

NORTH HERTS COUNCIL

WEEK ENDING 29 April 2022

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NEWS AND INFORMATION

AGENDA & REPORTS

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None

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS WEEK COMMENCING 1 MAY 2022

None

CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS WEEK COMMENCING 1 MAY 2022

Date	Event	Location
	None	

VICE-CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS WEEK COMMENCING 1 MAY 2022

Date	Event	Location
	None	

OTHER EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 1 MAY 2022

Date	Event	Location
	None	

Community Protection

Health and Wellbeing (inc. healthy hub) and Safeguarding

- The Healthy Hub drop-ins in Royston, Hitchin and Letchworth are now scheduled to the end of August 2022. Attendance figures in all locations are continuing to rise with many Royston and Letchworth sessions fully booked. Activities for families remain more popular than for adults, although bookings all round are increasing. Further information can be found [here](#).
- Following an open invitation to the voluntary sector, 7 further tea parties are scheduled in partnership with organisations including the North Herts 50+ forum, Age UK, Baldock Young at Heart Club and Knebworth Link Up.
- Awarded £50k from the Health Protection Board Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) to continue with wellbeing projects in 2022/23. March saw the delivery of card making, flower arranging, afternoon tea and cake making sessions delivered using the current funding stream.
- A Health and Wellbeing Apprentice will be joining the team in the summer.
- Three Modern Slavery Training Sessions were delivered throughout March to support staff and members following a rise in concerns. Forty-five staff and one member attended.

Community Safety (excl. enviro-crime)

- Last month partners were involved in the Redhill path action day. This involved partners from settle, Police, North Herts Council and volunteer groups tidying the path, cutting back the overgrowth as well as offering crime prevention advice and a survey of local residents as to what they would like done with the path. Complaints of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and concerns expressed by females, re the state of the path, prompted the actions. Further information can be found [here](#).
- The Lord Lister Hotel has continued to cause concern. Following the Hitchin Councillors surgery on 2nd April, there have been two follow up referrals requested by Councillors, which the team are dealing with the police to address.
- ASB continues to be prevalent at Cannon House in Hitchin and the Community Safety Team have been assisting in helping to address these issues.
- Youth ASB continues in Letchworth, with a serious GBH inflicted on a young male recently. Partners are working with a secondary school to identify the individuals involved in the ASB and to take necessary action.

Policy & Community Engagement

The team has been busy with ongoing Community and Member support in addition attending Committee meetings and working on youth engagement:

- Area Committee meetings and Town Talks.
- Support of various events/meetings and sign posting to external funding within the District including a safety event in Westmill, Ashwell Fireworks, Chair's Community Recognition Awards ceremony, North Herts Arts & Culture Network, Hitchin Eco Day, Jubilee events, North Herts Youth Action Network, Climate Change Officer Group Terms of Reference and Letchworth Colour Run.
- Grant provision/ monitoring for Health Protection Board (HPB) funds and Household Support Funds. Application for left-over balance (21-22) submitted to HPB for £48K (to be considered shortly).
- Insight article promoting WWF carbon calculator to staff and members.
- Working with Police and County Councillors on a Youth Project for Royston which will potentially run once a month for six months.
- Preparing for & new Assistant Community Engagement Officer (Aimee) starting in role (to cover Southern Rural).
- Liaison between internal and external partners regarding various issues raised by the public, including Keystage Housing's at the Lord Lister in Hitchin and Letchworth Multistorey car park.
- Policy team considering some of Lord Lister Hotel planning comments.
- Community wealth building funding; Bringing in Community Partners and designing grant application form.
- Drafting content for an infographic around funding available for retrofitting as part of the Climate Change Strategy Actions.
- Team have attended various training courses and seminars including: Modern Slavery, ZenCity, Corporate Safeguarding and Climate Change Adaptation.
- Quarterly Memorandum of Understanding grant meetings with Citizens Advice and Centre for Voluntary Services.
- Evaluating Luton Airport expansion documents alongside other district and county local authorities.
- Discussion with various groups and internally about the Sustainable Warmth Funding.
- Revision/update of Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan to identify next steps.
- Attendance and support of, Police Safety event, Westmill Community Centre with other local partners.

Democratic Services

Elections

Work continues in preparation for the 5 May polls on a number of fronts. Since the last update, the nominations period has passed with 113 candidates coming forwards across the various areas up for election. All 18 district wards plus 3 wards of Royston Town Council will have contested elections.

At present, we are working hard to finalise arrangements for postal vote opening sessions and the count. Furthermore, the deadlines to apply to register to vote at these elections of 14 April, and apply to vote by post of 19 April have now passed. The team has therefore also been involved in a lot of work to manage the volume of applications around these deadlines so that everything is processed on time.

Aside from the elections, the boundary review process continues to progress, with the next meeting scheduled for 18 May. The current stage is to design proposed ward boundaries for submission to the Boundary Commission and work is ongoing.

The Elections Team also still has a vacancy within the team, which is currently open for applications – this will close following the elections in early May. The Electoral Services Assistant (Dominic) started work with the Authority during the nomination period so has hit the ground running.

Committee

The Committee Team is preparing for the new civic year timetabling meetings and report deadlines, making external room bookings, and administrating the streaming systems in place to make meetings as accessible to the public as possible. The Members Induction programme is being finalised with Service Directors and will be ready for presentation to the Member Learning & Development Champions group in the next few days. We have worked closely with the Electoral Services Manager to integrate the mod.gov and express systems to provide a streamlined and accessible online platform for the declaration of results. This will also assist with the proportionality calculations.

The team is working at slightly reduced capacity as one CMSO is assisting the Electoral Services Team at present.

The outstanding CMSO vacancy has now closed and shortlisted candidates will be interviewed on 11 May, allowing a short period to induct any new member of staff just in time for the new civic year.



MEMBERS INFORMATION NOTE

Chair's Charity Music Night

Councillor Val Bryant invites you to spend an evening with live music in aid of her chosen charities at **The Orange Tree in Baldock, SG7 5AW, starting at 7:30pm on 22 May.**

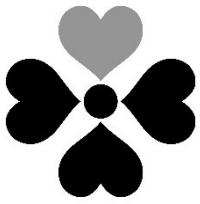
Live music will be playing inside the pub which also has an extensive outside area. There will be a 'pint meal' of fish and chips, traditional sausage or veggie sausage and chips included in the price of £20.

Ticket sales will go towards both Tilehouse Counselling and Garden House Hospice as the Chair's chosen charities.

You can purchase a ticket on the North Herts payment website [here](#). (Then click on 'item details') or email your interest to penny.copestake@north-herts.gov.uk.

You may wish to make a donation, which can be done by clicking this link: [Civica Pay - Make a Donation](#)

You are also able to donate a raffle prize if you wish; to donate please contact penny.copestake@north-herts.gov.uk or val.bryant@north-herts.gov.uk.



LEGAL AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS INFORMATION NOTE

Community Renewal Fund

In May 2021, the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) published the £200m Community Renewal Fund, inviting applications from authorities across the UK, with several areas being identified as priority areas for funding. Hertfordshire was not identified as a priority area. Despite this the Partners agreed to submit a joint bid, and a broad project approach was agreed, consistent with the Growth Board objectives. Stevenage Borough Council agreed to undertake the role of lead and accountable body and took responsibility for writing and submitting the bid.

£500k is available to be split equally between the ten districts (£50k each) to use to deliver Activity 3, and the required outcomes in Annex 1. Districts can develop proposals that best suit their geographical make-up, and these must include distributing grants that support the development of VCSE organisations and micro businesses as part of proposals.

£10k of this funding has been provided as a contribution to the Pan Hertfordshire Community Wealth programme, for projects that provide environmental sustainability and supporting apprenticeships. This leaves £40,000 to be utilised within the North Hertfordshire District.

The remaining £40k will be utilised for a partnership project that engages those who are economically inactive and provide them with experience, training, and skills to help them back into further education, employment, or being able to start their own business.

The partners of the project are Citizen's Advice North Herts, North Herts Centre for Voluntary Services and Create Community CIC.

