



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Ancient Charities of Hertford

Purpose:

Ancient Charities of Hertford helps needy people in Hertford and the surrounding villages. Recently the majority of claims have involved requests to make homes safer for young children, provide household furniture or equipment, school uniform and requirements for education. Also, in some desperate circumstances, 'tide over' sums for food or other emergency needs.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Rutland-Barsby

Update:

All as explained above. During the past year there has been a concerning rise in applications – particularly in respect of white goods, carpets and basic equipment for young children.

As a very small charity the Trustees are mindful of the limited means we have. However, so far we have been assisted by some extra donations that have helped us, together with the Mayor of Hertford (2017-18) naming us as one of her chartities.

Update provided by: Cllr Rutland-Barsby.....

Date: 10 April 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Bishop's Stortford Chamber of Commerce Committee

Purpose:

The Bishop's Stortford Chamber of Commerce has been established for more than eighty years and has a membership of local businesses and organisations. Private, public and voluntary sectors are represented, from retailers to manufacturers and from service industries to charities.

The Chamber Committee actively champions local projects and interests at local, regional and government level. The Committee consists of elected officers, the secretary and committee members plus co-opted representatives from the County, District and Town Councils.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr G Jones

Update:

(Please give a brief summary of the main issues considered by the OB during the previous year, including the number of meetings/events held and the number attended by you)

Nick Hyde took over as Chairman and there have been no invitations to Committee meetings this year. We remain in regular touch with the Chamber of Commerce through their membership of the monthly Shaping Stortford Steering Group. Networking breakfasts and business lunches are the Chamber's main activities.

Update provided by: Cllr G Jones.....

Date: 29 March 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

CCTV Partnership Board

Purpose:

The partnership is actively pursuing a joint (East Herts, Hertsmere, North Herts, Stevenage) initiative aimed at reducing the fear of crime across the principal public, residential, retail, business and schools within the partnership. The central feature of this initiative is the 24-hour, manned CCTV control and monitoring room facility in Stevenage.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllrs McAndrew, Stevenson and Williamson

Update:

The CCTV Partnership Board AGM was due in September 2017 and scheduled to be hosted by Hertsmere BC, but we were advised that neither Hertsmere nor any of the other authorities could accommodate the meeting. Therefore in January East Herts offered to hold it at Wallfields as soon as the requisite notice could be given to the other stakeholders and a date was subsequently agreed for 19th February 2018.

At the meeting we learnt that the existing CCTV control room in Swingate House was to be closed down and moved due to the imminent Stevenage town centre regeneration scheme. The HERTFORDSHIRE CCTV PARTNERSHIP was dismayed not to have been informed nor communicated with throughout the entire process and this called into question the governance of the whole organisation particularly in terms of officer delegated responsibility

and powers. In consequence the Partnership Board requested an extra meeting be arranged so that questions could be raised both around the governance of the Partnership in general and specifically with regard to the relocation of the CCTV control room. This was later arranged to be held at Stevenage Borough Council offices on 29th March 2018.

Cllr McAndrew co-ordinated the questions gathered from the Member representatives from the four authorities under the categories of:

- Governance
- Governance and Management of the CCTV Partnership (not the Company)
- Governance of the CCTV Company (not the Partnership)
- Day-to-day management
- Relocation of the CCTV control room
- Financial matters

In total 38 questions were raised although these were not exhaustive.

During this meeting it became clear that further work is required as follows:

It was **RESOLVED** that an external consultant's report into the technical requirements for the successful relocation of the Control Room from Swingate House be commissioned as soon as possible. This report to be circulated to all Members on the Partnership Board, with initial discussion on the report being undertaken by the CCTV Officer Management Board who will also consider options for relocation put forward by Partners in the light of the technical advice.

Governance review of the company was agreed as below:

1. That approval is given to a governance review of the Hertfordshire

CCTV Partnership and CCTV Company.

2. That approval is given for the audit of current governance arrangements to commence in April 2018.

Reason for Decision: To resolve the issues raised in relation to the governance of the Partnership and the Company.

Other Options Considered: None.

Update provided by: Cllr G McAndrew, Cllr M Stevenson, Cllr G Williamson.....

Date: 6 April 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY - ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Co-operation for Sustainable Development Board

Purpose:

The Co-operation for Sustainable Development Board supports Local Plan making and delivery for sustainable communities across geographical and administrative boundaries in West Essex, East Hertfordshire and the adjoining London Boroughs. It does this by identifying and managing spatial planning issues that impact on more than one local planning area within these communities.

The Board is an advisory body and any decisions resulting from its advice remain the responsibility of its constituent Councils. Core membership of the Board comprises of representative Councillors and Council officers from Epping Forest, Harlow and Uttlesford districts, Brentwood Borough, Chelmsford City and Essex County Council, East Herts and Broxbourne districts and Hertfordshire County Council, and the London Boroughs of Waltham Forest, Redbridge and Enfield.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Haysey

(Substitute: Cllr G Jones)

Update:

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The co-op board meets less frequently now as the Garden Town Board has taken over a number of its functions. The co-op board will

still meet to discuss some of the issues affecting the wider area. I have attended all meetings held.

Update provided by: Councillor Haysey.....

