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MEETING : OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
VENUE : COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD
DATE : TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2021
TIME : 7.00 PM

PLEASE NOTE TIME AND VENUE

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Councillor John Wyllie (Chairman)
Councillors S Bell, M Brady, R Buckmaster, A Curtis, I Devonshire,
H Drake, J Frecknall, M Goldspink (Vice-Chairman), D Hollebon,
D Snowdon, M Stevenson, N Symonds and A Ward-Booth

Substitutes

Conservative Group: Councillors D Andrews and I Kemp
Liberal Democrat Group: Councillor B Crystall
Labour: Councillor C Redfern

(Note: Substitution arrangements must be notified by the absent Member to Democratic Services 24 hours before the meeting)

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 - must not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting;
 - must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting;
 - must disclose the interest to the meeting, whether registered or not, subject to the provisions of section 32 of the Localism Act 2011;
 - if the interest is not registered and is not the subject of a pending notification, must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days;
 - must leave the room while any discussion or voting takes place.
2. A DPI is an interest of a Member or their partner (which means spouse or civil partner, a person with whom they are living as husband or wife, or a person with whom they are living as if they were civil partners) within the descriptions as defined in the Localism Act 2011.
3. The Authority may grant a Member dispensation, but only in limited circumstances, to enable him/her to participate and vote on a matter in which they have a DPI.

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- fail to disclose a disclosable pecuniary interest at a meeting if it is not on the register;
- fail to notify the Monitoring Officer, within 28 days, of a DPI that is not on the register that a Member disclosed to a meeting;
- participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which a Member has a DPI;
- knowingly or recklessly provide information that is false or misleading in notifying the Monitoring Officer of a DPI or in disclosing such interest to a meeting.

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AGENDA

1. Apologies

To receive apologies for absence.

2. Minutes - 8 June 2021 (Pages 7 - 32)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2021.

3. Chairman's Announcements

4. Declarations of Interest

To receive any Members' Declarations of Interest.

5. East Herts Tenancy Strategy for 2021 to 2026 (Pages 33 - 80)

6. Progress Report Corporate Plan: Hertford Theatre and Hartham Leisure Centre (Pages 81 - 88)

7. Items for Information

Update reports are included on the agenda for information only so that Members can make best use of the time available. If however, Members have concerns on the content of the report, then a recommendation can be made to the Executive or a further report requested.

(A) Update on Economic Development in East Herts_(Pages 89 - 96)

(B) Feedback on East Herts Council Complaints 2020-21
(Pages 97 - 110)

8. Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Draft Work Programme
(Pages 111 - 128)

9. Urgent Items

To consider such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration and is not likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information.