By working in together, the partners can offer each client a personalised programme to help break down the barriers to employment they may be experiencing.

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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]

SERVICE DIRECTORATE: LEGAL & COMMUNITY

1. DECISION TAKEN

The approval of £40,000 from the Community Renewal Fund from the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) via Stevenage Borough Council to target those who are economically inactive to provide skills and support to help them into paid or voluntary work or training:

- 1.1. **£10,000** to Citizens Advice North Herts as outlined in 9.1
- 1.2. **£10,000** to North Herts CVS as outlined in 9.2
- 1.3. **£20,000** to Create Community as outlined in 9.3

2. DECISION TAKER

Jeanette Thompson Service Director: Legal and Community

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

28 April 2022

4. REASON FOR DECISION

To use the MHCLG funding.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not to use the funding in the way described. This was not considered to be an effective option.

6. CONSULTATION WITH MEMBERS

Consultation has taken place with relevant Executive Member(s).

7. FORWARD PLAN

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 Since September 2018, partners have been working collaboratively through the Hertfordshire Growth Board – an alliance consisting of the Leaders of all the Local Authorities and the Chair of the LEP. Together, the Partners are responding to the place leadership and growth challenges that face Hertfordshire now and, in the future, and are committed to ensuring that the Partners work in a proactive, positive and inclusive way.
- 8.2 In May 2021, the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) published the £200m Community Renewal Fund, inviting applications from authorities across the UK, with several areas being identified as priority areas for funding. Hertfordshire was not identified as a priority area. Despite this the Partners agreed to submit a joint bid, and a broad project approach was agreed, consistent with the Growth Board objectives. Stevenage Borough Council agreed to

undertake the role of lead and accountable body and took responsibility for writing and submitting the bid.

- 8.3 Bid outcomes were expected in July 2021, with projects due to start in August. However, announcements were delayed, and it was in November 2021 that Stevenage heard that its bid had been successful; the project was awarded £715,672.
- 8.4 £500k is available to be split equally between the ten districts (£50k each) to use to deliver Activity 3, and the required outcomes in Annex 1. Districts can develop proposals that best suit their geographical make-up, and these must include distributing grants that support the development of VCSE organisations and micro businesses as part of proposals.
- 8.5 Stevenage Borough Council were particularly interested in supporting partnership projects that show a cooperative approach. It is our intention to work with one collaboration and between 2 to 4 single micro business / VCSE organisations

6.6 The core objectives and aims of the Community wealth building fund

- 8.6.1 Activity 3: To establish schemes that (i) run innovative projects to support people to improve their life skills, training, and job prospects; and (ii) support VCSE organisations and micro-businesses to become more enterprising, e.g., develop their ability to win grants and contracts, consider their sustainability and develop decarbonisation plans. Support may include small grants to enable them to begin to deliver on their plans.

8.6.2 Activities funded

Creating and providing more accessible training and job opportunities for people who are unemployed and economically inactive.

8.6.2 Required outcomes

Each District will help at least 3 VCSE organisations and 2 micro business (micro businesses include social enterprises, CIC's, Co-Operatives etc).

Of those organisations receiving support, each will help at least 10 individuals; 7 who are unemployed, and 3 who are economically inactive. This can include volunteers.

Unemployed people will be without a job, actively seeking work in the last four weeks and available to start work in two weeks. If they are claiming benefits, these will be Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) or intensive work search under Universal Credit.

Economically inactive people will be not in work and not seeking work. If they are claiming benefits, these will include Employment Support Allowance and Incapacity Benefit, along with specific conditionality under Universal Credit.

- 8.7 Working in collaboration with the Economic Development and Community Engagement VCSE partners were identified and encouraged to work in partnership to provide a wraparound project whereby each partner provides separate elements that enable those who are economically inactive back into voluntary work, employment, or training.
- 8.8 Discussions have taken place with these partners and they have come up with customer journey whereby they all work together and depending on the needs of the individual they can refer between themselves to provide the best action plan for the individual's needs.

9. APPLICATION DETAILS

9.1 North Herts Citizens Advice (NHCA)

Project	To work in partnership with Create Community and North Herts CVS to support unemployed and economically inactive people to enter further training or into employment
Sum requested:	£10,000

Council objectives

People first
A brighter future together

They are currently designing the project and aim to start delivering towards the end of April. The project will end on 31st July.

By working together, they can offer each client a personalised programme to help break down the barriers to employment they may be experiencing. This programme will include short courses, digital skills training, mentoring, access to volunteering opportunities and advice to address any practical problems affecting their lives.

The Client can self-refer to the project via any of the three services or be proactively referred by the partners. In addition, referrals will come from the Job Centre. The project will be publicised via social media and posters in our premises. The first stage for clients will be a triage/needs assessment which can be carried out by any of the three partners. Project work will be carried out at CANH and Create premises in Letchworth, and at CANH premises in Royston.

CANH will provide the practical advice element of the programme. We will advise on any issue but are anticipating most demand will be for money advice. The advice offered will be tailored for each client according to the complexity of the issue(s) and the client's capability. The adviser assigned to this project will be at generalist level, but clients will have access to CANH's specialist services if necessary.

Research carried out by Citizens Advice in 2020 (National Outcomes and Impact Research) showed that 4 out of 10 people found it easier to find or hold down a job after receiving advice from a local Citizens Advice office. 97% of clients said that practical problems made other areas of their life more difficult. All clients surveyed said their problems caused anxiety and/or financial difficulty. Solving practical problems has been shown to increase people's ability to cope better with day-to-day life, increase mental well-being, and set people on a more positive pathway towards training or employment.

The £10,000 for CANH will be spent on 2 days a week of paid staff time to deliver assessment and advice to project clients, plus some management hours for project development and outcome reporting. This has been costed on a full cost recovery basis so the project will cover its share of organisational overheads. CANH will collect all necessary demographic and outcome data.

Additionally, they intend to use housing and sheltered scheme managers who all work in the community to identify genuine cases of hardship where they can enhance lives this winter and provide this financial help to prevent fuel poverty. Rather than give cash they intend to order appliances etc through shops that they currently use and purchase vouchers for high street shops to give to residents to purchase warm clothing and other eligible items.

Each case would have a financial assessment and a referral for authorisation. They will ask for match funding from the resident where possible for expensive items such as appliances/carpet, or fully fund if unaffordable.

9.2 North Hertfordshire Centre for Voluntary Services (NHCVS)

Project

North Herts CVS will work in partnership with Citizens Advice North Hertfordshire (CANH) and Create Community to support unemployed and economically inactive people to enter further training or into employment.

Sum requested:

£10,000

Council objectives

People first

They are currently collaboratively designing the project and aim to start delivering towards the end of April. The project will end on 31st July.

By working together, they can offer each client a personalised programme to help break down the barriers to employment they may be experiencing. This programme will include short courses, digital skills training, mentoring, access to volunteering opportunities and advice to address any practical problems affecting their lives.

Clients can self-refer to the project via any of the three services or be proactively referred by the partners. In addition, referrals will come from the Job Centre. The project will be publicised via social media and posters in distributed locally. The first stage for clients will be a triage/needs assessment which can be carried out by any of the three partners. Project work will be carried out at CANH and Create premises in Letchworth, and at CANH premises in Royston.

North Herts and Stevenage CVS will provide the practical support and training for clients with the use of IT and provide relevant equipment (such as a tablet or laptop) when required. They will also provide a tailored brokerage service for clients who would like to explore a voluntary role and match them to a role where they can gain relevant experience and skills.

The £10,000 for North Herts CVS will be spent on 10 hours a week of paid staff time to deliver support and advice to project clients, plus some management hours for project development and outcome reporting. NHCVS will also use some of the funding to provide IT equipment where required if there are not sufficient devices available through their Staying Connected project. This has been costed on a full cost recovery basis so the project will cover its share of organisational overheads. They have agreed to collect all necessary demographic and outcome data.