Date: 9 April 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

East and North Herts NHS Trust

Purpose:

Provides a wide range of general and specialist health services to patients, managing hospitals at Hertford County, Lister, Mount Vernon Cancer Centre and the New QEII. The Trust provides services to around 500,000 people, with the regional cancer centre supporting around 2 million people. It provides care to the community with an annual budget of around £350 million and more than 5,000 staff.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Buckmaster

Update:

There were no meetings of the ENH NHS Trust Involvement Committee in the past year. However I have been a member of the Health Scrutiny Committee in Hertfordshire County Council so am able to give a brief overview of some of the observations from the committee topic group.

EAST and NORTH HERTS TRUST (ENHT)

Members commend ENHT's commitment to partnership working. This has facilitated improved working and the development of examples of good practice such as working with Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) to prevent hospital admissions. These should be shared with other health organisations in Hertfordshire.

ENHT is firmly committed to realising long-term benefits from digital technology. This includes the implementation of 'Lorenzo', 'nerve centre' and digitally recording patient's conditions and trying to overcome operational issues arising from it's introduction.

ENHT has introduced new staff motivation techniques to improve patient flow and speeding up hospital discharges. This is demonstrated by 'Red to Green' and 'Always' initiatives.

Members welcomed the positive trends in reducing mortality rates relevant to the Trust

That ENHT continues its efforts in successfully reducing ED (Emergency Department) admissions for frailty via the STP (Strategic & Transformation Partnership) and work with Hertfordshire County Council (HCC); and further, shares this as a model of best practice across the Hertfordshire health and social care system.

In April 2018 it was reported in the Stevenage Comet that as the NHS faces a nursing recruitment crisis nationally, the East and North Herts NHS Trust is looking at new ways to fill the vacancies in its hospitals. The Trust, which runs Stevenage's Lister Hospital, has an eight per cent vacancy rate, but director of nursing Rachael Corser is optimistic.

She said: "We have invested a lot of time in how we recruit and retain our staff and have opened up more routes to nursing, such as apprenticeships and trainee nursing associate posts.

"We have more nurses on the frontline this year than last year, and there are very few organisations which can say that.

"There are about 100 more nurses working on the wards compared to 12 months ago, and we have also reduced agency spend significantly."

She added: "We are looking at different ways to provide care because the nurses aren't there, and are using innovative projects like the Butterfly Project." The project is a team of volunteers who support patients during the last days of their lives.

Update provided by: Councillor Buckmaster.....

Date: 04 April 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

East of England LGA

Purpose:

The East of England LGA is a politically-led, cross party organisation which works on behalf of the 52 local councils in the East of England to harness their collective strength to shape and serve their communities and localities.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Haysey

Update:

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This group meets sporadically and is a useful and easy way to meet colleagues. This year EELGA held a particularly useful conference on affordable housing.

Update provided by: Councillor Haysey.....

Date: 9 April 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Four Authorities Airport Group

Purpose:

The Group consists of Members and Officers from East Herts, Essex, Hertfordshire and Uttlesford Councils and meets as and when appropriate as aviation issues arise.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr G Jones

(Substitute: Cllr McAndrew)

Update:

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No meetings held in last year

Update provided by: Cllr G Jones.....

Date: 29 March 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Harlow and Gilston Garden Town Board

Purpose:

To achieve effective co-operation across the administrative boundaries of East Herts, Epping Forest and Harlow Councils in matters relating to the Harlow & Gilston Garden Town.

Officers will work collaboratively across agreed Garden Town workstreams and progress will be reported to the Member Board.

The Board does not have any decision making powers, and is an informal group that will make recommendations to the constituent Councils when appropriate.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Linda Haysey

Cllr Robert Brunton

Update:

I attend the Harlow & Gilston Town Board as the representative for East Herts. They meet monthly and I have attended all sessions. The work focuses on the delivery of the Garden Town across the three planning authorities, working with two county councils and two LEP's.

Update provided by:Linda Haysey

Date: 4th May 2018



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

HCC Health Scrutiny

Purpose:

HCC Health Scrutiny reviews decisions that the Council makes and holds the Executive to account in order to improve the services offered to the people of our county. The Committee specifically has the power to scrutinise health services.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Symonds

(Substitute: Cllr Alder)

Update:

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Cllr Alder

The earlier Committees in this last year questioned the two CCGs (Clinical Commissioning Groups) Herts Valleys and North and East Herts CCGs concerning the “Let’s Talk” – public consultation proposals where both CCGs were planning to revise a number of services previously commissioned by these two CCGs.

The prime reason for the proposals related to making the best use of the money available to enable as many people as possible to live healthier, longer lives, avoiding preventable illnesses. The changes involved the Vasectomy service in West Hertfordshire, Female sterilisation, Gluten free food on prescription, Over the counter

medicines, Being fit for surgery: patients with high body Mass Index (BMI) and those who smoke and In vitro fertilisation (IVF). At the end of the consultation period the proposals were implemented and the Health Scrutiny Committee reassured that cases of hardship would be viewed sympathetically by the relevant CCG.

In March 2018 the two day annual health scrutiny took place – the panel I served on was the Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Trust this Trust covers provision of community mental health including children and older people. We questioned the senior medical and nursing staff of the Trust on the effectiveness of treatments offered in light of the increasing demand for mental health services in Hertfordshire above demographic trends e.g. 25% for children and young people and 10% for adults. We recognised the problems for the Trust as the budget had not matched the increase in demand nor had the staffing.

