

NORTH HERTS COUNCIL

WEEK ENDING FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 2024

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NEWS AND INFORMATION

AGENDA & REPORTS

PUBLISHED WEEK COMMENCING 21 OCTOBER 2024

None

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS WEEK COMMENCING 28 OCTOBER 2024

None

UPCOMING CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS FROM FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 2024

Date	Event	Location
	None	

UPCOMING VICE-CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS FROM FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 2024

Date	Event	Location
	None	

UPCOMING OTHER EVENTS FROM FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 2024

Date	Event	Location
	None	



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WASTE MANAGEMENT

MEMBERS INFORMATION NOTE

Environment Week 21st to 25th October occurred this week and was a great opportunity to promote WasteAware's Sustainable families scheme as well as the Sustainable periods discount scheme. Promoting reusable items is a great way to reduce single use plastic as well and reduce residual waste. For more information visit <https://hertfordshire.gov.uk/sustainablefamilies>

Litter bin project further update:

For your reference, please see below the letter we will be sending parishes, where more than 30% of their litter bins are being considered for removal.

Dear Parish

As part of changes to the Council's street cleansing contract in 2025, the Council's waste team were tasked with carrying out a review of all the districts litter bins which fall under this new contract, (not including litter bins within parks or open spaces – this is a separate piece of work). This has been carried out to ensure the services are carried out efficiently and effectively on a needs basis. In November 2023, the Council's Executive (Cabinet) approved a reduction in litter bins across East and North Hertfordshire to reduce council spend by improving the efficiency of the emptying services. Litter bins have been reviewed on a case by case basis depending on the qty of bins and requirements of the individual area, so the remaining number of bins in each parish or ward will vary.

We view litter bins as an important and essential part of our service to provide a clean, safe, and pleasant environment for all to enjoy. Without them it has the potential to contribute negatively to the aesthetic of the area, which directly affects the perception of residents, neighbours, the wider community, and visitors to our district. However, in some circumstances litter bins provide little or no advantage to an area and in others may even attract more litter and dumping than if they had not been present. Each litter bin across the area is on a schedule to be emptied, and we can request our contractor carry's out an ad-hoc clearance if a bin is reported to be overflowing. This predetermined schedule is produced using parameters such as on

footfall, location, volume of usage and in some scenarios seasonality depending on the location of the bin.

As such, the main aim of the review was to ensure that our litter bins are positioned in the most appropriate location to capture litter, where there is high footfall or place of congregation (such as busy bus stops), and whilst acknowledging that other more out of town and rural areas may still require a litter bin in some locations, it has been determined that the quantity currently located in some areas is over and above the need. This has led to an uneconomical & inefficient service.

The waste team have audited all of our litter bins, measured their suitability against a set criteria; based broadly on location, requirements of the area, and qty of bins already located in the vicinity, and identified those that can be removed without any likely negative impact on the surrounding area.

In some circumstances we will look to reduce the number of smaller bins and replace with a larger bin with the same, or in some cases more capacity, we are also looking to relocate some litter bins to a more suitable location to enable it to be more useful and capture more litter in the area.

A workshop was held with Councillors from both East & North Herts Council, explaining the rationale and guidance used to support the project, and further information is available on this if required.

We are looking to commence the final stage of the project in the coming months, removing those that have been identified, or revising the type & size of bins to suit the area better. We would like to give this opportunity to the parishes and town councils that are likely to see a reduction of litter bins of 30% or greater, to contact us by 4th November if they have any particular concerns over a specific bin/s, which we will be happy to discuss further. However, it has been agreed that there will be a significant reduction in litter bins, and the team have been tasked for this to be completed by early next year.

Over the coming months you will therefore start to notice the removal, exchange or resighting of bins. Where bins are being relocated, residents within 10m of the new location, will be informed. We will of course continue to monitor the use of bins to ensure the frequency of emptying is being managed.

To re-confirm this project does not cover park or greenspace litter bins, or dog waste bins.

If you have further questions, or wish to discuss the proposals please do not hesitate to contact us by email: wasteandrecycling@north-herts.gov.uk

For more information please contact:

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**COMMITTEE SERVICES
(LEGAL & COMMUNITY DIRECTORATE)**

MEMBERS INFORMATION NOTE

Remembrance Day Events 2024

Remembrance Day falls on Sunday 10 November this year.

The District Council will be represented at the following events:

Baldock

Councillor Val Bryant
Alan Richards CB JP DL

**Act of Remembrance
10 November 2024**

9.30am St Mary's Church & War Memorial, High Street at 10.45am

Church service at St Mary's before the wreath laying at the War Memorial

Organiser contact details: Al Hayhurst

r1baldock@yahoo.com

Alexandra Milne

baldock.benefice@gmail.com

Hitchin

Councillor Clare Billing
Sir George Norton KCVO CBE DL

**Act of Remembrance
10 November 2024**

St. Mary's Church, 10.00am & War Memorial, Hitchin 11:00 AM

Church service commencing at 10.00am followed by wreath laying at 11am for the Act of Remembrance by the War Memorial

Organiser contact details: Tina Morrans

hitchinparishoffice@gmail.com

Knebworth

Councillors Lisa Nash and Paul Ward
Lady Martha Cobbald DL

Act of Remembrance
10 November 2024
Knebworth War Memorial, 12.30pm

12.30pm parade from Lytton Arms to War Memorial for wreath laying

Organiser contact details: Jodee White, Clerk to Knebworth Parish Council
clerk@knebworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

Letchworth Garden City

Councillor Tina Bhartwas
Jane McCue DL

Act of Remembrance
10 November 2024
War Memorial, Letchworth

Meet at 10.30am for a 10.45am start at War Memorial, Station Road, Letchworth.
11.30am Free Church, Leys Ave, Norton Way South, Letchworth

There are hot drinks served before and after the service in the Broadway Gallery

Organiser contact details: Richard Harbon, Letchworth BID Manager,
richard@loveletchworth.com

Royston

Councillor Ruth Brown
Emma Roberts DL

Act of Remembrance
10 November 2024
Royston Town Hall
Melbourne Street, Royston
War Memorial at 10.35am

Meet at 10.00am at Royston Town Hall, Melbourne Street, Royston for the parade,
with laying of wreaths to follow from 10.35am at the War Memorial.

Organiser contact details: Tracy Iontton,
admin@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk

Remembrance Day is a key civic engagement in the Chair's Calendar and an important annual event. Event organisers are naturally keen to mark the occasion and pay their respects.

