



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Ancient Charities of Hertford

Purpose:

The relief of poverty in Hertfordshire

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Councillor Rachel Carter

Update:

There have been 3 meetings of the charity in June, October and March. As I was not appointed until late on in the year, I have only attended the March meeting.

The meetings have been principally concerned with reviewing the finances of the charity and considering applications for grants for assistance made by various organisations on behalf of individuals.

Update provided by: Councillor Rachel Carter

Date: 25 April 2024



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Bishop’s Stortford Business Improvement District (BID)

Purpose:

Bishop’s Stortford Business Improvement District aims to raise the profile of the town centre as a great retail, tourist and business destination and improve the experience of the town centre for those who visit, live and work in the town.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Councillor Calvin Horner

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 BID board meetings have considered a wide range of issues, including the proposed worker’s Parking Scheme at Northgate End car park, grants to businesses to improve frontages, improvements to the street scene in central Bishop’s Stortford, pedestrianisation of North Street, BID events.

Since my appointment Bishop’s Stortford BID has held 11 monthly board meetings and has also held 3 drop-ins for local businesses. I have attended 12 meetings, missing one through illness and another which clashed with a full Council meeting.

Update provided by: Councillor Calvin Horner.....

Date: 26 April 2024.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Bishop’s Stortford Chamber of Commerce

Purpose:

To provide a EHDC link to the local Bishop’s Stortford business community, through attending events, to capture any issues

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Councillor Martin Adams

Update:

The meetings are usually ‘breakfast’ events, and comprise of a single speaker talking of a specific topic (the event I previously attended was about website metrics for the businesses)

The intention is to attend a few breakfast events (not all breakfast events are feasible, as they typically start at 8am, and on days I may be busy elsewhere), including hopefully the AGM etc.

It is an opportunity for these local businesses to network; I try and involve myself in discussions and ask about local challenges etc. There is significant scepticism regarding local government generally, and a topic of conversation typifying this, was the belief the historic transaction around Charrington’s House was poorly executed and of very poor value for the local community (this is to put it mildly). Traffic issues also mentioned.

The next event I am attending is in May 24, at the Silver leys Polo club and the guest speaker is from Bishop’s Stortford BID

Update provided by: Councillor Martin Adams.....

Date: 24 April 2024.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

CCTV Partnership

Purpose:

The partnership is 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):

Councillor Alex Daar

Update:

I have attended one meeting of the CCTV Partnership which was held at the Borehamwood Council Offices on 26 September 2023. The Partnership includes officers and councillors from East Herts, Hertsmere, North Herts, and Stevenage. The hosting of the meeting rotates. The purpose of the meetings is to be inform councillors about the work that takes place in the monitoring and control room and give them the opportunity to ask questions about the operations of the company that runs the CCTV Partnerships. The monitoring of the CCTV cameras takes place at the control room based in Stevenage. The cameras are in place in towns within the districts who form the partnership. Local authority officers, on behalf of the partnership councils, jointly run the company.

At this meeting Councillor Chris Gray from Hertsmere Borough Council was elected as Chair. We discussed the CCTV Operational Report which included statistics of incidents recorded by the cameras and an Audit Report. During 2021/22 a review of operational performance of the CCTV company was undertaken. We also received a report from the CCTV Management Board which explained the work undertaken by the joint officer management members since the last meeting.

There was discussion about apportioning the costs of running the CCTV systems and the Town Councils' contributions.

For further information please see the papers available on this public link:

<https://hertsmere.moderngov.co.uk/mgA.aspx?M=11540&LLL=0>

Update provided by: Councillor Alex Daar.....

Date: 17 April 2024.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Co-operation for Sustainable Development Board

Purpose:

The purpose of the Co-op Board is to support plan-making process across East Herts, Epping Forest, Harlow and Uttlesford. The Board reviews cross boundary issues (strategic planning matters) being progressed through emerging local plans. It is an advisory body, and any decisions resulting from its advice remained the responsibility of its constituent councils.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Councillor Vicky Glover-Ward

Update:

The Board is currently in abeyance pending the review of local plans.