The other panel was Hertfordshire Community Trust where we questioned the senior medical and nursing staff on the general effectiveness of the service. Again there are pressures on the service with the rising elderly population and more people with long term conditions. Both Trusts were open and frank in their response to questions but it is clear there is tremendous pressure in all areas of activity and many are struggling to meet current demand.

Cllr Symonds

- Ambulance Service – Private Transport Service gone insolvent and this service has been taken over by our own ambulance service, which had bided but not been awarded the contract. As far as I am aware all the staff was transferred to the NHS. Visited the Ambulance Station with the Scrutiny committee and was very impressed with the premises and was told what the NHS Ambulance Service is doing in an effort to meet missed targets.
- That included some new ambulances and recruiting new front

line staff, paramedics have to pay for their degree whereas nurses get it free.

- Meeting with the Fire Service. Fire fighters are now receiving more training in medical matter to assist at road side accidents however this is only basic and the Doctors and paramedics will still do the bulk of the treatment. The fire service also helps in many other ways and runs courses for young people who may be in danger of being excluded from school.
- They also have items which can assist if a elderly person is forgetful and where a person has been perhaps told of reprisals to do with domestic violence.
- Closing of Nascott Lawn, which is a service for respite for children of very disabled children which is situated in Watford and funded by Herts ValleyCCG. I would have loved to be part of the task and finish group but due to difficulties all the places were filled.
- Dr Small from Herts Valley attended Heath Scrutiny to be asked about budget deficits and the closing of Nascot lawn which was also the subject of a Judicial Review brought about by the parents of the children affected which the Judge ruled in favour of the parents and was to stay open.
- CCG not engaging with parents and children ending up in hospital and parents/carers not being involved in the decision making situation re their children and this costs more in the long term. This was a highly emotive subject for all concerned.
- Representatives from PAH (Harlow) addressed Health Scrutiny (light touch Scrutiny). This covered efforts being made re working towards a better service and the Hospital is no longer in special measures. Unfortunately the hospital has suffered

because of the building of many more houses in their catchment area and more to come.

- The staff were found to be caring and went out of their way to help patients, with special mention to Maternity and the excellent work done there. However the fabric of the building is in a bad state of repair but more money has been given by NHS England and are building a new block but are also constrained by the size of the site.
- As the hospital is in Essex they do not have to come to HCC scrutiny but choose to do so as over half of their patients are located in East Herts.
- I did attend another scrutiny meeting soon after being discharged from hospital but felt really ill and went home.

Update provided by: Cllrs Alder and Symonds.....

Date: 19 April and 24 April 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Hertford Museum Trust

Purpose:

Hertford Museum aims to collect, preserve and interpret evidence of the history of the county town and surrounding parishes in the district of East Hertfordshire for the interest, enjoyment and understanding of the local community and other visitors.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Goodeve

Update:

(Please give a brief summary of the main issues considered by the OB during the previous year, including the number of meetings/events held and the number attended by you)

I have attended 3 meetings of the trustees and also attended exhibition openings/preview events.

Hertford Museum continues to try to increase visitor numbers and to increase funds raised from the public given concern around public funding diminishing in the future. Hertford Museum relies heavily on funds from Hertford Town Council. All expenditure is monitored rigorously and savings made where possible.

Update provided by: Cllr Goodeve.....

Date: 15 February 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Hertford Poor's Estate

Purpose:

The prevention or relief of poverty through the making of grants. Every year the trustees receive applications from Hertford residents and, having checked their financial circumstances, those qualifying receive a cash grant prior to Christmas.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Cousins

Update:

As stated above relief from poverty through grants prior to Christmas. I have not attended any meetings in the last year but am kept informed.

Update provided by: Cllr Cousins.....

Date: 20 March 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Hertfordshire Armed Forces Covenant Board

Purpose:

The Hertfordshire Armed Forces Covenant is a commitment from public and private organisations in the county, to support the active and retired Armed Forces community living and working in Hertfordshire. The Covenant aims to encourage all citizens to support the local Armed Forces community and make it easier for Service personnel, families and veterans to access the help and support they need.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Andrews

Update:

3 meetings have been held this year and I have attended them all and in addition I have taken part in a full day training event. The issues considered and actioned include understanding and supporting provision of schooling for service families moving into the County and the correct use of Service Children Pupil Premium. Making service providers aware that Service Personnel and Veterans may have specific requirements and that they should seek to establish if patients are serving or are Vets so that it can be established if extra support is available. Health and Mental Health services in particular.

I have also attended two meetings of the Hertfordshire Reserve Forces and Cadet Association.

Update provided by: Cllr Andrews.....

Date: 4 April 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Hertfordshire Building Preservation Trust Ltd

Purpose:

- preserving buildings of architectural and historic importance
- helping to rescue buildings at risk
- organising conservation seminars, exhibitions and visits
- providing learning and outreach programmes for young people
- managing two heritage museums and a medieval hall

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Ruffles

Update:

(Please give a brief summary of the main issues considered by the OB during the previous year, including the number of meetings/events held and the number attended by you)

Maintenance of the 'Business Arm' (BEAMS) which advises on historic structures. Maintenance of Trusts own historic structures – many in East Herts. I attend 6 or 8 meetings annually. Public openings of Much Hadham Fayre and for me, Comer Windmill.