9.4 Create Community

Project	Create Community will work in partnership with Citizens Advice North Hertfordshire (CANH) and North Herts CVS to support unemployed and economically inactive people to enter further training or into employment.
Sum requested:	£20,000
NHDC Policy met	Yes
Council objectives	People first A brighter future together

Create Community are currently designing the project and aim to start delivering towards the end of April. The project will end on 31st July.

By working with the two other partners, they can offer each client a personalised programme to help break down the barriers to employment they may be experiencing.

This programme will include short courses, digital skills training, mentoring, access to volunteering opportunities and advice to address any practical problems affecting their lives.

Client can self-refer to the project via any of the three services or be proactively referred by the partners. In addition, referrals will come from the Job Centre. The project will be publicised via social media and posters in their premises. The first stage for clients will be a triage/needs assessment which can be carried out by any of the three partners. Project work will be carried out at CANH and Create premises in Letchworth, and at CANH premises in Royston.

Create's primary role will be to provide a safe and nurturing space (from their Hub for 2 mornings per week), where they'll have staff and volunteers available to offer nourishment (mental and physical), advice, guidance and signposting.

This will include:

- space, time and support
- the opportunity to offload, pause, and explore options for next steps
- CV support and job searching
- signposting for further in-house or external provision
- access to experienced and volunteer support
- access to the laptops/internet

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
- Their existing provision of courses and activities
- the support of volunteers who can sustain the initiative both in terms of administrative/operational help but also insight from their own experience and learning

The £20,000 for Create Community will be spent upon:

- contribution to overheads and space/room rental
- staff provision to clients ... assessment, advice and signposting
- project/staff/volunteer management
- project development
- outcome collation and reporting
- outreach/project promotion
- expenses and refreshments
- equipment (if required)

Create will also take on the central collation and reporting requirements.

10. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 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.
- 10.3 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 provide "financial assistance and grants to external organisations, and voluntary sector and community groups (including although not limited to capital or revenue grants).

11. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 The current balance available in the budget to allocate is £55,000 (*including £5,000 admin costs*) funding provided from the Community Renewal Fund from the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) via Stevenage Borough Council to target those who are economically inactive to provide skills and support to help them into paid or voluntary work or training
- 11.2 From the £50,000, £10,000 has been provided as a contribution to the Pan Hertfordshire Community Wealth programme, for projects that provide environmental sustainability and

supporting apprenticeships. This leaves £40,000 to be utilised within the North Hertfordshire District.

- 11.3 The total amount of funding requested adds up to **£40,000**. Distributed £20,000 to Create Community as outlined in 5.4 and £10,000 each to NHCVS and CANH as outlined in 5.2 and 5.3.

12. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 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.

13. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 Area committee 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.

14. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

- 14.1 The Social Value Act and "go local" requirements do not apply to this decision as it is not a procurement or contract.

15. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

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

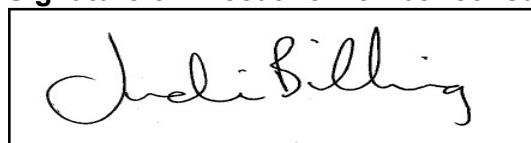
16. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

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

NOTIFICATION DATE

29 April 2022

Signature of Executive Member consulted



Date 28.4.22.....

Signature of Service Director: Legal and Community



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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 – N/A

SERVICE DIRECTORATE: Regulatory

1. DECISION TAKEN

- 1.1 To approve a Town Police Clause Act (1847) road closure for the Kimpton May Festival 2022 from 12.00 – 13.30 hrs on the 30th April 2022. Affecting the High Street, Kimpton east of junction with Luton Road to west of junction with Hitchin Road.

2. DECISION TAKER

Ian Fullstone Service Director – Regulatory

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

8th April 2022

4. REASON FOR DECISION

- 4.1 To close the roads to traffic for public safety to enable the Kimpton May Festival to take place in Kimpton.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None, the roads have been closed for the Kimpton May Festival previously.

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

- 6.1 Ward Councillors were made aware of the proposed closure in advance of the Order to close the roads being processed. NHDC provide road closure notices to the organiser as it is their responsibility to display them within the affected streets and roads 2 weeks prior to the event to advise residents/local businesses etc. of the road closure.

- 6.2 The applicant has confirmed they have consulted with local residents and businesses.

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 The organisers have completed the on-line application form which requires;

- Confirmation of the road space being available and suitable diversion routes with Hertfordshire Highways;

- Liaison with Hertfordshire Police;
 - Provision of suitable public liability insurance.
- 8.2 The applicant has appointed traffic management company LTM Design Ltd to facilitate the road closure.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Under the Responsibilities for Functions-Summary Paragraph 14.2.1 of the Constitution it states that decisions about non-executive functions may be delegated by the Council to an Officer
- 9.2 Section 14.6.1(d) of the Constitution provides that *Before taking a decision under delegated powers which may be controversial or politically sensitive the officer shall notify the relevant Cabinet Executive Member. Delegated decisions must be taken, recorded and published in accordance with the Council's Guidance 28 (or any policy) on the statutory requirements and procedures'.*
- 9.3 Under terms of reference 14.6.11(b)(x) of the Constitution, the Service Director: Regulatory has delegated authority for traffic management including the street closure orders.
- 9.4 Under terms of reference 14.6.9(xvi) of the Constitution, the Service Director: Legal and Community has delegated authority for the attestation of the Council's common seal on relevant documents
- 9.5 The Town Police Clauses Act 1847 is frequently used by local councils to close roads to allow public events such as processions or street parties to take place

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 The appropriate application fee has been paid.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 The applicant has the appropriate level of insurance cover, Hertfordshire Highways and the Police have been consulted / notified of the proposed closure.

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 Road closures can have a disproportionate impact on vulnerable groups, including those with mobility, sensory or other disabilities. Alternative access routes (as stated in 7.1) seek to minimise the impacts that arise from the closures. Road closures are required in order for public events to take place. These public events may help to 'foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.'

12. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 The Social Value Act and "go local" policy do not apply to this decision.

13. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

13.1 None.

14. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Application Form and supporting documentation available on request.

15. APPENDICES

15.1. None.

NOTIFICATION DATE

Date sent to all Members, put on website and appears in MIS – Committee, Member & Scrutiny Services can confirm this with you,

Signature of Executive Member Consulted: confirmed by email on 28/04/2022

Date 28/04/2022

Signature of Decision Taker *Lars Fullstone.*

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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 [*if applicable*]

SERVICE DIRECTORATE: PLACE

1. DECISION TAKEN

To award Conamar Building Services Limited the construction contract to refurbish the sauna/ steam room at North Herts Leisure Centre in accordance with the Scape Procure Regional Construction Framework.

2. DECISION TAKER

Sarah Kingsley Service Director - Place

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

19 April 2022

4. REASON FOR DECISION

The sauna/ steam room at North Herts Leisure Centre was closed to customers on 13 January 2022 due to significant maintenance issues.

The area was last refurbished in 2006. To ensure customer satisfaction is maintained a Capital project to fully refurbish the area was approved by Council on 10 February 2022.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None considered.

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

Officers have consulted with the Executive Member – Environment and Leisure, Deputy Executive Member for Environment and Leisure and Stevenage Leisure Limited.