There have been no meetings during the last year.

Update provided by: Councillor Vicky Glover-Ward.....

Date: 1 May 2024.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

East of England LGA

Purpose:

To support member councils in the East of England to be the best that they can be for their residents, places and communities.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Councillor Ben Crystall and Councillor Mione Goldspink (deputy)

Update:

We have liaised with the EELGA during the year, met with the Chief Executive, and members of the EHC Exec team have attended a number of events including the East of England Net Zero Conference (Tim Hoskin) and the East of England Water Summit (Vicky Glover-Ward).

Update provided by: Councillor Ben Crystall.....

Date: 22 April 2024.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Harlow and Gilston Garden Town Board

Purpose:

To provide strategic leadership and oversight on the HGGT project, to set objectives and ensure delivery, and to monitor progress.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Councillor Ben Crystall and Councillor Vicky Glover-Ward (deputy)

Update:

The main activity has been the agreement and setting up of a Joint Committee to replace the current 5 council model which will help in decision making, and accountability. The JC will begin as a shadow committee in 2024 before taking over from the current group of council members.

A number of key documents including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan have been reviewed and updated.

Update provided by: Councillor Ben Crystall.....

Date: 22 April 2024.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) Health Scrutiny Committee

Purpose:

To scrutinise the work of bodies providing healthcare services to the people of Hertfordshire and suggest improvements where problems are identified.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Councillor Miriam Swainston

Update:

There have been 4 meetings held since I was asked to represent East Herts on this committee. I have attended all 4.

Subjects scrutinised this year include:

Annual Patient Experience Scrutiny, where evidence was received from Herts and West Essex Integrated Care Board (ICB) East and North Herts Hospital Trust, West Herts Teaching Hospital Trust; Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Strategy update; Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust Five Year Strategy; Hertfordshire Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism Health Care Partnership; Herts and West Essex ICS Maternity Units and Neonatal Units update; Drug and alcohol grants; West Herts Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust development update; Mount Vernon Cancer Centre Strategic review update.

Many questions from members are answered during the scrutiny meetings but if they cannot be we have the answers emailed to us. We also receive quite frequent updates on other relevant matters.

Meetings are broadcast and available online on the Hertfordshire County Council website as are all agendas and minutes.

The committee works collaboratively, with all aiming to improve the healthcare experience for residents of Hertfordshire.

Update provided by: Councillor Miriam Swainston.....

Date: 30 April 2024.....



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):

Councillor Maura Connolly

Update:

As a representative of East Hertfordshire District Council, I had to become a trustee of The Hertford Museum. I have attended 8 formal trustee meetings.

These were the regular quarterly meetings as well as additional meetings following the engagement of a consultant to help the museum design and implement a transformation to increase visitors (which had not fully recovered since COVID) and improve the museum finances. I volunteer one Sunday a month to enable the museum to open. I have completed 7 x2 hour shifts. . I have also attended 4 informal meetings, including representing the trustees at receptions in the museum, e.g. a Town Twinning event. I enjoy being the EHC rep at the museum. I have learnt a lot about museums and see the museum in action at my volunteer sessions. It is valued by residents, visitors to Hertford and schools and is a huge asset to Hertford.

Update provided by: Councillor Maura Connolly.....

Date: 17 April 2024.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Hertfordshire Building Preservation Trust

Purpose:

Preservation and regeneration of historic buildings

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Councillor Steven Watson

Update:

2 meetings (out of 3) attended.

The trust is looking for a new secretary and trustee.

There remain substantial costs for maintaining and running their various properties, including Cromer Windmill and the Much Hadham Forge Museum.

BEAMS, the HBPT's trading company is bringing in a profit however, overall, funds are diminishing.

Update provided by: Councillor Steven Watson.....