Update provided by: Cllr Ruffles.....

Date: 20 February 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Hertfordshire Groundwork Trust

Purpose:

Groundwork East works in Hertfordshire, Luton and Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, Suffolk, Essex and Norfolk to create better places, improve people's prospects and encourage greener living and working.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Ruffles

Update:

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I attend advisory Directors Meetings twice a year or so – and groundwork project linked events about twice or three times each year.

For me, as East Herts Council's rep, the work has been to encourage Groundwork to fund East Herts projects. As outlined above, "Groundwork Hertfordshire" is now closely integrated with Regional Groundwork. However, this year's annual review was in Bedfordshire, which was easier to reach than Ipswich in 2016.

The principles of the trust are at the root of Groundwork business and execution of much of the project work involves people struggling to become qualified at a basic level – and often leads to full

employment. A good thing, Groundwork.

Update provided by: Councillor Ruffles.....

Date: 23 February 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Hertfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board

Purpose:

The Health and Wellbeing Board brings together the NHS, public health, adult social care and children's services, including elected representatives and Hertfordshire Healthwatch, to plan how best to meet the needs of Hertfordshire's population and tackle local inequalities in health.

East Hertfordshire District Council Representative(s):

Cllr Haysey (elected at Hertfordshire Leaders Group)

Update:

(Please give a brief summary of the main issues considered by the OB during the previous year, including the number of meetings/events held and the number attended by you)

The Hertfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) meets quarterly to consider the overall health and social care policies for Hertfordshire. Currently it is working on the Sustainable Transformational Programme for the 3 clinical commissioning groups in the area and a fundamental review of healthcare provision.

Update provided by: Cllr Haysey.....

Date: 26 March 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Hertfordshire Lifestyle and Legacy Partnership

Purpose:

Established in March 2014 to replace the Hertfordshire Olympic and Paralympic Legacy Partnership Board, the Hertfordshire Lifestyle and Legacy Partnership (HLLP) brings partners together from across the county to developing a shared vision for sport, physical activity, recreation and culture in the county. The work of the Partnership is taken forward through four themes:

1. Physical Activity (*led by the Hertfordshire Sports Partnership*)
2. Arts and Culture (*led by the Hertfordshire Music Education Hub*)
3. Lifestyle Theme (*led by Hertfordshire County Council Public Health*)
4. Volunteering and Third Sector (*led by Third Sector Partners*)

The partnership is chaired by Hertfordshire County Council's Executive Member for Public Health, Localism and Libraries. Partners involved include Herts Sports Partnership, districts and boroughs, HAPTC, health, schools, colleges, the police and crime commissioner and community and voluntary organisations.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Buckmaster

Update:

The Partnership has input from a number of stakeholders concerned with the health and wellbeing of residents in Hertfordshire through participation in social, physical, and cultural activities.

Here are some examples:

Herts Year of Physical Activity 2018

Physical Activity with a focus on increasing physical activity using the slogan:
"Move more, feel great"

Colleges across Hertfordshire have been taking part in park runs to help further promote the YOPA 2018.

Following the annual health survey from the 10,000 surveyed, people were found to spend up to 5 hours a day of inactivity. There will be a push to tackle this with the "Move more, feel great" scheme to help increase physical activity in areas in which inactivity is highest.

Theme leads throughout the year

As part of the year of physical activity there will be monthly themes throughout the year.

Workplace Development sessions have been delivered by the Herts Sports Partnership.

They ran coaching sessions throughout February in order to help upskill a wider range of partners in order to take advantage of the trust these organisations already have with our inactive population.

Following this they will be sufficiently equipped to engage inactive people using the various programmes and training that will be on offer.

BEEE Creative CIC

Project: Dance Re:Ignite

Dance Re:Ignite was launched in 2017 with the aim of encouraging over 50's to take part in dance classes to help provide an opportunity to get out and socialise/make new friends in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

Following the huge success of the programme in 2017 BEEE Creative are looking to repeat this success in 2018 by securing additional funding of £65,000.

Fit and Fed Initiative

The Fit and Fed Initiative is a campaign to help provide school kids aged between 8 and 16 with sport activities and a hot meal provided by HSP.

This helps to tackle the danger of school kids being at risk of not being able to make use of free school meals or making use of free activity programmes within their area.

The pilot was held at Hatfield Fire Station with great success, going forward there are plans to add a reading element to the campaign in order to encourage reading during school holidays with the plan to rename the campaign Fit, Fed and Read.

Cataloguing Hertfordshire Sculptures Project – Public Monuments and Sculpture Association

The PMSA is looking to record and catalogue all public monuments and sculptures across the county including digitizing existing records and add new records.

With this in mind they are looking at ways to network locally and spread the word. Ways of achieving this so far have been producing a sculpture journal three times a year as well as an online magazine and newsletter called Third Dimensions.

Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust)

A breakdown was provided of what it is the Wildlife Trust does and how this benefits the many special areas in which wildlife thrive across Hertfordshire. This is achieved predominately through the use of volunteers who work to educate people on what types of wildlife make Hertfordshire their home and what might be situated on your doorstep.

The Wildlife Trust are always looking for ways to reach new audiences through the use of workshops & events to develop skills & training for other organisations.