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Cumulative Equalities and Environment Assessment (Policy & Strategy)

MEMBERS INFORMATION NOTE

Notification of completion and findings of Cumulative Equality and Environment Impact Assessments for the civic year 2023/24

Cumulative Equality Impact Assessment

The Council has a key role to play in advancing equality, fostering good relations between different groups within our community, and helping those who are disadvantaged to feel heard and represented. 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.

Equality analysis provides a way for the council to consider the effect of decisions on different groups protected from discrimination by the Equality Act 2010.

We must demonstrate that any analysis:

- contains sufficient information to enable a public authority to show it has given due regard to the equality duty in its decision making
- identifies methods for mitigating or avoiding adverse impact (either disproportionate disadvantage or unlawful discrimination)
- considers if there are any unintended consequences for some groups
- considers if the policy / decision will be fully effective for all target groups.

We are committed to complete equality analysis for policy decisions made by the authority.

Council reports include any equality implications and are assessed by the Policy & Strategy team. Where appropriate an impact assessment will be undertaken, and mitigation measures identified by the report author and Policy & Strategy team. The Policy & Strategy team undertake an Annual Cumulative Equality Impact Assessment of these from the previous civic year and publishes it on the Council's website. – link here

The key findings extracted from the assessment can be found below:

- Out of 85 decisions from Cabinet and Council, a total of 19 noted potential equality implications and the mitigating action either carried out or proposed, of these 19 decisions, 5 Equality Analysis Templates were completed.
- 45 decisions noted potential future equality implications however at the time of reporting, did not require action or completion of an Equality Analysis.
- 21 decisions highlighted no direct implications.

The full assessment can be found at [Cumulative Equality Impact Assessment](#).

Cumulative Environment Impact Assessment

In 2019, the Council passed a motion to declare a Climate Emergency. This declaration asserted the Council's commitment toward Climate Action beyond the current government targets and international agreements. Also, in July 2023, the Council declared an Ecological Emergency highlighting the need to address nature recovery, identify appropriate areas for habitat restoration and biodiversity net gain in the planning and development process while limiting impacts on existing habitats.

As part of the declaration, when Council policies are reviewed, specific consideration is given to how the policies and related decisions and actions affect our contribution to climate change, and where necessary, these policies are updated to reduce our impact where possible. The inclusion of an environmental implications section within reports and delegated decision templates ensures that impacts, mitigation measures and risks are identified at an early stage. Environmental Impact Assessments will include considerations that address air quality, biodiversity, adapting to climate change, landscape, noise and nuisance, waste management, water, and flood risks.

The key findings extracted from the assessment can be found below:

- Out of 85 decisions from Cabinet and Council, a total of 12 noted potential environment impacts and the mitigating action either carried out or proposed; 0 Environmental Impact assessments were completed. It can be noted however that a number of Environmental Impact Assessments were completed for Delegated Decisions across the civic year 2023/24, these decisions can be found at [Delegated decisions 2024](#) and [Delegated decisions 2023](#).
- 19 decisions noted potential future environment implications however at the time of reporting, did not require action or completion of an Environment Impact Assessment.
- 54 decisions highlighted no direct implications.

The full assessment can be found at [Cumulative Environmental Impact Assessment](#).

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NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Licensing and Regulation Committee held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3JF on Monday, 14th October, 2024 at 7.30 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Amy Allen, Ruth Brown, Steven Patmore and Stewart Willoughby.

2 MINUTES - 30 OCTOBER 2023

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 30 October 2023 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair.

3 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be recorded.
- (2) The Chair drew attention to the item on the agenda front pages regarding Declarations of Interest and reminded Members that, in line with the Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest needed to be declared immediately prior to the item in question.
- (3) The Chair advised for purposes of clarification that 4.8.23(a) of the constitution did apply to this meeting and Members were required to be present for the entirety of an Item to vote.
- (4) The Chair reminded the Committee to complete the IRP survey by Thursday 17 October 2024.
- (5) The Chair advised of a change in the order of the agenda. Agenda Item 7 followed by Item 8 would be considered after Agenda Item 5.

4 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

6 ANNUAL LICENSING REPORT 2023/24 - PART 1

RESOLVED: That the Committee:

- (1) Reviewed the Annual Report and commented on its content.
- (2) Noted the Annual Report.
- (3) Requested that the Chair of the Licensing and Regulation Committee urgently writes to the Government to request that they review the Licensing Act fees set 19 years ago in 2005, to raise the fees and bring these in line with the current fiscal pressures in 2024.

REASON FOR DECISIONS: Section 8.2.3 of the Council Constitution requires the Full Committee to meet at least once per civic year and section 8.2.3 (d) requires the Committee 'to receive an annual report on licensing activities including performance information'. 8

7 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the following report will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act (as amended).

8 ANNUAL LICENSING REPORT 2023/24 - PART 2

The Licensing and Community Safety Manager presented Appendix C to the report entitled 'Annual Licensing Report 2023/24'.

9 STATEMENT OF GAMBLING PRINCIPLES 2025-2028

RESOLVED: That the Licensing and Regulation Committee considered the consultation responses and recommended the adoption of the policy appended at Appendix A to Full Council.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That Council adopts the Statement of Gambling Principles 2025-2028 policy.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

- (1) Licensing authorities are required to publish a policy every three years by virtue of section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 ("the Act").
- (2) A new policy must be published by 3 January 2025 to comply with this statutory requirement.
- (3) The policy builds on the effectiveness of the existing policy with minor amendments to reflect changes in legislation, statutory guidance, consultation responses and an updated local area profile.

10 PAVEMENT LICENSING POLICY

RESOLVED: That the Committee adopted the Pavement Licensing Policy attached as Appendix A.

REASONS FOR DECISION:

- (1) The previous temporary licensing arrangements worked well therefore no further amendments are required, other than some clarification of previous condition wording.
- (2) The adoption of a policy ensures that applicants, licence holders, and the public have a clear understanding of the licensing process and objectives; it also ensures a consistent and transparent approach.

11 STREET TRADING POLICY

RESOLVED: That the Committee adopted the Street Trading Licensing Policy attached as Appendix A.

REASONS FOR DECISION:

- (1) The current policy is working well however some minor amendments are needed to ensure it remains fit for purpose.

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- (2) The adoption of a policy ensures that applicants, licence holders, and the public have a clear understanding of the licensing process and objectives; it also ensures a consistent and transparent approach.

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Standards Committee held in the Council Chamber, District Council Offices,
Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3JF
on Wednesday, 23rd October, 2024 at 7.30 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ruth Brown, Val Bryant and Sean Prendergast.

Apologies for absence were also received from Parish Councillor Martin Griffin and Reserve Independent Person Steve Tant.