Date: 29 April 2024.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership (HCCSP)

Purpose:

The Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership (HCCSP) consists of all 10 districts and the county council, plus the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). HCCSP is a strategic group which acts as the lead partnership organisation for partners to collaborate and identify joint work programmes on environmental, climate change and wider sustainability issues.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Councillor Tim Hoskin

Update:

Meetings are held 6 weekly which I have attended as the East Herts representative. There have been 8 meetings held in the last year and I have attended 6 of these meetings. I have also represented East Herts at the annual HCCSP review conducted with the Chair and lead CEO of Stevenage.

HCCSP continues to work on its six themes:

- Water
- Biodiversity
- Decarbonisation
- Transport
- Behaviour change

Joint work programmes have included:

Solar Together – 2022/23 facilitated private resident investment of over £12m in generating and storage potential of 4MW and 4.9MEW respectively

Retrofit – a public engagement drew 1,200 resident responses to a Home Retrofit survey and reconfirmed the public appetite for retrofit. Work is now progressing on developing a Retrofit Strategy.

A Sustainable Procurement Study has been initiated and East Herts is one of 3 local authorities taking part.

Update provided by: Councillor Tim Hoskin.....

Date: 25 April 2024.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Hertfordshire Infrastructure and Planning Partnership (HIPP)

Purpose:

The Hertfordshire Infrastructure and Planning Partnership, or “HIPP,” comprises the planning / transport portfolio holders and heads of planning from the eleven councils in Hertfordshire as well as representation from Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership and others. The partnership is supported by Hertfordshire Planning Group, comprising heads of planning and invited guests, as well as sub-groups which bring together planning policy managers and development management managers.

HIPP’s overarching purpose is “to provide a forum to discuss and develop a shared view and to propose joint work programmes on planning and infrastructure issues of common concern, working co-operatively within Hertfordshire and across county borders.”

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Councillor Vicky Glover-Ward, Executive Member for Planning and Growth.

Update:

Three meetings have been held over the last year (20/9/23, 11/21/23, 18/04/24). Meetings have focussed on Local Plan updates, development management issues, planning resilience (recruitment and retention in the planning sector) government consultations on planning and other matters such as the

introduction of Biodiversity Net Gain and the Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

Update provided by: Councillor Vicky Glover-Ward.....

Date: 1 May 2024.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Hertfordshire Lifestyle and Legacy Partnership

Purpose:

To develop a shared vision for sport, physical activity, recreation and culture in the county.

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)*

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Councillor Miriam Swainston – Bishop’s Stortford North

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 only partner from this body that has contacted me during the council year is the Hertfordshire Sports Partnership.

They have kept in regular contact about the Live Longer Better in Hertfordshire project. There have been three specific meetings

during the year. The first induction meeting on 26th June I was unable to attend but they sent me all the information. The second meeting was a conference at the University of Hertfordshire on 7th September which was a celebration of their work on Live Longer Better. It was very encouraging to hear about the good work they are doing and how well East Herts is performing on measures of relative health compared to other regions. People had the opportunity to try activities and also to sign up to become champions to encourage participation by others. I will be attending the online conference on Friday 26th April, 'Parish, Town and Community Councils' Conference 2024 - Affecting change at a local level, exploring the importance of Councils in supporting an ageing population', to which councillors have been invited. I consider their work very worthwhile.

Update provided by: Councillor Miriam Swainston.....

Date: 24 April 2024.....



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): Councillor Tim Hoskin

Elected as Vice Chair 31 July 2023

Update:

These meetings are held quarterly, and I have attended all meetings.

Within the last 12 months several significant consultations have been run by Defra including:

- Simpler Recycling (November 23)
 - Mandatory collection of food waste
 - Nationally agreed list of recycled categories/definitions
 - Frequency of residual waste collection (East Herts plan on a 3-weekly cycle)
- WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) March 24

- Response to proposed reforms to the producer responsibility system for waste electrical and electronic equipment

The implementation of Extended Producer Responsibility (producers' payment for collection and disposal of packaging) has been postponed by 12 months until October 2025.