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 The Council are calling off from the Scape Procure Regional Construction Framework of which North Hertfordshire District Council is a member. The value of the project falls within the remit of Conamar Building Services Limited.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1. North Hertfordshire District Council accessed the Scape Procure Regional Construction Framework on 26 July 2016. The Access Agreement roles over on a 12 monthly cycle and allows the Council to procure works and services covered by the Framework and to call-off in line with the same, subject to renewal of the Framework Agreement in accordance with The Public Contracts Regulations 2015.
- 9.2. The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 (No. 2095) require officers undertaking non-executive decisions to record (amongst other things) an award of a contract that materially affects the Council's position in a written delegated decision. At NHDC this is any award of a contract or financial decision, that is or is likely to be above £50,000. This contract award is above £50K and therefore has to be confirmed by the relevant officer taking the decision.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1. There are no revenue implications.
- 10.2. A project budget of £150,000 is included in the 2022/23 Capital programme.
- 10.3. The value of the works contract to be carried out by Conamar is £160k. This is £10k over budget but within the tolerance limit for capital projects as stated in the Authority's Financial Regulations. The project's budget will be amended in the first quarter Investment Strategy report to reflect the increase in spend.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 Delays and complications are always a risk with contracts for works given that some issues can only be discovered by intrusive inspection after commencement of the works.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 N/A

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 Scape Procure are procurement specialist, dedicated to creating efficiency and social value via the built environment. Objectives are set for delivery (in procurement or for delivery of programmes and projects) to establish a common standard of outcomes, and to ensure social value outcomes feature in every service offered by Scape Procure.
- 13.2 The Scape Procure Regional Construction Framework has the following social value targets set which supports the local economy :
 - 20% of the project budget to be spent within 10 miles of the site;
 - 40% within 20 miles of site and;
 - 75% within 40 miles.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

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

15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 15.1 N/A

16. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 16.1 N/A

17. APPENDICES

17.1 N/A

NOTIFICATION DATE

21 April 2022



Steve Jamieson

Signature of Executive Member Consulted

Date21 April 2022



Peter Kingsley

Signature of Decision Taker

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RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

[Any interest to declare/ or conflict and any dispensation granted [if applicable]]

SERVICE DIRECTORATE: PLACE

1. DECISION TAKEN

- 1.1 To approve a monthly Go Tri Hitchin events using Butts Close, Hitchin on the 22nd May, 5th June, 31st July, 21st August, 18th September, 30th October, 20th November, 18th December 2022, 29th January, 26th February, 26th March and 30th April 2023 between 08.00 hrs and 10.00 hrs
- 1.2 This event will only take place if restrictions permit these activities, at the time of the event. Consequently, the event organisers are aware that this event may need to be cancelled at short notice

2. DECISION TAKER

- 2.1 Andrew Mills, Service Manager Greenspace

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

- 3.1 25th April 2022

4. REASON FOR DECISION

- 4.1 To support the organisers to provide an event for the whole community.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 The organisers have approached North Herts Council to host this event. As this is a regular event, pre covid, at this location no alternatives have been considered.

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

- 6.1 Consultation has been undertaken with colleagues and the Safety Advisory Group.

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 The organisers have approached NHC for approval to use this location for their event.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The authority has an obligation to ensure that the public open spaces it maintains are at a standard that are safe for everyone to use. Additionally, the authority has an obligation to ensure that any environmentally sensitive environment is not damaged due to actions or intentions of others.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no financial risks as this opportunity is generating income.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There are no risk implications. However, risk assessments have been considered to endeavour that this is a covid 19 safe event.

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 Central Government and national groups have expressed the continued importance of public Green Space in the health and well-being of communities. From April 2013 local authorities at county level are required to take on the statutory duty to improve the health of their communities as required by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and with it, to acquire many of the public health services currently the responsibility of the NHS. The use of open spaces, parks, playgrounds and relevant leisure facilities are promoted in terms of reducing the impact of obesity on long term health, the importance in the management of wellbeing and in aiding relaxation, as well as sensory' enjoyment.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 The event is open to everyone.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 14.1 There are no known Environmental impacts or requirements that apply to the actions.

15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 15.1 This item of work is contained within the Place Directorate existing work programs.

16. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 16.1 None

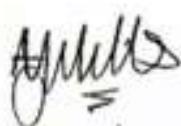
17. APPENDICES

- 17.1 *List all appendices (labelled Appendix A, Appendix B etc) - none*

NOTIFICATION DATE - 29th April 2022

Signature of Executive Member ConsultedNot Applicable.....

Date25th April 2022.....



Signature of Decision Taker

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EAST TEAM

Application No.	Applicant/Agent Address	Location Address, Applicant Name & Proposal
Ashwell Parish Council		
22/01126/FPH	D.Chandler Architectural Design Ltd.87 Back Street Mr Daniel Chandler 61 Gernon Road, Letchworth, SG6 3HS, United Kingdom	Ashwell Hertfordshire SG7 5PG Mr & Mrs Bannister Replace existing garage doors with a window to facilitate conversion of garage into habitable accommodation and refurbish existing front elevation door.
Baldock		
22/01084/TCA	Mr Brendan King Oakhouse, 22 Whitehorse Street, Baldock, Hertfordshire, SG7 6QQ	Oakhouse 22 Whitehorse Street Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6QQ Mr Brendan King Willow - Reduce height to approx 6m - 7m and remove lower branch
22/01103/FP	PicklePlanning Stuart Judd 1 Sale Drive, Clothall Common, Baldock, SG7 6NS	Ipec House 25 Church Street Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5AF Mr Jason Kitchener Plot 1: Insertion of L-shaped dormer to rear elevation roofslope to facilitate conversion of loftspace into habitable accommodation, replace existing side elevation flat roof with a pitched roof and installation of front elevation iron rail fencing. Insertion of low level rear elevation walls and fencing to separate Plots 1 and 2.
Letchworth Garden City		
22/01077/TCA	Mr Joe Darby Ace of Trees Ltd 18 The Noke, Stevenage, SG2 8LJ, United Kingdom	67 Spring Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3SL Mr Sean Curtis T1 & T2 Lombardi Poplar - Reduce by 50% back to previous pruning points. T3,T4 & T5 Conifer - Reduce by 30%. T6, T7 & T8 Ash - Reduce by 30%. T9 Apple - Reduce by 20%



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22/01089/FPH	Lobs Design Mr Ian Lawrence Devonshire Business Centre, Works Letchworth Garden City Road, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 Hertfordshire 1GJ, United Kingdom	16 Danescroft SG6 4RP	Mr Luke Carter Single storey rear first floor extension above existing ground floor extension.
22/01093/FPH	Mr Mike Forrester 130 Icknield Way, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 4AN	130 Icknield Way Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4AN	Mr Mike Forrester First floor rear extension over existing extension.
22/01096/FPH	D.Chandler Architectural Design Ltd. Mr Daniel Chandler 61 Gernon Road, Letchworth, SG6 3HS, United Kingdom	7 Eastholm Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4TN	Mr Leon Turney Two storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear conservatory.
22/01107/TCA	Luke Allwright Maydencroft Maydencroft Lane, Gosmore, Hitchin, SG4 7QA, United Kingdom	73 Pix Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1PZ	Mr Mohan Singh T1 Maritime pine - Fell
22/01108/FPH	Mrs Nicola Woods 36 Avocet, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 4TH	36 Avocet Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4TH	Mrs Nicola Woods Addition of screening trellis to existing rear garden fence.
22/01111/TCA	Mr Mark Thurley The Arborist 7 Crossways Close, Henlow, Bedfordshire, SG16 6BE, United Kingdom	87 Pixmore Way Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3TP	Mr Bernie Ruszala Leyland Cypress - Reduce in height by 50%. 3x Leyland Cypress - Fell
22/01115/FPH	D.Chandler Architectural Design Ltd. Mr Daniel Chandler 61 Gernon Road, Letchworth, SG6 3HS, United Kingdom	74 Broadwater Avenue Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3HH	Mr Gavin Haslam Single storey side extension to include an attached double garage following demolition of existing attached garage, carport and greenhouse.