Having given due notice Councillor Caroline McDonnell substituted for Councillor Brown and Councillor Emma Fernandes substituted for Councillor Bryant.

2 MINUTES - 27 MARCH 2024

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 27 March 2024 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair.

3 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

4 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council policy this meeting would be recorded.
- (2) The Chair drew attention to the item on the agenda front pages regarding Declarations of Interest and reminded Members that, in line with the Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest needed to be declared immediately prior to the item in question.
- (3) The Chair advised for the purpose of clarification Clause 4.8.23(a) of the Constitution does not apply to this meeting.
- (4) The Chair clarified matters for the registered speaker.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A verbal presentation was received from Mr David Cook on Agenda Item 6 'Standards Matters Report'.

6 STANDARDS MATTERS REPORT

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Committee noted the content of the report and made suggestions on future actions.
- (2) That the Committee noted the potential changes to the Standards Committee and survey responses detailed in paragraph 8.11-8.19.

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- (3) That the Committee recommended that the working party be urged to retain and strengthen this Committee in consultation with the recommendations and comments from the Independent Person.
- (4) That the Monitoring Officer reviews and reports back to the Committee on:
 - i. Whether the existing three month time limit for complaints to be brought was reasonable and proportionate; and
 - ii. Whether the introduction of a secondary jurisdiction time limit based on constructive knowledge was reasonable and proportionate.

REASON FOR DECISIONS: To ensure good governance within the Council.

7 CODE FOR STATUTORY OFFICERS (HEAD OF PAID SERVICE, SECTION 151 AND MONITORING OFFICERS)

RESOLVED: That the Committee noted the content of the report and Appendix A, and made suggestions on future actions, particularly with reference to 7.6 and 7.7 of this report.

REASON FOR DECISION: To ensure good governance within the Council.

RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT

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

Any conflict with any Member of the Panel and the bodies concerned **[YES]**

Item 1.1.5 - Cllr Emma Rowe is Club Secretary. She left the meeting for the discussion and vote on this application. Cllr Alistair Willoughby has a connection to the club and did not vote.

SERVICE DIRECTORATE: Legal and Community

1. DECISION TAKEN

1.1 The approval of the allocation **North Herts Prosperity Fund** funding of:

1.1.1 **£9,769** to LETCHWORTH EAGLES FOOTBALL CLUB towards a pop-up refreshment area and storage solutions.

1.1.2

2. DECISION TAKER

2.1 Cllr Val Bryant, Executive Member for Community and Partnerships, in consultation with the Service Director – Legal and Community.

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

24 Oct 2024

4. REASON FOR DECISION

4.1 The **District Wide Community Facilities Capital & Revenue Grants Panel** meetings held on 18 October 2024 considered applications for the North Herts Prosperity Fund and recorded their recommendation to the Executive Member for Community and Partnerships for the formal commitment of North Herts Prosperity Fund monies via the delegated authority process.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 There are no other reasonable alternative options.

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

6.1 Consultation has taken place with the District Wide Community Facilities Capital & Revenue Grants Panel members in a closed meeting on 18 October 2024. Members are in favour of the principle of the grant, subject to some conditions. There was consultation on a similar application and recommended that the North Herts Prosperity Fund should be used for this purpose.

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 This grant application was considered by the District Wide Community Facilities Capital & Revenue Grants Panel on 18 October 2024.
- 8.2 This delegated decision confirms that the recommendations made by the District Wide Community Facilities Capital & Revenue Grants Panel members were accepted by the Executive Member for Community and Partnerships, and Service Director on application outlined in 1.1.1
- 8.2.1 There were conditions placed on the release of funding regarding where the equipment would be stored and whether the storage had planning permission. The club has confirmed that they will now store the equipment in the Club House which belongs to their landlord Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation. They will in the meantime make enquiries regarding the shipping container on site and once the permissions are in place the equipment will be relocated.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The Executive Member has delegated authority to make these Executive decisions under section 14.6.9(b)((ii)A 5 of the constitution, in consultation with the Service Director: Legal & Community. That decision will be subject to a five clear working day call-in period, following publication in the Members Information Service (MIS) and on the Council's website.
- 9.2 These grants have been assessed against the Subsidy Control Act 2022. Most of the proposals in this report are not subsidies as they do not relate to the supporting of goods or services that are also available commercially.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1. The available North Herts Prosperity Fund budget is **£210,000**.
- 10.2. Of the £210,000 allocated there is a prescribed Capital/Revenue split on the funding. The proportion of spend will be £130,000 capital funding and £80,000 revenue funding.
- 10.3 When all grants that have been recommended are taken into consideration, they represent a split of £140,657.00 capital spend and £69,343.00 revenue spend. While this does not quite meet the prescribed split set out in paragraph 10.2, this has been reviewed in the context of spend against the overall UKSPF grant and this variance does not create a problem. This has been confirmed by the Economic Development Officer and S151 Officer.
- 10.4 There have been three meetings of the Community Facility Capital and Revenue Grant Panel on 3, 4 and 18th October 2024. Across all meetings, a total of £200,231 has been utilised. This leaves an available budget of **£9,769**

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 Good Risk Management supports and enhances the decision-making process, increasing the likelihood of the Council meeting its objectives and enabling it to respond quickly and effectively to change. When taking decisions, risks and opportunities must be considered.
- 11.2 There is a requirement for allocated funds to be spent by the end of March 2025. Therefore, there is a risk that we will have to request the return of funds from applicants where projects have not been completed on time. This is assessed as

unlikely, as the application process included an assessment of each applicant's ability to commence their project as soon as funding is available and to progress work in a timely manner.

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 North Herts Prosperity Fund monies are awarded to 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.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 The Social Value Act and "go local" policy do not apply to the matters contained within this report, as there are no recommendations on procurement.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 14.1 The Fund's criteria enabled application for projects related to environment and climate. In addition to this, in further developing the criteria and scoring process applicants were asked to confirm which of the Council's priorities their project supported. Therefore, applications which fulfilled the Council's Sustainability priority were able to score an additional point for this, which could aid in boosting their overall score.

15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 15.1 The activities of the Community & Partnership team are covered by existing budgets.

16. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 16.1 Terms of Reference for the District Wide Community Facilities Capital & Revenue Grants Panel can be found on the Council's website [Terms of reference](#)
- 16.2 [UK Shared Prosperity Fund Prospectus](#)
- 16.3 [North Herts Prosperity Fund Criteria](#)
- 16.4 [Community Grants Policy, 9th May 2023](#)

17. APPENDICES

- 17.1 See website links above.

