the above website. Please look out for more information on this soon.

North Herts Council Lottery's first draw is on 19 March. Players have a one in 50 chance of winning one of the prizes, which range from the £25,000 jackpot to three extra lottery tickets.

You can keep up to date with the Lottery by following the Community Lottery on twitter and Facebook:

https://twitter.com/NorthHertsLotto

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