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22/01133/TPO	Mr Simon Pridmore A1 Tree Specialists 5A The Hollies, Wrayfields, Stotfold, Hertfordshire Hitchin , Beds, SG5 4BN	11 Oaktree Close Letchworth Garden City SG6 3XY	Mrs Janet El - Shoubashi T1 Sycamore - Reduce by approx 3m to previous points. T2, T3 Scots Pine - Fell to ground level.
22/01139/TCA	Mr Danny O'Brien Forestwood Services Ltd 1 Angel Cottages, Kings Walden Road, Great Offley, Hitchin, SG5 3EA	2 Nursery Court Nevells Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4TS	Mrs Nancy Chen T1 Silver Birch - Fell to ground level
Royston Town Council			
22/01045/FPH	Mr Kenneth Pigott 7 Cowslip Close, Royston, SG89TJ, Royston United Kingdom	7 Cowslip Close Hertfordshire SG8 9TJ	Mr Kenneth Pigott Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory
22/01068/FPH	Mr Stephen Friday 16 Willow Way, Hauxton, Cambridge, CB2 5JB	2 Brampton Road Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9TA	Mr And Mrs Latta Single storey rear extension.
22/01072/FPH	David Osborn Architects Mr David Osborn 10 Bourn Bridge Road, Little Abington, CB21 6BJ, United Kingdom	14 Gower Road Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5DU	Mr James Yarrow Single storey rear extension to link main dwelling with existing detached stable block, insertion of rooflights to existing front and rooflights and dormer windows to existing rear roofslopes to facilitate conversion of loftspace into habitable accommodation and internal alterations to facilitate conversion of existing stable block into habitable accommodation.
22/01080/FPH	Plans To Expand Mr Geoffrey Phillips 97 Mildmay Road, STEVENAGE, SG1 5RS	6 Newmarket Road Royston Hertfordshire SG8 7DY	Mr Steven Newhouse Erection of detached double garage and replace existing front elevation boundary fence with a low brick wall with piers and railings to match existing wall.



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22/01088/FPH	Barry Sharman Architect Mr Barrington Sharman 9 Greenford Close, Orwell, Royston, Hertfordshire SG8 5QA, United Kingdom	9 Hunters Way Royston SG8 9HG	Mr Barry Sharman
<hr/> <u>Retention of dual pitched roof to detached garage (replacing flat roof).</u>			
22/01119/TPO	Mr James Cantle SHIRE TREES LIMITED 1A Trigg Way, Melbourn, Royston, SG8 6HX	9 Palace Gardens Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5AD	Kate Peacock
<hr/> <u>T1 Lime - Re-Pollard back to previous pollard points. T2 Lime - Re-Pollard back to previous pollard points</u>			
22/01125/FPH	SC Shaw Designs Ltd Mr Sheridan Shaw Suite 8, 52 Alexandra Road, Enfield, Hertfordshire EN3 7EN, United Kingdom	58 Newmarket Road Royston SG8 7HA	Ms Isabella Lowen
<hr/> <u>Single storey rear and first floor side extension over existing side elevation laundry room.</u>			

Rushden And Wallington Parish Council

22/01143/HN	Mr Charles Gutteridge Ty Cottage, Southern Green, Rushden, Buntingford, Hertfordshire, SG9 0SW	Land At Southern Green Rushden Hertfordshire	Mr Charles Gutteridge
<hr/> <u>Removal of hedgerow (renewal of consent 19/02193/HN approved on 04.11.2019).</u>			

Sandon Parish Council

22/01140/PNQ	Barker Parry Town Planning Ltd Mr Charles Welham 33 Bancroft, Hitchin, Herts, SG5 1LA	The Carriers Green End Sandon Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0RQ	Mr Barry Mellor
<hr/> <u>Conversion of existing agricultural barn to provide one 3-bed residential unit with all associated building works.</u>			

Therfield Parish Council



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22/01147/TCA	Mr Mark Thurley The Arborist 7 Crossways /close, Henlow, Beds, SG16 6BE	Maplefield The Causeway Therfield Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9PP
		Mrs Linda Brogden
		Twin stemmed Sycamore - 50% crown reduction and thinning. Mixed Sycamores - Crown reduction and thinning. 3x Larch - Dismantle to low stumps.

WEST TEAM

Application No.	Applicant/Agent Address	Location Address, Applicant Name & Proposal
22/01069/ADJ	Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE	Land South Of 52 London Road Knebworth Hertfordshire Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council Outline planning application for up to 25 residential dwellings (Class C3), with all matters reserved except layout and access NORTH HERTS DISTRICT COUNCIL : ADJACENT AUTHORITY : CONSULTEE ONLY
22/01121/ADJ	East Herts Council Wallfields, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8EQ	Ashmount 7 Baines Lane Datchworth Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6RA East Herts Council Erection of dormer windows to rear NORTH HERTS DISTRICT COUNCIL : ADJACENT AUTHORITY : CONSULTEE ONLY

Codicote Parish Council

22/01086/S73	Alison Young Planning Associates Ltd Ms Alison Young Yew Tree Cottage, Green End, Dane End, Ware , Herts, SG12 0NX Welwyn	The Paddocks Pottersheath Road Pottersheath Hertfordshire AL6 9SZ Mr And Mrs S Pandit Variation of condition 2 (revised plans) of planning permission 22/00285/FP granted 28.03.2022 for Erection of one detached 4-bed dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings.
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Great Ashby Community Council



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22/01087/FPH	AM Construction Consultancy Mr Myers 20 Park Road, Hoddesdon, EN11 8PU	35 Finbracks Great Ashby Stevenage Hertfordshire SG1 6HB	Mr Stewart	Single storey rear extension and insertion of front elevation window to existing attached garage to facilitate partial conversion to facilitate habitable accommodation.
Hitchin				
22/00999/LDCE	Pentangle Design Group Mr Robert Downing Suite 1, 21 Bancroft, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 1JW	Land North Of 24 The Chilterns Hitchin Hertfordshire	Mr Paul Chambers	Construction of one detached 4 bed house dwelling with associated car parking and landscaping as consented reference 18/03061/FP dated 7th January 2019
22/01071/FPH	Scoot Studio Mr Jason Scoot 27-28, Sun Street, Hitchin, SG5 1AH	41 Benslow Rise Hertfordshire SG4 9QY	Mr Mark Needham	Erection of detached outbuilding for use as an office/studio/living space following demolition of existing detached outbuildings.
22/01073/FPH	Atelier Brown Ltd Ms Rita Nunes 22 North End, Higham Ferrers, Rushden, NN10 8JB, United Kingdom	9 Dale Close Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9AS	Steddy	Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension following demolition of existing garage. Widening of existing vehicular access.
22/01078/FPH	Plans To Expand Mr Geoffrey Phillips Plans To Expand, 97 Mildmay Road, Hertfordshire Stevenage , SG1 5RS, Undefined	4 Walsh Close Hitchin SG5 2HP	Mr Steve Marshall	Single storey front extension following demolition of existing porch.
22/01094/FPH	Monarch Design And Build Ltd Mr Nick Hankins 9 Bury Lane, Bramfield, SG14 2QL, United Kingdom	13 North Place Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2NW	Mr and Mrs Darren Seaby	Part two storey and part single storey rear extensions



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22/01105/FPH	Inigo Architecture Ltd Mr Neil Hansford The Firs, 81 Station Road, Lower Stondon, SG16 8JN, undefined	30 Masefield Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0QB	Mr Rick Probyn	Single storey side extension, single storey front porch extension and first floor side extension. Erection of detached garden room outbuilding following demolition of existing garage.
22/01106/FPH	Mr John Williams Improve It Design Ltd 9 Broadstone, Dartmouth, TQ6 9NR, Hertfordshire United Kingdom	31 Grays Lane Hitchin SG5 2HH	Mr M Trott	Roof extension and alterations including insertion of rooflights in front roofslope and rear dormer window with Juliet balcony to facilitate loft conversion.
22/01112/FPH	Lawtey Design Mrs Rachael Lawtey 83a High Street, STEVENAGE, SG1 3HR, undefined	14 Hensley Close Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9QF	Steve & Jo Banks	Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing single storey rear extension.
22/01122/TCA	Mrs Alison Sparrow Arborcare Unit N, Shangri La Farm, SG1 2JE	12 Chiltern Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9PL	Blore	G1 Leyland Cypress - Reduce height by 3m and trim sides. T1 Juniper - Fell. T2 Lawson Cypress - Fell
22/01130/FPH	Mr & Mrs Ajay & Leena Shah 5 Poplar Close, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG4 9LZ	5 Poplar Close Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9LZ	Mr & Mrs Ajay & Leena Shah	Part two storey and part single storey front extension. Insertion of three rooflights in existing side element to facilitate garage conversion.
22/01131/FPH	Whitebrick Mr Colin Weatherall Morris 29B Hermitage Road, Hitchin, SG5 1BY	72 West Hill Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2HY	Mr Bail	Single storey side extension and part two storey and part single storey rear extension