Arts and Culture

- Herts Dances, a countywide project relating to the Year of Physical Activity, has been launched.
- The Herts Year of Culture 2020 Development Group will met for the first time in January
- The Hertfordshire Cultural Education Partnership is developing, a stakeholder event is intended for the summer.

Voluntary and Third Sector Currently undergoing a team restructure, going

forward it will be called the Community Support Commissioning Team.
This will be centred around four preventative themes:

- Supporting Carers
- Info/Advice & advocacy
- Keeping residents out of hospital
- Connecting & developing individuals and communities

Currently working with Homecare to deliver a Loneliness Communications Campaign that launched in October.

This is achieved by using community navigators to find local social events within the community to help those that may be finding it difficult to get out and socialise on their own.

Update provided by: Councillor Buckmaster.....

Date: 4 April 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Hertfordshire Pensions Committee

Purpose:

The Pensions Committee has been established in accordance with changes to the Public Sector Pension Act 2013. The Committee assists and supports the Pension Board in its management and governance of the Pension Fund and complying with LGPS regulations and other legal and regulatory requirements.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Casey

Update:

I have attended 6-7 meetings in the current civic year (last two meetings missed due to illness).

The Committee continues to be extremely effective in my view. It monitors the Fund's funding level and takes effective action where required (including dismissing individual fund managing firms). It works closely with its professional advisers to ensure timely investment decisions are taken.

As evidence of the Committee's effectiveness, I can report that the Fund is currently funded as to 97% of its potential liabilities and is regarded as one of the top ten performing local authority schemes in the country. Reports from Committee meetings are passed back to EHDC officers (but see covering email).

Update provided by: Councillor Freeman.....

Date: 5 March 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Hertfordshire Police and Crime Panel

Purpose:

The Hertfordshire Police and Crime Panel has been established to scrutinise and support the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner. The Commissioner is required to consult with the Panel on plans for policing, as well as the precept (the money collected from council tax for policing) and certain key appointments.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Ruffles

(Substitute: Cllr Oldridge)

Update:

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Recently appointed to the role for East Herts District, I was a “founding Member” chairing initial meetings of the Panel and of Panel Members – in particular the appointments board, and led the Panel in its work connecting better with Panels in neighbouring police authorities.

I reported back at 8 weekly intervals to scrutiny panels at Hertfordshire County Council. I’m enjoying a short term return to the Police and Crime Panel with the particular concerns of East Herts Policing in mind.

Update provided by: Cllr Ruffles.....

Date: 26 February 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Hertfordshire Sustainability Forum

Purpose:

The Hertfordshire Sustainability Forum (HSF) is a county-wide strategic group of local authorities, third sector organisations and other partners working to raise awareness of environmental and sustainability issues across Hertfordshire. The Forum aims to bring together decision makers to develop environmental policies for the benefit of Hertfordshire as a whole and to raise awareness of key sustainability issues. HSF is hosted on rotation by the member authorities. It is currently hosted by East Herts District Council and meets quarterly.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr McAndrew

(Substitute: Cllr Ruffles)

Update:

The HSF sits quarterly but due to the officer recruited to organise the meetings having a baby and being poorly only two meetings were convened during this period. The officer has now resigned and recruitment for a replacement is in hand.

The group is well attended by all authorities and discussions around Air Quality and Clean Air Day is a topic high on everybody's agenda.

Presentation about Affinity Water Universal Metering: General discussion around the impacts of metering and the possible changes to resident's bills; NW – around 50% of bills will be expected to

reduce and 50% are expected to rise but this would be mitigated by the water saving resources being made available as part of the universal metering roll out.

Hertfordshire Sustainability & Business Forum conference scheduled for 15th March 2018 was cancelled due to other conferences taking place on the same day and low numbers indicating they would attend.

Update provided by: Cllr McAndrew.....

Date: 7 April 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Herts Infrastructure and Planning Partnership

Purpose:

The Hertfordshire Infrastructure and Planning Partnership (HIPP) provides a forum to discuss and, where appropriate, develop a shared view and agree joint work programmes on infrastructure and planning issues of common concern. A key objective is to work co-operatively within Hertfordshire and across the county borders according to the principles of localism and the duty to co-operate.

The Partnership works together with Hertfordshire Forward, Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership, the Local Transport Body for Hertfordshire, the Local Nature Partnership and other appropriate organisations in areas of shared interest to develop and where possible and necessary agree joint approaches to common issues. The Chairman, or his or her deputy, represents the Partnership as appropriate on external bodies, including the Board of the Local Transport Body for Hertfordshire.

The Partnership is not a formal decision making-body and does not fetter the decision making processes of individual authorities. If individual authorities come to a different view from any collective Hertfordshire position they will ensure that all the other authorities are duly notified.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Haysey
(Substitute: Cllr G Jones)

Update:

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HIPP continues to meet on an ad hoc basis and is looking at planning policy across the wider area and closer collaboration. The A414 working group has been evaluation options for the infrastructure requirements along the length.

Update provided by: Councillor Haysey.....

Date: 26 March 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Hertfordshire Waste Partnership

Purpose:

WasteAware is the partnership of Hertfordshire's county, district and borough councils, working together to reduce, reuse and recycle Hertfordshire's waste. It promotes waste and recycling education and campaigns, providing useful tips to help be WasteAware.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr McAndrew

Update:

4 meetings have been held in this period.