NOTIFICATION DATE

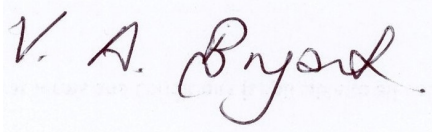
25.10.24

Signature of Service Director Consulted



Date: 21.10.24

Signature of Executive Member for Community and Partnerships



Decision Taker

Please Note: that *unless urgency provisions apply* EXECUTIVE decisions cannot be implemented until 5 clear working days have elapsed after the decision has been taken to allow for scrutiny call-in.

Call-in does not apply to NON-EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT

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

Any conflict with any Member of the Panel and the bodies concerned **[NO]**

SERVICE DIRECTORATE: Legal and Community

1. DECISION TAKEN

1.1 The approval of the allocation **North Herts Prosperity Fund** funding of:

1.1.1 **£19,250** to REED PARISH COUNCIL towards playground equipment. ***On condition that three relevant quotes are received.***

1.1.2 **£20,000** to ROYSTON MUSEUM towards upgrading and expanding storage. ***On condition that three relevant quotes are received.***

1.1.3 **£5,427** to ZEO CHURCH towards their Helping Hands project. ***On condition that three relevant quotes are received.***

1.1.4 **£19,775** to GREEN CARE AT NORTON towards a low-emissions van.

2. DECISION TAKER

2.1 Cllr Val Bryant, Executive Member for Community and Partnerships, in consultation with the Service Director – Legal and Community.

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

21 Oct 2024

4. REASON FOR DECISION

4.1 The **District Wide Community Facilities Capital & Revenue Grants Panel** meetings held on 18 October 2024 considered applications for the North Herts Prosperity Fund and recorded their recommendation to the Executive Member for Community and Partnerships for the formal commitment of North Herts Prosperity Fund monies via the delegated authority process.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 There are no other reasonable alternative options.

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

6.1 Consultation has taken place with the District Wide Community Facilities Capital & Revenue Grants Panel members in a closed meeting on 18 October 2024. Members are in favour and recommend that the North Herts Prosperity Fund should be used for this purpose.

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 grant applications were considered by the District Wide Community Facilities Capital & Revenue Grants Panel on 18 October 2024.

8.2 This delegated decision confirms that the recommendations made by the District Wide Community Facilities Capital & Revenue Grants Panel members were accepted by the Executive Member for Community and Partnerships, and Service Director on applications 1.1.1-1.1.4.

8.2.1 With regards to the applications in 1.1.1-1.1.3 funds to be released on condition of receipt of relevant quotes.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The Executive Member has delegated authority to make these Executive decisions under section 14.6.9(b)((ii)A 5 of the constitution, in consultation with the Service Director: Legal & Community. That decision will be subject to a five clear working day call-in period, following publication in the Members Information Service (MIS) and on the Council's website.

9.2 These grants have been assessed against the Subsidy Control Act 2022. Most of the proposals in this report are not subsidies as they do not relate to the supporting of goods or services that are also available commercially. The grant for Zeo Church partly relates to gardening and DIY services. Whilst these services would be available from commercial organisations, the overall focus on wider support means that it goes beyond commercial offerings. Therefore, it is not considered to be a subsidy.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1. The available North Herts Prosperity Fund budget is **£210,000**.

10.2. Of the £210,000 allocated there is a prescribed Capital/Revenue split on the funding. The proportion of spend will be £130,000 capital funding and £80,000 revenue funding.

10.3 When all grants that have been recommended are taken into consideration, they represent a split of £130,888.00 capital spend and £69,343.00 revenue spend. While this does not quite meet the prescribed split set out in paragraph 10.2, this has been reviewed in the context of spend against the overall UKSPF grant and this variance does not create a problem. This has been confirmed by the Economic Development Officer and S151 Officer.

10.4 Previously there have been two meetings of the Community Facility Capital and Revenue Grant Panel on 3 and 4 October 2024. Across both meetings, a total of £135,779 has been utilised. This leaves an available budget of **£74,221**.

10.5 The four grant applications in this delegated decision total **£64,452**.

10.6 The amount recommended at all grant panels totals **£200,231**. This leaves **£9,769** remaining in the budget.

- 10.7 Any monies remaining after the completion of the North Herts Prosperity Fund process will be returned to the overall UKSPF underspent budget to be utilised by 31 March 2025.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 Good Risk Management supports and enhances the decision-making process, increasing the likelihood of the Council meeting its objectives and enabling it to respond quickly and effectively to change. When taking decisions, risks and opportunities must be considered.
- 11.2 There is a requirement for allocated funds to be spent by the end of March 2025. Therefore, there is a risk that we will have to request the return of funds from applicants where projects have not been completed on time. This is assessed as unlikely, as the application process included an assessment of each applicant's ability to commence their project as soon as funding is available and to progress work in a timely manner.

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 North Herts Prosperity Fund monies are awarded to 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.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 The Social Value Act and "go local" policy do not apply to the matters contained within this report, as there are no recommendations on procurement.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 14.1 The Fund's criteria enabled application for projects related to environment and climate. In addition to this, in further developing the criteria and scoring process applicants were asked to confirm which of the Council's priorities their project supported. Therefore, applications which fulfilled the Council's Sustainability priority were able to score an additional point for this, which could aid in boosting their overall score. Regarding the application for funding towards a van from Green Care at Norton CIC, the group have considered the purchase of an electric alternative to a diesel vehicle, but due to the availability of electric vehicles of a suitable nature this may not be possible. The applicant has advised they will strive to purchase an electric vehicle or a BlueHDi alternative. A larger van would mean less trips between sites.

15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 15.1 The activities of the Community & Partnership team are covered by existing budgets.

16. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 16.1 Terms of Reference for the District Wide Community Facilities Capital & Revenue Grants Panel can be found on the Council's website [Terms of reference](#)

16.2 [UK Shared Prosperity Fund Prospectus](#)

16.3 [North Herts Prosperity Fund Criteria](#)

16.4 [Community Grants Policy, 9th May 2023](#)

17. APPENDICES

17.1 See website links above.

NOTIFICATION DATE

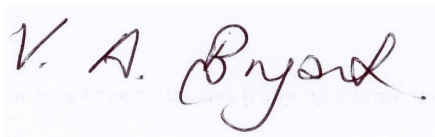
25.10.24

Signature of Service Director Consulted



Date: 21.10.24

Signature of Executive Member for Community and Partnerships



Decision Taker

Please Note: that *unless urgency provisions apply* EXECUTIVE decisions cannot be implemented until 5 clear working days have elapsed after the decision has been taken to allow for scrutiny call-in.