The partnership continues to work effectively, 2022/23 has seen the biggest reduction in total household waste since the Partnership's first annual report back in 2010/11.

Update provided by: Councillor Tim Hoskin.....

Date: 29 April 2024.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Historic England - Heritage Champion.

Purpose:

Historic England are the public body that helps people care for, enjoy, and celebrate England's spectacular historic environment. A Heritage Champion is a councillor who has been nominated by their authority to promote all aspects of the historic environment in their area. The network of Heritage Champions across the country supports the protection of the historic environment at a local level.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Councillor Vicky Glover-Ward

Update:

The Heritage Champion:

- Liaises with Officers to make sure that local plans and strategies capture the contribution that the local historic environment can make to the success of an area.
- Promotes heritage within East Herts, generating enthusiasm for and awareness of the importance of the local historic environment.
- Helps ensure that commitment to the proper care of the historic environment is embedded in all relevant activities and plans of the East Herts.
- Supports the work of the Conservation service within the Planning Department, including reactive work such as

planning casework, and proactive work, such as drafting local lists and other project work.

Update provided by: Councillor Vicky Glover Ward.....

Date: 1 May 2024.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Lee Valley Regional Park Authority (LVRPA)

Purpose:

Lee Valley Regional Park Authority is responsible for the 26 mile long, 10,000 acre park with its huge variety of award winning green spaces, world class sports venues and ecologically vital wildlife havens.

The park was created by a unique Act of Parliament as a “green lung” for London, Essex and Hertfordshire. It is a community focused and commercially driven organisation which works with partners to produce a unique combination of activities, sights and experiences.

The park owns many of the previous Olympic venues such as the White Water Park and Velodrome as well as various parklands throughout the area.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Councillors Steven Watson and John Wyllie

Update:

4 meetings (out of 4) meetings attended plus two members’ tours. Members voted to increase the levy by 3% this year. The Ice Centre has opened, and, in terms of footfall, it seems to be a great success. LVRPA are continuing to make improvements to the biodiversity of the park with active schemes to restore and improve wetland habitats.

Update provided by: Councillors Steven Watson and John Wyllie.....

Date: 29 April 2024.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Local Government Association General Assembly

Purpose:

The national voice for local government, supporting councils to help their communities, deliver services, and promote and improve their areas.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Councillor Ben Crystall
Councillor Mione Goldspink (deputy)

Update:

We have made use of LGA support this year to help the Exec team in its new role, and we have supported the LGA in a number of campaigns and requests. Ben attended the LGA conference in 2023 and the DCN conference in 2024, and attended the regular meetings of the Independent LGA group.

Update provided by: Councillor Ben Crystall.....

Date: 22 April 2024.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Local Government Association Insurance Mutual

Purpose:

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Councillor Tom Deffley

Update:

I have not attended any meetings or had any conversations about this.

Update provided by: Councillor Tom Deffley.....

Date: 25 April 2024.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

London Stansted Cambridge Corridor Consortium

Purpose:

Transforming the economy of the London Stansted Cambridge Corridor.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Councillor Sarah Copley

Update:

I have not been contacted to attend any meetings, and there has been no activity as far as I am aware.

Update provided by: Councillor Sarah Copley.....

Date: 17 April 2024.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London)

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):

Councillor Graham McAndrew

Update:

At the Executive Sub Committee meeting held on 23rd January 2024, support was given by members to a report proposing an evolution of the existing annual reports awards programme, the Promoting Awareness of Civil Enforcement through Reporting (PACER) Awards.

Tue 11th July 23 – not attended, previous engagement.
17 Oct 23 London sub attended.
23 Jan 24 Birmingham attended.

Update provided by: Councillor Graham McAndrew.....

Date: 22 April 2024.....



OUTSIDE BODY - ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Scott Grotto

Purpose:

A charity running Scotts Grotto

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Councillor Graeme Hill

Update:

Scotts Grotto is well run with a large pool of volunteers working rotas during its opening session.