East and North Herts have demonstrated admirably to the HWP group how working in partnership / synergy with one another in the Waste Partnership creates great savings for the general public which should be replicated county wide and external to the county, however there is resistance within other authorities to go down this road. Plastics and the eco economy. Flytipping is very high on the agenda.

Topics moving forward will be:

- Future purpose and role of the HWP Member Group
- a headline review of the HWP's current consortiums so the Membership can understand issues such as market volatility, contracted versus uncontracted tonnages etc. Both of these were agreed as important issues for discussion at the January HWP meeting.
- The New Plastics Economy – Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

Update provided by: Cllr McAndrew.....

Date: 7 April 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Historic England – Heritage Champion

Purpose:

A Heritage Champion's role can be very wide and varied but at its core is being a voice for heritage locally. The champion represents local views on heritage within the authority, can help influence planning decisions and support the local historic environment services (both archaeological and historic buildings conservation officers). Champions can make sure that local plans and strategies capture the contribution that the local historic environment can make to the success of an area. It is up to each Heritage Champion to interpret the role in a way that fits with the Champion's own interests and position, along with local conditions.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Ruffles

Update:

(Please give a brief summary of the main issues considered by the OB during the previous year, including the number of meetings/events held and the number attended by you)

I look for opportunities to 'speak East Herts Heritage' both in public and with Council colleagues. I attend the Council's 'Wellbeing Forums' because the quality and character of the Historic Built Environment contributes perhaps in a small way, possibly considerably, to the sense of wellbeing of our residents.

I have good working relations with our Conservation Team, and this

role is complemented by my similar Outside Body role with Hertfordshire Building Preservation Trust and my membership as an individual of several civic trusts and groups locally.

Update provided by: Councillor Ruffles.....

Date: 26 February 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Lee Valley Regional Park Authority

Purpose:

Lee Valley Regional Park Authority runs award winning open spaces and sports venues along the 26 mile long, 10,000 acre park. The park was created by a unique Act of Parliament as a “green lung” for London, Essex and Hertfordshire. Its approach is to be community focused and commercially driven, to work with partners to produce a unique combination of activities, sights and experiences.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllrs Warnell and Wyllie
(Substitutes: Cllrs McAndrew and Stevenson)

Update:

I was appointed to the Authority in July 2017 and have Attended 1 out of 2 Audit Committee meetings and 3 out of 3 Full Authority meetings.

The Authority has agreed a 6% in the Levy for the financial year 2018 / 2019 allowing a net revenue of £9.757m

Update provided by: Councillor Wyllie.....

Date: 18 April 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

LGA District Council Network

Purpose:

The District Councils' Network is a cross-party member-led network of all 201 district councils in England. As a Special Interest Group of the Local Government Association (LGA), it provides a national voice for district councils within the LGA. It lobbies central government, the political parties and other stakeholders directly on behalf of its members, as well as commissioning research, providing support, and sharing best practice.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Haysey

Update:

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This body meets once or twice a year and has run a conference for this and the last civic year. It is a useful forum to meet other District Councillors from across England.

Update provided by: Councillor Haysey.....

Date: 26 March 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

LGA General Assembly

Purpose:

A politically-led, cross-party organisation that works on behalf of councils to ensure local government has a strong, credible voice with national government. It aims to influence and set the political agenda on the issues that matter to councils so they are able to deliver local solutions to national problems.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Haysey

Update:

(Please give a brief summary of the main issues considered by the OB during the previous year, including the number of meetings/events held and the number attended by you)

An important body to be a Member of. The LGA holds a pivotal role in representing Local Authorities.

Update provided by: Councillor Haysey.....

Date: 26 March 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

LGA Insurance Mutual

Purpose:

To consider the implications, advantages and disadvantages of setting up an insurance mutual to carry insurable Council risks.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Cutting
(Substitute: Cllr Deering)

Update:

(Please give a brief summary of the main issues considered by the OB during the previous year, including the number of meetings/events held and the number attended by you)

29 November 2017 – Cllrs Cutting and Deering at Wallfields

23 January 2018 – Cllr Deering sub for Cllr Cutting @ LGA Westminster

20 February 2018 – Cllr Cutting @ LGA Westminster

22 March 2018 – Cllr Cutting @ LGA Westminster

Update provided by: Cllr Cutting.....

Date: 17 March 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Local Government Information Unit Assembly

Purpose:

The LGiU is a membership organisation, providing information, research and other services to over 150 councils, trade unions, universities and other organisations.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Haysey

Update:

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I do not attend this.

Update provided by: Councillor Haysey.....

Date: 26 March 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Local Enterprise Partnership

Purpose:

Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) is focused on helping to drive forward sustainable economic growth – with local business, education providers, the third sector and the public sector working together to achieve this. It helps to foster the relationships for partnership working to flourish.

East Hertfordshire District Council Representative(s):

Cllr Haysey (elected by Leaders at the Hertfordshire Leaders Meeting)

Update:

(Please give a brief summary of the main issues considered by the OB during the previous year, including the number of meetings/events held and the number attended by you)

The LEP board meets regularly and considers the funding requirements of projects for the county. There are 4 main board meetings a year.

Update provided by: Councillor Haysey.....