Call-in does not apply to NON-EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Any interest to declare/ or conflict and any dispensation granted <i>[if applicable]</i>	
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SERVICE DIRECTORATE: PLACE

1. DECISION TAKEN

1.1 To approve to hold monthly Rainbow Craft Fair events held in the grounds of St Mary's Church, near the Church House, Hitchin on the 26th October, 30th November 2024, 18th January, 15th February, 29th March, 26th April, 24th May, 21st June 2025 between 11.00 hrs and 16.00 hrs.

2. DECISION TAKER

2.1. Andrew Mills, Service Manager Greenspace

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

3.1 22nd October 2024

4. REASON FOR DECISION

4.1 To support the organisers to provide a regular event for the community.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 The organisers have approached North Herts Council to host this event. No other alternatives have been considered.

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

6.1 Consultation has been undertaken with colleagues in 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 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 this event.

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

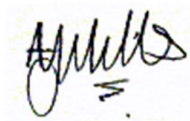
17. APPENDICES

17.1 None

NOTIFICATION DATE - 25th October 2024

Signature of Executive Member ConsultedNot Applicable.....

Date22nd October 2024



Signature of Decision Taker

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EAST TEAM

Application No.	Applicant/Agent Address	Location Address, Applicant Name & Proposal
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Ashwell Parish Council

24/02214/FP	Boyer Mrs Mandy Owen Crowthorne House, Nine Mile Ride, Wokingham, RG40 3GZ, United Kingdom	
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Baldock

24/02215/FP	Mr Chris Barker Home Farm Cottage, High Street, Clavering, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB11 4QR, UK	Mr Chris Barker St Marys Church Hall Church Street Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5AE Revd Phillipa Maddox Removal and replacement of windows and dormer structures to front elevation (south), removal and replacement of double opening emergency exit door set to side elevation (east) and creation of concrete pad to form level-threshold access point forward of emergency exit.
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24/02277/FPH	Home Extension Team Miss Georgia Hayes 4 Brand Street, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 1HX, United Kingdom	Miss Georgia 28 Downlands Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6SY Gillet Single storey rear and side extension
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Barkway Parish Council

24/01699/FPH	Mr Robert Lynch Grove House, Highfield Grove, Barkway, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 8DW	Mr Robert Lynch Grove House Highfield Grove Barkway Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8DW Mr Robert Lynch Installation of swimming pool, detached plant room building and heat pump. (Development already carried out).
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Letchworth Garden City

24/02019/FP	First Home Improvements Izzy Higgins Station Road, NR9 5LY, United Kingdom	Mr & Miss Mr Poku and Miss Agyemang 29 Creamery Court Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 2UA Replacement to front, side and rear elevation fenestration.
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COUNCIL OFFICES, GERON ROAD, LETCHWORTH, HERTS SG6 3JF**

**LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN WEEK ENDING: 25/10/2024
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24/02159/FP	Pentangle Design Group Mr Gareth Leech Suite 1, 21 Bancroft, Hitchin, SG5 1JW, United Kingdom	Ickniel Garage Letchworth Ltd Ickniel Way Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4AD Mr Paul Tomlin Use of land (B8 Class) to be used as open-air car storage (B8 Class retained) following demolition of garage storage units.
24/02200/LDCP	Mr Peter Willcox 50 Bedford Road, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 4DR	50 Bedford Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4DR Mr Peter Willcox Installation of freestanding air source heat pump in rear garden behind garage
24/02222/FPH	CROE Architects Mr Joe Reader Suite 10, 18 Walsworth Road, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG4 9SP	33 Lytton Avenue Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3HU Mr And Mrs Markham Erection of detached garage and bin store following demolition of existing garage.
24/02236/FPH	APC Design Ltd Mr Alex Calvert 3 High Street, Souldrop, CW, Bedford, MK44 1EY, United Kingdom	20 Sollershott East Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3JN Mr Luke Dodd Two storey rear extension, alterations to existing fenestration and erection of detached garage following demolition of existing garage.
24/02349/TCA	Mr Ben Waterman Waterman Tree Co. 26 Passingham Avenue, Hitchin, SG4 9LD, United Kingdom	172 Wilbury Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4JA Mrs Alison Moulds T1 & T2 Conifer - Reduction of approx 6-7ft.
24/02351/TCA	Matt Jones Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation One Garden City, Broadway, Letchworth, Hertfordshire, SG6 3BF, United Kingdom	Land Rear 102 Ridge Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire Mr Matt Jones Sycamore - Fell to ground level and eco plug

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24/02353/TCA	Matt Jones Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation One Garden City, Broadway, Letchworth, Hertfordshire, SG6 3BF, United Kingdom	Plinston Hall Broadway Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3NX Mr Matt Jones Japanese Cherry - Fell
24/02354/TCA	Mrs Julie Ward John O'Conner GM 2 Great North Road, Welwyn, AL6 0PL, United Kingdom	16 Meadow Way Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3JB Mr Tony Greenwood 2 x Holly - Fell to ground level.
24/02367/TPO	Mrs Kerrie Morris Branching Out Tree and Garden Services 38 Station Road, LOWER STONDON, SG16 6JL	Strathmore 12 Hitchin Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3LL Mrs Tara Belcher Beech - Reduce by up to 3m.
24/02386/TCA	Mrs Kerrie Morris Branching Out Tree and Garden Services 38 Station Road, Lower Stondon, SG16 6JL	25 High Avenue Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3QS Miss Khathu Mikosi Sycamore - Fell
Royston Town Council		
24/02229/FPH	CBArchitect Mr Christopher Bond Office 1, First Floor, 1 Market Hill, Royston, SG89JL, United Kingdom	34 Priory Close Royston Hertfordshire SG8 7DU Mr & Mrs C & S Noyes Change of Use from Office to 1-bed ancillary annexe with attached garage.
24/02287/LDCP	CBArchitect Mr Christopher Bond Office 1, First Floor, 1 Market Hill, Royston, SG89JL, United Kingdom	24 Fieldfare Way Royston Hertfordshire SG8 7XR Mr & Mrs A & K Richards Single storey rear extension and replace existing front integral garage door with windows to facilitate conversion into habitable accommodation.

24/02330/TPO Mr Ben Walker Walker Tree Care Ltd Car Park Adjacent To 1-33
19 The Paddocks, High Roding, CM6 King James Way
1NZ Royston
Hertfordshire

Louise Morris

T1: Yew - Fell to ground level.