I have attended the AGM and a couple of get togethers- info sessions at the Grotto. In addition, I took a party of work colleagues (~20) on a visit to the site to help promote it within GSK.

It runs special Easter opening events which are very well attended and generate income. It is currently considering if other events can be accommodated at the site. From my impression it is in good health with passionate supporters.

Update provided by: Councillor Graeme Hill.....

Date: 25 April 2024.....



OUTSIDE BODY - ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Sovereign Network Group (SNG) - Formally Network Housing Area Panel

Purpose:

This company is the main social and affordable housing provider in Hertford and the surrounding areas.

EHDC work closely with them in their housing options department, operating the points and bidding systems for affordable and social rented homes.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Councillor Carolyn Redfern
Councillor Nahum Clements

Update:

SNG is a newly formed body which has merged the two housing companies of Sovereign Network Homes on 1st October 2023 and are now bringing their two operations together to improve both.

The Sovereign Network Group is registered in Basingstoke, Hampshire but has regional offices in many areas. Hertford has an office in Ware Road. We attend 4 meetings a year on the Residents Panel but have recently been involved in other subsidiary meetings about the SNG merger and the repairs problems within the housing association.

I have met with the manager of the Repairs team in Hertford and have visited the office where the repairs contractor shares an office with the phone team who receive calls from their customers. Cllr. Clements has been enrolled as a member of the panel since October 2023 attends meetings regularly.

SNG are trying hard to merge and improve their services and after a decline in efficiency over the last 18 months are now looking closely at their repair services to improve and provide a much more reliable and efficient service.

They continue to expand the range of affordable housing at the same time (for Network Homes) as dealing with making their 'high rise' homes safe after the Grenfell Tower tragedy.

Update provided by: Councillor Carolyn Redfern.....

Date: 26 October 2024.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Stansted Airport Community Trust

Purpose:

To provide money for good causes local to the airport.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Councillor Chris Wilson

Update:

I have not been invited to any meetings. I have emailed them to ensure they have my details.

Update provided by: Councillor Chris Wilson.....

Date: 2 May 2024.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Stansted Airport Consultative Committee (STACC)

Purpose:

The Stansted Airport Consultative Committee (STACC) provides a forum that allows communication and consultation between Stansted Airport and those most affected by its operations.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Councillor Calvin Horner

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 main issues discussed include: flight numbers; night flights, dispensations and noise; alterations and extension of the Airport Terminal building; Future Security Programme and the upgrading of scanners; Stansted Airport community support initiatives; public transport to the Airport and modal share; special assistance for the vulnerable and those with disabilities; and the Airport Chaplaincy.

Since joining the Stansted Airport Consultative Committee in October 2023 at the AGM there have been 2 further meetings of the Consultative Committee and 1 meeting of the User Experience Sub-Committee, all of which I have attended either virtually or in person. There has also been tours of the Airport Terminal for new members, including air-side operations, which I attended in April.

Update provided by: Councillor Calvin Horner.....

Date: 26 April 2024.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Transport East

Purpose:

To provide strategy for the wider area (East Anglia)

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Councillor Chris Wilson

Update:

I have not received any invites to meetings, I have emailed them to ensure that they have my details.

Update provided by: Councillor Chris Wilson.....

Date: 2 May 2024.....



OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Wodson Park Trust

Purpose:

Wodson Park Trust are a charity that provides Sports and Community services through their Sports Centre and grounds. The council appointees are appointed as trustees, board members and directors of Wodson Park Trust.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Councillors Steven Watson, Graeme Hill and Martin Butcher.

Update:

Attended one induction meeting, 2 board meetings (out of 3) and 1 (out of 2) online meeting.

Wodson Park has started a rebranding exercise. This year a new logo and brand strategy was selected.

Increases in staff costs and energy costs have presented a financial challenge that is being addressed.

A lightning strike last autumn caused significant damage to the phone cabling system. As a result, the implementation of a new digital system was brought forward.

Update provided by: Councillor Steven Watson.....

Date: 29 April 2024.....