Date: 26 March 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

London, Stanstead, Cambridge Corridor (LSCC)

Purpose:

The London Stansted Cambridge Corridor Consortium is a partnership of public and private organisations covering the area north of Tech City, the City Fringe, Kings Cross, and the Olympic Park, up through the Lee Valley and M11/A10, and West Anglia Rail corridors to Harlow and Stansted, and through to Cambridge. The partnership was formed to organise and promote a clear economic area, with strong inter-connections; commuting to work and learn patterns, clusters of industries and supply chains.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Haysey

Update:

(Please give a brief summary of the main issues considered by the OB during the previous year, including the number of meetings/events held and the number attended by you)

Same as last year (I am deputy chair at the LSCC. The LSCC has made enormous progress this year in developing a coherent message for promoting growth along the corridor.

The LSCC board meets at least 4 times a year. There are also training sessions and adhoc presentations which I normally attend)

Also, East Herts, both at a political and senior Officer level, is an

active Member of those authorities in the middle of the corridor.

Update provided by: Councillor Haysey.....

Date: 26 March 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Network Housing Area Panel

Purpose:

Network Homes Panel, which meets twice a year, is the central resident body that brings together views from all Local Panels. It is the link between our residents and Network Homes Customer Services Committee, which holds Network Homes accountable for its performance. The Network Homes Panel is part of our governance structure. The role of the Network Homes Panel is to:

- Monitor the performance of Network Homes services, strategies and policies against the consumer standards, and oversee delivery of service improvement plans
- Review proposed customer strategies, reports and audits
- Make recommendations to the Customer Services Committee
- Commission organisation wide scrutiny and co-ordinate local scrutiny

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllrs Moore and Standley

(Substitute: Cllr Radford)

Update:

(Please give a brief summary of the main issues considered by the OB during the previous year, including the number of meetings/events held and the number attended by you)

The residents' panel forms part of Network Home's residents' engagement strategy. Panels are made up of local residents who work with Network to improve services and hold Network to account

for their performance by ensuring that their local voice is heard at Higher Levels of the organisation. The panel's contribution acts as a critical and effective operation to the governance arrangements contributing success to the panel and Network's resident engagement policy.

Many of the recommendations made relate to admin support offered to the panel and should not affect the Panel arrangements themselves.

The focus Group worked on the updating and final publication of the Tenants' handbook and made significant contributions thereto. Network's Key points are to deliver a first class customer service together with resident engagement. They encourage residents to engage and welcome ways of hearing from the residents and use their feedback in a way to promote and shape their services.

I attended training on 20/7/17 and received a certificate regarding Network Homes 'The Knowledge. I understand having met other residents from London Panels that their issues differ from the issues raised in Hertfordshire.

As far as I can see from information and my diary, I attended 4 local panel meetings during the Civic Year 2017 and one meeting on 16th January 2018. and cancelled two meetings last year and one this year so far.

Update provided by: Cllr Standley.....

Date: 14 March 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

PATROL

Purpose:

The joint committee of England and Wales (outside of London) for the civil enforcement of parking and traffic regulations outside London. It deals with the enforcement of parking tickets as well as parking and bus lane regulations for councils that are in the Civil Enforcement Scheme.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr G Jones

Update:

(Please give a brief summary of the main issues considered by the OB during the previous year, including the number of meetings/events held and the number attended by you)

Quarterly meetings, regularly attended by EHC representative.
Reduction in costs for local authorities for appeals against Penalty Charge Notices following successful rollout of online appeal system

Update provided by: Cllr G Jones.....

Date: 29 March 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group (SASIG)

Purpose:

SASIG is a group of Local Authorities from across the country, all with an interest in strategic aviation issues. SASIG works to ensure that UK aviation policy is implemented in a manner that reconciles economic, social and environmental issues. SASIG's objectives are:

- to promote the need for long-term, sustainable aviation policies that lead to a reduction in the environmental impact of aviation whilst securing appropriate social and economic benefits;
- to increase understanding of the local and global impacts of aviation on the environment and communities;
- to identify and promote the changes needed to move towards sustainable aviation practices within the industry and Government; and
- to work with other organisations and the Government on the formulation of policy advice.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr G Jones

Update:

Quarterly meetings, regularly attended by EHC representative. Overriding issue this year has been the implications of the third London runway although there have been a number of consultations. Those relevant to East Herts have been addressed through the Non-Key Decision process.

Update provided by: Cllr G Jones.....

Date: 29 March 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Sele Farm Community Centre

Purpose:

The management committee oversees the running of the hall which is hired by local communities for their own personal use or for clubs etc, that use the hall on a regular basis.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Cousins

Update:

The Management runs on behalf of EHDC the centre for use of the local Community. I have attended 2 Trustees Meetings an Annual General Meeting and 2 Management Committee meetings.

Update provided by: Cllr Cousins.....

Date: 20 March 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Stanstead Airport Community Trust

Purpose:

A registered charity that holds the trust fund and its income and makes grants to organisations in Hertfordshire and Essex for community benefits, including schools, education, sport, employment, skills training and other projects that have a real impact on people's lives.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Hollebon

Update:

(Please give a brief summary of the main issues considered by the OB during the previous year, including the number of meetings/events held and the number attended by you)

STAC Trust now meets three times a year. All meetings are now held at the Airport. I have attended all meetings bar one which was down to a late change of agreed date/time and venue in February. Manchester Airport Group (MAG) continues to support the Trust financially and have representation on the Trust too. A variety of organisations apply for funding which have to meet the criteria of the Trust. Since my last report to Council I have been actively promoting local organisations to apply for funding from STAC. Groups can only apply if they are within the 10 mile radius of Stansted Airport. This does limit certain groups from applying. I have enjoyed my time representing this Council on the Trust.