24/02335/TPO Mr Ben Walker Walker Tree Care Ltd 34 King James Way
19 The Paddocks, High Roding, CM6 Royston
1NZ Hertfordshire
SG8 7EF

Louise Morris

T2: Whitebeam - Fell to ground level

WEST TEAM

Application No.	Applicant/Agent Address	Location Address, Applicant Name & Proposal
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Codicote Parish Council

24/01120/FP	Nucleus Design Studio Richard Briffa The Basement, 324 Liverpool Road, London, N7 8 PU	Land Adjacent To Ashley Lodge Rabley Heath Road Codicote Hertfordshire AL6 9UB Mr Alex Jennings Erection of stable block
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24/02275/FPH	Mr Bill Morgan Mr Bill Morgan 15 Carlisle Close, DUNSTABLE, LU6 3PH	26 The Ridgeway Codicote Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8YP Mr Russell Kane Raise roof height and replace garage door with window to facilitate garage conversion into habitable living space
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Hitchin

24/02069/AD	Mr Adrian Mariadas Mcdonalds Restaurant Nightingale Road, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 1RQ	Mcdonalds Restaurant Nightingale Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1RQ Mr Adrian Mariadas Installation of hoarding sign. (Development already carried out).
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24/02231/FPH	Whitebrick Mr Colin Weatherall Morris 29B Hermitage Road, Hitchin, SG5 1BY	92 Benslow Lane Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9RA Mr and Mrs Whyman First floor side extension; single storey rear extension and alterations to fenestration. Erection of rear garden office outbuilding.
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24/02234/FPH	S And S Coates Surveying & Design Mr Steve Coates Room 2, Denel Wing, The Rufus Centre, Steppingley Road, FLITWICK, MK45 1AH	31 Grovelands Avenue Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0QU	Mrs Elizabeth Firth	Single storey side extension replacement roof above existing conservatory and installation of external cladding to existing rear dormer window.
24/02259/FPH	MNArchitect Mr Mark Newstead 100 Benslow Lane, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG4 9RA	81 Benslow Lane Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9RA	MR Michael Barnett	Single storey front porch extension. Insertion of ground floor front bay window and side window following removal of existing garage doors to facilitate conversion of garage into utility and study.
24/02272/FPH	Rejig Homes Ltd Mr Abdul Haque 167, Heathfield road, Hitchin, SG5 1TE	5 Bradleys Corner Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0PR	N Nessa	Single storey side/rear extension following demolition of existing outbuildings, front porch extension and alterations to fenestration.
24/02278/FPH	Home Extension Designs Ltd Mr Stuart Cook HED House, 60A Bridge Road East, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 1JU, United Kingdom	72A Woolgrove Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0BZ	Mr & Mrs D Humphrey	Part two storey and part single storey side extension
24/02348/TPO	Mr Dom Walker The Blue Tree Company 50 Bunyan Road, Hitchin, SG5 1NN	8 The Finches Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9PB	Mr Richard Hamilton	T1: Silver Birch - Fell to ground level and eco plug if not grinding.
24/02363/TCA	Mr Mark Thurley The Eco Arborist Limited c/o Absolute Accountants, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, AL9 5AX, United Kingdom	25 Chiltern Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9PJ	Sally Reeves	T1: Beech - Crown lift of the lowest few branches. T2: Yew - Cut back on the garden and roadside. T3: Laurel - Cut back on the garden and roadside.

24/01999/NCS	Mr Mark Taylor 62 Arlesey Road, Ickleford, Hitchin, SG5 3UU, United Kingdom	62 Arlesey Road Ickleford Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3UU Mr Mark Taylor Single storey rear extension with the following dimension: Length as measured from rear wall of original dwelling - 8 metres
24/02344/TCA	Mr Fred Burkitt The Blue Tree Company 50 Bunyan Road, Hitchin, SG5 1NN	Rose House Upper Green Ickleford Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3YF Mr Brian Woodhead T1: Silver Birch - Reduce height by 4-5m shape and balance the remainder to viable growth. Lift the lower branches growing over the adjacent road, giving 4m off ground clearance. T2: Crab Apple - Reduce height by 1.5m shape and balance the remainder cutting to viable growth. Lift the lower canopy giving 2m of clearance off the ground. TG1: x 2 White Birches - Reduce height by 2m shape and balance the remainder cutting to viable growth. Lift the lower canopy giving 2.5m clearance off the ground.
Kimpton Parish Council		
24/02181/LBC	Mr Paul Randall 4 Church Lane, Kimpton, Hertfordshire, SG4 8RP	4 Church Lane Kimpton Hertfordshire SG4 8RP Mr Paul Randall Replace existing PVC rainwater goods with cast iron rainwater goods
Kings Walden Parish Council		
24/02120/FPH	Amanda King South Barn, Brownings Lane, Breachwood Green, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG4 8PB	South Barn Brownings Lane Breachwood Green Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8PB Amanda King Installation of solar panels to existing garage side roofslopes
Knebworth Parish Council		
24/01964/FPH	Mr Paul Jobling 50 Stevenage Road, Knebworth, Hertfordshire, SG3 6NN, United Kingdom	50 Stevenage Road Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6NN Mr Paul Jobling Erection of timber framed open car port

Pirton Parish Council

24/02235/FPH	Charlotte Fausset Architect Charlotte Fausset 30 Shillington Rd, Pirton, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 3QL	18 Bunyan Close Pirton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3RE
		Anne And Paul Fryer
		Single storey front extension

Preston Parish Council

24/02247/LDCP	CROE Architects Mr Joe Reader Suite 10, 18 Walsworth Road, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG4 9SP	2 Lodge Temple Dinsley St Albans Highway Preston Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7RU
		Mr Vermeiren
		Erection of detached carport, garage and log store in rear garden following demolition of existing greenhouse and outbuildings

Wymondley Parish Council

24/02261/DD	BBR Design Mr Ryan Albone BBR Design, 7 Paynes Park, Hitchin, SG51EH, United Kingdom	Land Adjacent To Wymondley Bury Lodge St Marys Church Road Little Wymondley Hertfordshire SG4 7JN
		Ms Jane Boxall & Mr Arthur Gates
		Demolition of existing garages

(Including Withdrawn decisions)