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22/01136/TPO	Mr Ben Waterman Waterman Tree Co. 26 Passingham Avenue, Hitchin, SG4 9LD, United Kingdom	2 Cherry Tree Gardens Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9FL	Mrs Parin Joyce T1, T2 -Sweet Chestnut - Reduce crown by approx 2m to suitable pruning points.
22/01138/TCA	Mr Danny O'Brien Forestwood Services Ltd 1 Angel Cottages, Kings Walden Road, Great Offley, Hitchin, SG5 3EA	1A The Avenue Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9RG	Mr David Roberts T1 Lime - Re-pollarding back to previous pruning points.
22/01141/TPO	ROBINSON TREE SERVICES LTD ROBINSON ROBINSON TREE SERVICES LTD Beech Farm, Coopers Green Lane, St. Albans, AL4 9HP, United Kingdom	32 Symonds Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2JL	Mr Tooke T1 Lime - Reduce the crown by 2m all round to maintain size and shape.
Kimpton Parish Council			
22/01029/FPH	Mr N Summerfield Mr N Summerfield 2 Letchmore Close, Stevenage, Herts, SG1 3JF	14 Kimpton Road Blackmore End St Albans Hertfordshire AL4 8LD	Sylvia F Adams And Peter J Hale Conversion of existing stable block as one-bed residential annexe
22/01060/FPH	Mr Richard Collin Mr Richard Collin 27 St Andrews Close, SLIP END, LU1 4DE, Undefined	6 Canham Close Kimpton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8SD	Mr & Mrs Peacock Single storey front porch extension
22/01076/FPH	Mr/Mrs David and Helen Anderton 70 Kimpton Road, Blackmore End, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL4 8LH	70 Kimpton Road Blackmore End St Albans Hertfordshire AL4 8LH	Mr/Mrs David and Helen Anderton Two storey front extension following demolition of existing porch. Two storey side extension and part two storey and part single storey rear extension following demolition of existing garage. Erection of a detached double garage following demolition of existing outbuilding (revision of previously approved planning permission 18/02909/FPH granted 20.12.2018).



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Kings Walden Parish Council

22/01056/FP	Scott Moore Mr Scott Moore 7 Whipperley Way, Luton, LU1 5LA	The Fox Darley Hall Darley Road Breachwood Green Luton Hertfordshire LU2 8PP	Mr Hill	Change of Use and conversion of The Fox PH to a single residential dwelling (Use Class C3). Erection of side elevation conservatory, insertion of Juliet Balcony and window to existing side elevation, internal alterations, part removal of parking hardstanding and new landscaping. (Part Retrospective).
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Knebworth Parish Council

22/01018/FPH	Archer Architects Mr Martin Webster Suite B4, Mindenhall Court., High Street, , Stevenage, SG1 3UN, Undefined	79 Pondcroft Road Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6DE	Mr Edward Williams	Erection of detached single storey boot room/gym/office outbuilding following demolition of existing garage.
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Preston Parish Council

22/01091/LDCP	Dalcour Maclaren EP Team 4 Breton Court, Brockridge Park, Twyning, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, GL20 6FF	Preston Reservoir Temple Dinsley St Albans Highway Preston Hertfordshire	Affinity Water Limited	Installation of water storage asset including associated plant and machinery.
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St Ippolyts Parish Council

22/01075/FP	BBR Design Mr Ryan Albone BBR Design, 7 Paynes Park, Hitchin, SG51EH, undefined	Oakfields Farm Stevenage Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7JX	Ms L Shipley	Erection of two detached 4-bed dwellings.
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St Pauls Walden Parish Council

22/01102/LBC	Mrs Elizabeth Jarmin Kings House, King Street, Sudbury, CO10 2ED	Sue Ryder Care Stagenhoe Park St Pauls Walden Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8BY	Mrs Elizabeth Jarmin	Replace 2no. single-glazed sash windows with double-glazed sash windows at first floor on side (south) elevation
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(Including Withdrawn decisions)

EAST TEAM

Application No: 18/02900/FP	Location: Letchworth Autoway Centre Ltd Norton Way North Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1BP Applicant Name: Mr Zuber Issa Euro Garages LTD Description: Redevelopment of site comprising new petrol filling station with new pumps and canopy, shop and associated drive thru facility with new vehicle cross -over and associated parking and circulation and 5no. start up employment units (Light industrial) with associated access and parking. (Amended plans received 31/01/19, 25/03/19 _ 30/09/19).	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 27/04/2022
Application No: 20/01138/RM	Location: Land Surrounding Burloes Cottages Newmarket Road Royston Hertfordshire Applicant Name: Countryside Properties Ltd Description: Reserved matters application including appearance, layout, scale and landscaping for the erection of 83 dwellings with associated sub- station, infrastructure, including attenuation basin and Local Area of Play (pursuant to outline planning permission granted under ref 17/00110/1 including the approval of drainage details for this phase required by condition 10 of that permission) (as amended by plans received 25th September 2020; 24th November 2020; 20th January 2021; 25th January 2021; 24th February 2021 and 6th July 2021).	Decision: Conditional Approval of Details Decision Date: 22/04/2022
Application No: 21/02179/TD	Location: Land At Evangelistic Church York Way Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5HJ Applicant Name: CK Hutchison Networks (UK) Ltd CK Hutchison Netwo Description: Proposed 18.0m Phase 8 Monopole C/W wraparound Cabinet at base and associated ancillary works.	Appeal Decision: Appeal Dismissed Decision Date: 21/04/2022
Application No: 21/03292/FPH	Location: Old Thatches Bennetts Lane Rushden Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0SH Applicant Name: Mr R Moore Description: Two storey side extension following demolition of existing side extension.	Decision: Withdrawn Decision Date: 27/04/2022
Application No: 21/03293/LBC	Location: Old Thatches Bennetts Lane Rushden Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0SH Applicant Name: Mr R Moore Description: Two storey side extension following demolition of existing side extension. Internal alterations	Decision: Withdrawn Decision Date: 27/04/2022
Application No: 21/03507/DOC	Location: Land East Of 35 Ashwell Street Ashwell Hertfordshire SG7 5QR Applicant Name: Mr James Hindes Morhicor Developments Limited Description: Discharge of Condition 7a (Preliminary environmental risk assessment (Phase I) and Condition 7b Site Investigation (Phase II environmental risk assessment) report) as attached to Planning Application 20/02309/FP granted on 08.12.2021	Decision: Approval of Details Decision Date: 27/04/2022
Application No: 21/03523/FP	Location: Nortonbury Farm Livery And Stables Norton Bury Lane Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1AN Applicant Name: Mr Michael Parsons Description: Change of use of grazing land to equestrian, and construction of a manege including the provision of an extended access track	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 21/04/2022