Update provided by: Cllr Hollebon.....

Date: 12 February 2017.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Stansted Airport Consultative Committee

Purpose:

Provides community consultation in regard to the workings of Stansted Airport. Its specific terms of reference are:

1. To consider, scrutinise and advise on matters primarily concerning the management and administration of the Airport.
2. To consider the impact of the Airport on the local community, the economy and the environment.
3. To consider matters affecting the experience of Airport users including in particular passengers.
4. To consider the corporate affairs of the Airport.
5. To promote an informed understanding of airport operations and of their impact on communities of interest.
6. To consider matters specifically referred by interests represented on the Committee, by the management of the Airport or by the Government.
7. To share ideas and consider best practice from other airports and organisations.
8. To liaise with other Airport Consultative Committees on matters of common concern.
9. To make representations to the Government and other organisations as appropriate and
10. To take any action incidental to any of the above terms of reference, including co-options, the establishment of Working Groups and nominations to Outside Bodies.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr G Jones

Update:

(Please give a brief summary of the main issues considered by the OB during the previous year, including the number of meetings/events held and the number attended by you)

Invited to quarterly full Committee meetings and meetings of their User Experience Group. Attended seven (often lengthy) meetings during the year in which a new independent Chairman, Ms Shena Winning was appointed. There was also a change in the Airport Chief Executive to Ken O'Toole.

It has been a busy year in pre-consultation on the planning application for an increase in capacity to 43 million passengers per annum, working with the airport and Borderforce on operational matters and influencing both the design of the new Arrivals building and the broader customer service strategy.

Update provided by: Cllr G Jones.....

Date: 29 March 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Transport East (EELGA)

Purpose:

This is a new forum lead by Essex County Council in order to consider the regions infrastructure requirements. The aim is to meet 4 times a year.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Haysey

Update:

(Please give a brief summary of the main issues considered by the OB during the previous year, including the number of meetings/events held and the number attended by you)

This is a new body and there has only been one preliminary meeting.

Update provided by: Councillor Haysey.....

Date: 9 April 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Visit Herts Partnership Group

Purpose:

Visit Herts is the official tourism service for Hertfordshire, working with attractions, accommodation and destinations across the county to promote Hertfordshire to local, national and international visitors. Visit Herts (part of destination management specialists Go To Places Ltd) works in partnership with Hertfordshire County Council and Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership, as well as district councils, transport providers and tourism businesses.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr G Jones

Update:

(Please give a brief summary of the main issues considered by the OB during the previous year, including the number of meetings/events held and the number attended by you)

There are quarterly Board meetings and networking meetings across the County, attended by East Herts on behalf of the Hertfordshire Leaders Group. We have attended four meetings during the year. There has been a retender of the contract. Go To Places were successful in retaining the contract and have proceeded to add to the number of subscribing organisations, including the large majority of District Councils. The Big Weekend continues to be successful and there has been joint working with other tourism bodies resulting in winning grants for new activities

Update provided by: Cllr G Jones.....

Date: 29 March 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Ware Charities

Purpose:

Relief in need, poverty, sickness, education. Applicants must reside in the town of Ware and parishes of Wareside and Thunderidge. Promotes education/training, health and the prevention or relief of poverty, by making grants to individuals and organisations.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Pope

Update:

(Please give a brief summary of the main issues considered by the OB during the previous year, including the number of meetings/events held and the number attended by you)

The Trustees meet four times a year. The Trustees are aware that there are members of the community who need help but are not aware of the Trust's existence. The Trustees continue to look at ways of making the wider community more aware of its activities. There are an increasing number of financial hardship related applications being referred to the Trust by Housing Associations.

Ware Charities derives the majority of its income from its freehold interest in 75, High Street Ware (HSBC were the tenant). Following the closure by HSBC of its Ware branch, the Trustees continue to consider the options available.

Update provided by: Cllr Pope.....

Date: 6 April 2018.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Wodson Park Sport and Recreation Association

Purpose:

Wodson Park Sports and Leisure Centre is owned and operated by Wodson Park Trust, a community based charity providing sports and recreation facilities for the people of East Hertfordshire. Its mission is to inspire and support sustainable, healthy lifestyles, by providing opportunities for everybody within East Hertfordshire to participate in a wide range of safe and affordable sports and leisure activities.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllrs Andrews, Ballam, Goodeve and Radford

Update:

(Please give a brief summary of the main issues considered by the OB during the previous year, including the number of meetings/events held and the number attended by you)

There are four meetings a year of which I have attended 3 plus one extraordinary meeting. Wodson Park is professionally and prudently managed.

The new purpose built disabled changing facility was ready for use in time for the National Wheelchair Dance competition on 11th November. EHDC made a contribution towards this and grant funding also sought from elsewhere.

The artificial football pitch part funded by EHDC has made a real impact on participation in football within East Herts and is helping to drive an increase in physical activity across the wider community.

Wodson Park has also been working collaboratively with East Herts to deliver the Forever Active Programme.

Update provided by: Cllr Goodeve.....

Date: 9 February 2017.....