EAST TEAM

Application No: 24/01826/LDCLB	Location: 23 High Street Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9AB Applicant Name: Mr J Lombardi Rubycrest LTD Description: Strip out of modern material, services and finishes, requiring the formation of two new openings in the rear elevation external wall at low level	Decision: Granted Permission Decision Date: 17/10/2024
Application No: 24/02131/TCA	Location: 152 Rushby Mead Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1SQ Applicant Name: Ms Pippa Wainwright Description: Elder - Remove limb off garage roof. Turkish hazel - Reduce lateral branches by 1.2m growing over neighbouring garden. Plum - Reduce branches off garage roof to provide a clearance of 1m.	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 21/10/2024
Application No: 24/02144/TCA	Location: The Old Rectory Hodwell Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5QQ Applicant Name: Mrs Sara Jane Rothwell Description: T1: Horse Chestnut - Crown reduce by 2m. 3m reduction on Southern side. T2: Sycamore - Crown lift by 2m and reduce lower canopy by 2m. T3: Lime - Repollard and reshape canopy structure. No growth to be left on and reshape unbalanced knuckles. T4: Group Plum - Reduce in height by 2m to suitable growth points.	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 22/10/2024
Application No: 24/02150/TCA	Location: 20 Sollershott West Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3PX Applicant Name: Mr Duncan Hammond Description: T1: Bishop Pine - Reduce in height by 1.5-2m and bring the sides into shape. T2: Sycamore - Fell to ground level.	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 22/10/2024
Application No: 24/02213/EC	Location: Telecommunications Site At Junction Of A505 And Newmarket Road Newmarket Road Royston Hertfordshire SG8 7LD Applicant Name: Niamh Mullan WHP Telecoms Ltd Description: Install electronic communications apparatus/development ancillary to radio equipment housing comprising of: Removal of 3No. existing antennas, the relocation of 3no. existing antennas and installation of 3no. antennas. Removal of wide cable ladder. Installation of EE GPS module. Upgrade existing cabinet internally and installation of 1no. cabinet, removal of no.1 cabinet and replacement of AC unit.	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 23/10/2024
Application No: 24/02263/TPO	Location: 1 Tall Trees Royston Hertfordshire SG8 7EG Applicant Name: Frederick Bird Description: T1: Atlas Cedar - Crown reduce height by 2m and lateral growth by 1.5m.	Decision: Conditional Consent Decision Date: 21/10/2024
Application No: 24/02289/TCA	Location: Thatch End Ashwell Road Newnham Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5JX Applicant Name: Terry Eames Description: T1: Lime - Re-pollard to previous points. T2: Cherry plum - Reduce by 20-25%. T3: Conifer - Reduce by approx. 20-25%. T4: Hornbeam - Lateral growth shortened to suitable growth points. T5: Laurel - Reduce in height to approx 7ft. T6: Apple - Reduce by approx 25-30% to suitable growth points.	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 22/10/2024

EAST TEAM

Application No: 24/02301/TCA
Location: Church Of St Mary Magdalene Church Lane Barkway Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8EJ
Applicant Name: Mr Nicholas Tufton
Description: Yew - Reduce height by 4m and 3m width
Decision: No Objection
Decision Date: 17/10/2024

Application No: 24/02308/TCA
Location: 41B High Street Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6BG
Applicant Name: Caroline Gilbey
Description: T1: Silver Birch - Reduce by approx. 20-25% to suitable lateral growth points. T2: Collection of shrubs - Prune to shape.
Decision: No Objection
Decision Date: 17/10/2024

Application No: 24/02318/NMA
Location: 14 Heath Avenue Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9DB
Applicant Name: Mr & Mrs Parker-Dennison
Description: Addition of 2 no. rooflights to ground floor pitched roof to the rear extension and 1 no. rooflight to the pitched roof to the first floor extension (as non-material amendment to planning permission 23/00337/FPH granted on 12.05.2023).
Decision: Agreed
Decision Date: 23/10/2024

Application No: 24/02351/TCA
Location: Land Rear 102 Ridge Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire
Applicant Name: Mr Matt Jones Letchworth Garden City Heritage Found
Description: Sycamore - Fell to ground level and eco plug
Decision: No Objection
Decision Date: 23/10/2024

WEST TEAM

Application No: 23/00887/FP
Location: Standelfield Standhill Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9AE
Applicant Name: Mr T Jensen And Ms J Tubby
Description: Erection of two detached four-bedroom dwellings together with associated vehicular access and car parking, private gardens, hard and soft landscaping, and private footpaths. External alterations to the existing dwelling including works to the existing two storey bay window on the south east facing elevation and the insertion of new windows to the south west and north east facing elevations. (Amended plans recieved 16.10.2023)
Appeal Decision: Appeal Dismissed
Decision Date: 18/10/2024

Application No: 23/00924/S73
Location: 16 Priory Way Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9BL
Applicant Name: Mr & Mrs Kumar
Description: Variation of condition 2 (revised plans PL07D) of planning permission 21/03472/FP granted 29.04.2022 for erection of one detached 6-bed dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling, to add boundary wall, railings and gates
Appeal Decision: Appeal Dismissed
Decision Date: 18/10/2024

Application No: 24/01313/TCA
Location: 40 The Avenue Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9RQ
Applicant Name: Mr Jack Emmerson
Description: T1 - Maple -re-pollard by 50%
Decision: No Objection
Decision Date: 17/10/2024

Application No: 24/01585/FP
Location: Pirton Sports And Social Club Walnut Tree Road Pirton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3PX
Applicant Name: Mr Stephen Smith Lea Sports PSG Football Club
Description: Installation of two 4m high metal fences
Decision: Conditional Permission
Decision Date: 23/10/2024

Application No: 24/01617/FP
Location: 3 Bury Mead Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1RT
Applicant Name: John Bennett L Bennet and Don Ltd
Description: Change of use of first floor from dance studio to storage use in connection with the ground floor business
Decision: Conditional Permission
Decision Date: 18/10/2024