EAST TEAM

Application No: 22/00420/FPP	Location: Units 6 And 7 Business Centre East Avenue One Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 2HB Applicant Name: Garden House Hospice Description: Change of use from Use Class E to mixed Use Class E and B8 (Storage and Distribution) and siting of a storage container and gazebo.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 27/04/2022
Application No: 22/00484/FPH	Location: 131 Icknield Way Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4AD Applicant Name: Mrs Diane Joseph Description: Single storey rear extension	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 21/04/2022
Application No: 22/00530/FPH	Location: 17 Green Street Royston Hertfordshire SG8 7BB Applicant Name: Mr Matthew Poole Description: Two storey rear extension.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 27/04/2022
Application No: 22/00555/S73	Location: Land East Of 35 Ashwell Street Ashwell Hertfordshire SG7 5QR Applicant Name: Morhicor Developments Limited Mr James Hinde Description: Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 21/01825/FP granted 17.12.2021 - pergola on front elevation omitted; replaced with glass canopy above entrance; concrete retaining walls replaced with gabion basket retaining walls and planters at courtyards and parking area; part of garden wall omitted in parking area; air source heat pump unit added on elevation 4; modification of openings on elevation 4, section B, section C; modification of flat roof; insertion of 2no roof lights in place of fully glazed roof; PVC gutters and downpipes added (black finish) and modification of north-east site boundary and rear courtyard to bring drive away from cliff edge.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 27/04/2022
Application No: 22/00602/NHC	Location: Cambridge Wastewater Treatment Plant Relocation North Of The A14 Between Fen Ditton And Horningsea Cambridgeshire Applicant Name: Anglian Water Services Limited Karen Barclay Description: Notice Pursuant to Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulation 2017. Relocation of Cambridge Wastewater Treatment Plant NORTH HERTS COUNCIL CONSULTEE ONLY	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 26/04/2022
Application No: 22/00720/TCA	Location: 87 Spring Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3SL Applicant Name: Mr Armitage Description: T1 Beech - Prune to remove 2 low limbs overhanging neighbours garden (No. 85 Spring Road)	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 27/04/2022
Application No: 22/00730/FPH	Location: 31 Gaunts Way Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4PJ Applicant Name: Ben Smith Description: Reposition and replace front elevation door and window and two storey rear extension	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 22/04/2022
Application No: 22/00752/FPH	Location: 17 Earlsmead Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3UE Applicant Name: Ms Kathryn McConnell Description: Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear lean-to glazed structure.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 22/04/2022
Application No: 22/00781/LDCP	Location: 36 Roman Lane Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6PN Applicant Name: Mr Jamie Stansfield Description: Install rooflight to existing rear roof slope to facilitate conversion of loftspace into habitable accommodation and install side elevation door to existing garage.	Decision: Granted Permission Decision Date: 26/04/2022

EAST TEAM

Application No: 22/00829/TPO	Location: 62 Downlands Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5BY Applicant Name: Horlock Description: T1 Eucalyptus - Fell to ground level	Decision: Conditional Consent Decision Date: 21/04/2022
Application No: 22/00909/EC	Location: Telecommunications Mast Bt Exchange Letchworth Nevells Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire Applicant Name: Solutions 30 Hannah Morrison Description: Replacement of 3 No. existing antennas located at 16.5m mean height, with 3 No. number antennas at 16.5m mean height on the existing lattice mast, and ancillary development on the rooftop of Letchworth ATE.	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 25/04/2022
Application No: 22/00921/EC	Location: Telecommunications Mast 03302 Norton Way North Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire Applicant Name: Maxema Ltd Craig Horn Description: The replacement of 3no. existing antennas with 3no. new antennas, the installation of 2no. microwave dishes, the installation of 1no. equipment cabinet, along with ancillary works.	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 27/04/2022
Application No: 22/00983/LDCP	Location: 87 Pascal Way Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1DL Applicant Name: Dr. Reem Al-Jasmawi Description: Single storey rear extension	Decision: Granted Permission Decision Date: 27/04/2022
Application No: 22/01015/TCA	Location: Crofton Dog Kennel Lane Royston Hertfordshire SG8 7AB Applicant Name: Derek Scrivens Description: Copper Beech - Fell	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 27/04/2022
Application No: 22/01035/TCA	Location: 36 Broadwater Avenue Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3HF Applicant Name: Mr Sean Hurley Description: Eucalyptus - Pollard to a height of 2m above ground level	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 26/04/2022

WEST TEAM

Application No: 21/03286/DOC	Location: Land At 25-35 John Baker Place And 1-38 Freemans Close Hitchin Hertfordshire Applicant Name: Ms Georgie-May Laurie Jarvis Contracting Ltd Description: Discharge of Condition 13 (Fume extraction equipment) as attached to planning permission 19/01416/HYA granted on 09.06.2020	Decision: Approval of Details Decision Date: 26/04/2022
Application No: 21/03362/FP	Location: Odyssey Health Club Old Knebworth Lane Knebworth Hertfordshire SG2 8DU Applicant Name: Mr Stephen Aucott Odyssey Knebworth Ltd Description: Erection of main members entrance, foyer and disabled access; outdoor swimming pool with associated sun-terraces; reconfigured and extended tennis courts, fencing and floodlighting; heat experience extension to existing building and outdoor training experience area.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 22/04/2022
Application No: 21/03454/FPH	Location: 53 Radcliffe Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1QH Applicant Name: Mr D Craik Description: Single storey front and rear extensions and proposed parking in existing rear garden to ground floor flat following demolition of existing single storey rear extension	Decision: Refused Decision Date: 21/04/2022
Application No: 22/00009/FP	Location: Pump House Knebworth Park Old Knebworth Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 8HQ Applicant Name: Charlotte Balaam Knebworth Estates Description: Change of Use from radio station to commercial, business and service use (class E).	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 22/04/2022

WEST TEAM

Application No: 22/00163/LDCP	Location: 33 Foster Drive Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9EH Applicant Name: Mr Mark Hanson Description: Overclad existing brickwork on west elevation with insulation and "Cedral" boarding in "Cream White"	Decision: Granted Permission Decision Date: 26/04/2022
Application No: 22/00401/LDCP	Location: 36 Rands Meadow Holwell Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3SH Applicant Name: Mr Paresh Mistry Description: Insertion of rear dormer window and front rooflights to facilitate loft conversion (as amended by plans received 16th and 23rd March 2022).	Decision: Granted Permission Decision Date: 21/04/2022
Application No: 22/00502/FPH	Location: 203 Whitehill Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9HY Applicant Name: Dr M Khan Description: First floor front extension. Replacement raised roof including front and rear dormer windows to facilitate loft conversion.	Decision: Refused Decision Date: 27/04/2022
Application No: 22/00540/FPH	Location: 82 Arlesey Road Ickleford Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3UU Applicant Name: Mr Mark Taylor Description: Replacement roof including insertion of dormer windows to facilitate loft conversion.	Decision: Withdrawn Decision Date: 26/04/2022
Application No: 22/00603/FPH	Location: 15 High Street Graveley Hertfordshire SG4 7LE Applicant Name: Ms Elizabeth Felstead Description: Erection of pitched roof over existing carport to create first floor studio including external staircase.	Decision: Refused Decision Date: 22/04/2022
Application No: 22/00618/FPH	Location: 4 Maydencroft Gardens Gosmore Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7EJ Applicant Name: Mr Leighton Miller Description: Insertion of front ground floor window following removal of garage doors to facilitate garage conversion to lounge.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 22/04/2022
Application No: 22/00638/FP	Location: 1 Croft Chambers 11 Bancroft Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1JQ Applicant Name: Mr Carter John Ray Limited Description: Replacement of first floor windows on front elevation to match existing.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 27/04/2022
Application No: 22/00650/FPH	Location: 103 Mangrove Lodge Putteridge Park Luton Hertfordshire LU2 8LB Applicant Name: Fowler Homes Limited Mr Phillip Fowler Description: DEVELOPMENT A: Erection of detached garage/home office following demolition of existing outbuildings. DEVELOPMENT B: Two storey side extension.	Decision: Split Decision Decision Date: 26/04/2022
Application No: 22/00718/FPH	Location: Oakfield 58A Horn Hill Whitwell Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8AR Applicant Name: Mr Willis Description: Single storey rear extension as amended by plan received on 25 April 2022.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 26/04/2022
Application No: 22/00745/FPH	Location: 63 Browning Drive Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0QR Applicant Name: Mr & Mrs Bell Description: Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory and detached garage.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 27/04/2022

WEST TEAM

Application No: 22/00789/NMA	Location: Land On The South East Side Of Heath Lane Codicote Hertfordshire Applicant Name: Jonathan Locke Taylor Wimpey Description: 1) Split of 5 pairs (10 houses) of existing semi-detached houses to become detached (plots 53-54, 79-80, 108-109, 113-114 and 117-118). 2) Removal of conservatory to four houses (68, 71, 83 and 116). 4) Minor alterations to the masterplan to accommodate the above non-material amendments (plots 73 and 110) (as Non-Material Amendment to Planning Application 18/02722/FP granted 28.09.2021) (as amended in accordance with Applicants email dated 14th April 2022 and drawings received 19th April 2022).	Decision: Agreed Decision Date: 21/04/2022
Application No: 22/00823/FPH	Location: 12 Eynsford Court Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9JS Applicant Name: Mr Mark Scott Description: Single storey front extension following demolition of existing single storey front element.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 28/04/2022
Application No: 22/00825/FPH	Location: 10 Eynsford Court Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9JS Applicant Name: Mr James Deacon Description: Single storey front extension following demolition of existing single storey front element	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 28/04/2022
Application No: 22/00922/EC	Location: Telecommunication Mast Hrt0295 At Land Rear Of Withstock Woods Dane Street Luton Bedfordshire LU2 8PF Applicant Name: Waldon Telecom Ross Chapman Description: Removal of 3 No. antennas and the installation of 3 No. replacement antennas on existing lattice tower. Removal of 1 No. equipment cabinet and the installation of 2 No. equipment cabinets within existing compound	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 27/04/2022
Application No: 22/00932/EC	Location: Land Adjacent To Whitehill Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9HT Applicant Name: Openreach Ltd Astosh Kumar Description: Installation of 10m pole	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 27/04/2022
Application No: 22/00948/NMA	Location: 124 High Street Kimpton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8QP Applicant Name: Kimpton Park Developments Ltd Daniel Danaher Kimp Description: Amendments to house internal layouts to improve overall design resulting in changes to windows. Increase energy efficiency by moving to timber frame increase wall thickness by 72mm. Change to approved facing brick - originally specified brick not available. Move plot 1 back 750mm further into site away from rear boundary with 122 High Street and from root zone of T25 (as non-material amendment to planning application 20/01973/FP granted on 26.10.2020)	Decision: Not Agreed Decision Date: 22/04/2022
Application No: 22/00960/TCA	Location: Communal Car Park Silver Court Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1GB Applicant Name: Ms Lois Gumm Description: T1 Sorbus - Reduce by approx. 25% to suitable growth points and lighting column cleared.	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 22/04/2022
Application No: 22/00964/NMA	Location: 11 Wellington Avenue Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2UJ Applicant Name: Michele Vermeulen Description: Amendments to the approved drawings, to reduce the size of the rear extension. Instead of having a full-width extension, the new proposal will extend four meters from the living room (as non-material amendment to planning application 20/02741/FPH granted on 20.01.2021	Decision: Not Agreed Decision Date: 22/04/2022

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WEST TEAM

Application No: 22/01004/DOC	Location: Hyde Mill Cottage Old Hale Way Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3UW Applicant Name: Mrs Millie Self MS Design And Build Limited Description: Condition 8 - Details of new staircases (as discharge of condition relating to Listed Building Consent 21/01930/LBC granted 18.01.2022)	Decision: Approval of Details Decision Date: 26/04/2022
Application No: 22/01090/TCA	Location: Land Outside 6 And 8 St Albans Road Codicote Hertfordshire SG4 8UT Applicant Name: Codicote Parish Council Simon Crosier Codicote Paris Description: Walnut - Reduce crown by 1m overall.	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 22/04/2022

PRESS RELEASE

PR 3670

25 April 2022

Easing the squeeze for residents in North Herts

Following the rise in energy bills and other costs of living, North Herts Council has put together a one-stop source of advice and information for local residents to help 'ease the squeeze' in the current climate.

From who's eligible and how to get your hands on the £150 council tax rebate, to finding your nearest food provision service and the cheapest fuel, we hope the long list will go some way to help.

Some of the information is specific to North Herts, while some is more general. Information was correct at the time of publishing and we cannot accept any responsibility for third party information or actions.

North Herts Council Managing Director, Anthony Roche, said: "We know this is a trying time for many residents, with ever increasing pressures on their budgets. We really hope our Easing the squeeze guide which gives useful advice, tips and information, will go some way to help residents manage through these unprecedented times.

"We have already given over £2m to residents via the council tax energy rebate scheme – please apply online for the £150 which is a direct payment, not a loan – and are working hard with partners, including Citizens Advice North Herts, to see how we can help those most in need. If you are struggling and need help, please contact us, your housing provider or Citizens Advice for help. If you are in crisis please call HertsHelp on 0300 123 4044."

Read our Easing the squeeze guide (<https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/easingthesqueeze>) and look out for posts on our social media channels, @NorthHertsDC on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), and search for us on [Nextdoor](#).

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For more information contact Anna.Cotton@north-herts.gov.uk / 01462 474403.

PRESS RELEASE

PR 3671

26 April 2022

Make a splash this summer!

The weather's starting to get better (fingers crossed!) so get ready to get wet at one of four splash parks in North Herts – all will reopen on Saturday, 30 April.

North Herts splash parks are located at:

- Baldock's Avenue Park
- Hitchin's Bancroft Recreation Ground
- Royston's Priory Memorial Gardens
- Letchworth's Howard Park – also has a paddling pool.

All splash parks will be open every day, from 10am to 6pm, until Sunday 11 September.

Andrew Mills, Greenspace Service Manager, said: "It's great that we are able to reopen the splash parks over the May bank holiday weekend this year. With Covid restrictions having been in place for the last few years, we hope residents and visitors will get the full enjoyment from our parks this summer – let's hope the sun comes out!"

If you're wondering when our outdoor pools will open:

- Letchworth Outdoor Pool – due to reopen 28 May, with an extended closing date of 30 September.
- Hitchin Swimming Centre – also due to reopen 28 May, until 11 September.

For more information visit [Splash parks and outdoor pools | North Herts Council \(north-herts.gov.uk\)](https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/Splash-parks-and-outdoor-pools)

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PRESS RELEASE

PR 3672**26 April 2022****Make sure you're ready to have your say on 5 May**

With nine days left until people in North Herts go to the polls, North Herts Council is urging voters to get ready for the upcoming local elections.

Eligible voters have already been sent a poll card to tell them if there is an election happening in their area and where they should go to cast their vote, or if they have a postal vote. Voters who vote in a polling station will be allocated a polling station based on their home address. Information on polling stations is also available on the Electoral Commission's website at www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/your-election-information.

Staff will be on hand to assist voters with any questions about filling out their ballot paper. There are also a number of things that will be available at polling stations to help people cast their vote, including large print sample ballot papers and tactile voting devices to help those with a visual impairment.

If you are a postal voter and have not received your postal voting pack by Thursday 28 April, please get in touch with the elections team at elections@north-herts.gov.uk

Melanie Stimpson, Returning Officer for North Herts Council, said:

“Make sure you check the information on your poll card, as your polling station might have changed since the last election. You do not need your poll card to vote, but we encourage you to bring it with you to make the process quicker and more efficient.”

“We look forward to welcoming voters to our polling stations in North Herts on 6 May.”

Ailsa Irvine, Director of Electoral Administration and Guidance at the Electoral Commission, said:

“Polling stations will be open from 7am to 10pm on Thursday 5 May. Voters who have opted to vote by post must return their postal ballot pack by 10pm; they can hand it in at their polling station if they don’t have time to return it by post.”

Those voting in person on 5 May might see some public health measures in place at polling stations, similar to those in place in other indoor venues. North Herts will be following the latest public health guidance to make sure polling stations are safe places to vote.

If you are self-isolating or become unwell as a result of Covid-19, you don't need to lose your vote. Voters have up to 5pm on polling day to apply for an emergency proxy vote. This allows them to nominate someone they trust to vote on their behalf. For further information on how to apply for an emergency proxy, voters should contact the electoral registration team at North Herts Council: elections@north-herts.gov.uk

For further information on elections in their area, voters can visit www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voter. This page will continue to be updated ahead of the polls.

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Notes to editors

The Electoral Commission is the independent body which oversees elections and regulates political finance in the UK. We work to promote public confidence in the democratic process and ensure its integrity by:

enabling the delivery of free and fair elections and referendums, focusing on the needs of electors and addressing the changing environment to ensure every vote remains secure and accessible
regulating political finance – taking proactive steps to increase transparency, ensure compliance and pursue breaches
using our expertise to make and advocate for changes to our democracy, aiming to improve fairness, transparency and efficiency

The Commission was set up in 2000 and reports to the UK, Scottish and Welsh Parliaments.