WEST TEAM

Application No: 24/01745/LDCP	Location: 5 Highbury Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9RW Applicant Name: Mrs Daniella Grier Description: Refurbishment of window frames including upgrade to double glazing	Decision: Granted Permission Decision Date: 17/10/2024
Application No: 24/01785/FP	Location: 154 High Street Codicote Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8UB Applicant Name: Mr & Mrs Sunit & Hardip Dhaliwal Description: Single storey rear infill extension and alterations to fenestration	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 22/10/2024
Application No: 24/01802/FPH	Location: 77 Brampton Park Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1XE Applicant Name: Matthew Pull Description: Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing extension. Insertion of rear L-shaped box dormer window and two front rooflights to facilitate loft conversion.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 22/10/2024
Application No: 24/01929/FPH	Location: 91 Ninesprings Way Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9NU Applicant Name: Mr & Mrs Coogan Description: Single storey side extension following demolition of existing detached garage (as amended by plans received 16/10/24)	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 17/10/2024
Application No: 24/01952/S73	Location: The Exchange Queen Street Hitchin Hertfordshire Applicant Name: Sonar Group Description: Removal of condition 3 (Electric Vehicle ready domestic charging point) of prior approval class MA 24/01306/PNMA granted 08.08.2024 for Conversion to 24 self-contained 1-bed residential units with associated cycle and refuse/recycling provisions.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 17/10/2024
Application No: 24/01959/S73	Location: Chez Nous Harveys Hill Lane Luffenhall Stevenage Hertfordshire SG2 7PX Applicant Name: Mr David Roberts Description: Variation of Condition 2 (submission of revised block plan) of planning permission 23/01154/FP granted 22.08.2024 for erection of four bed detached dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 22/10/2024
Application No: 24/01973/FPH	Location: 45 Waterdell Lane St Ippolyts Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7RA Applicant Name: Mr Simon Martin Description: Convert existing hipped roof to a gable end and insertion of no.2 dormer windows to existing front elevation roofslope. Remove existing side elevation (loft) window and erection of small orangery style extension to the rear elevation (as renewal of planning permission reference 21/01565/FPH granted on 18.10.2021).	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 23/10/2024
Application No: 24/01974/FPH	Location: 90 Arlesey Road Ickleford Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3UE Applicant Name: Ms Mayella Donovan Description: First floor side extension over existing double garage including front dormer window, and single storey front porch extension. Erection of detached single storey outbuilding following demolition of existing rear outbuilding and attached conservatory. Part removal of front brick garden wall and reconstruction of section of the wall. Removal of existing first floor front and rear hanging tiles and installation of render finish. Alterations to existing fenestration.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 22/10/2024

WEST TEAM

Application No: 24/01979/S73	Location: 31 Priory Way Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9BJ Applicant Name: Mr & Mrs Brahmhatt Description: Variation of Condition Number(s): 2 (amend approved plans) D3_000, D3_010, D3_011, D3_012, D13_020, D3_021, D3_110 Rev A, D3_111 Rev A, D3_112 Rev A, D3_113, D3_120 Rev A, D3_121 Rev A of planning permission reference 22/02806/FPH granted on 15.12.2022 for Part two storey and part single storey rear extension, two storey side extension and single storey side extension. Roof extension to form gable end and insertion of rear dormer window to facilitate loft conversion to habitable accommodation. External cladding and rendering. Alterations to openings.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 23/10/2024
Application No: 24/01997/DOC	Location: Nup End Farm House Nup End Old Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6QJ Applicant Name: Bly Bly Developments Description: Details reserved by Condition 3 (Materials Samples) of planning permission reference 22/02126/S73 granted planning permission on 29.09.2022.	Decision: Approval of Details Decision Date: 21/10/2024
Application No: 24/02092/DOC	Location: Nup End Farm House Nup End Old Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6QJ Applicant Name: Bly Bly Developments Description: Details reserved by Condition 4 (Landscape Details) of planning permission reference 22/02126/S73 granted planning permission on 29.09.2022.	Decision: Approval of Details Decision Date: 21/10/2024
Application No: 24/02093/DOC	Location: Nup End Farm House Nup End Old Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6QJ Applicant Name: Bly Bly Developments Description: Details reserved by Condition 5 (Highways works) of planning permission reference 22/02126/S73 granted planning permission on 29.09.2022.	Decision: Approval of Details Decision Date: 21/10/2024
Application No: 24/02094/DOC	Location: Nup End Farm House Nup End Old Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6QJ Applicant Name: Bly Bly Developments Description: Details reserved by Condition 6 (Construction Traffic Management Plan) of planning permission reference 22/02126/S73 granted planning permission on 29.09.2022.	Decision: Approval of Details Decision Date: 21/10/2024
Application No: 24/02095/DOC	Location: Nup End Farm House Nup End Old Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6QJ Applicant Name: Bly Bly Developments Description: Details reserved by Condition 7 (Construction Method Statement) of planning permission reference 22/02126/S73 granted planning permission on 29.09.2022.	Decision: Approval of Details Decision Date: 21/10/2024
Application No: 24/02161/TCA	Location: 8 Bury End Pirton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3QB Applicant Name: Mrs Kim Davies Description: 2x Birch - Reduce by 25%	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 21/10/2024
Application No: 24/02165/LDCP	Location: 37 Bearton Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1UE Applicant Name: Dr Shuhua Cui Description: Insertion of rear L shaped box dormer window and two front rooflights to facilitate loft conversion	Decision: Granted Permission Decision Date: 21/10/2024
Application No: 24/02166/NMA	Location: 216 Cambridge Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0JW Applicant Name: Colin Lomax Description: Inclusion of external air-source heat pump on rear elevation of garden room/gym (as Non-Material Amendment to planning permission 22/01273/FPH granted 28.09.2022)	Decision: Agreed Decision Date: 17/10/2024

WEST TEAM

Application No:
24/02254/TCA

Location: 52 Wymondley Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9PT

Decision:

Applicant Name: Ms Claudia Gore

No Objection

Description:G1: Mixed Cypress group - Reduce in height by 5-6 m
(approx 40% in height) and bring the sides into shape

Decision Date:
21/10/2024

PRESS RELEASE

PR 3889

22 October 2024

Money for district groups helping kids with autism and ADHD, and to learn about the outdoors

All five of North Herts Council's community forums (Letchworth, Hitchin, Southern Rural, Baldock and Royston) have recently collectively awarded a total of **£8,565 to Angels Support Group** to support their online and face-to-face service helping families of autistic children and children with ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder).

Four community forums (Letchworth, Hitchin, Southern Rural and Baldock) also collectively awarded a total of **£9,083 to Groundwork East** for a growing and cooking scheme and wild play sessions focusing on outdoor learning in Knebworth.

Angels Support Group is an experience-led charity based in Hitchin which aims to make the world a better place for autistic children and young people and/or children and young people with ADHD, so they can meet their maximum potential in life. Funding will be used towards their online support groups and workshops for families across the district, which take place regularly during the day and in the evening, as well as their one-to-one service providing individualised support via phone calls, emails and meetings, some with professionals and at schools for instance.

Angels Support Group said: "These community grants will help us continue to support local families in North Hertfordshire at a time when there is a huge demand for our work but we are operating within a challenging fundraising climate. We are extremely grateful to the councillors for supporting us so we can reach and support the many families that need us. The families we support describe us as a 'life-line' and it means a lot to our families to know they are supported by their local communities."

Groundwork East's 'Grow It, Cook It, Share It' course will take place at a community facility in each area – Letchworth, Hitchin and Baldock – teaching families how to grow their own fruit and vegetables through supervised gardening, and how to prepare healthy meals

through simple cooking sessions. By working together on practical tasks and sharing food together, families will have the chance to develop their confidence, build friendships and support networks that will last beyond the formal learning environment.

The council's Southern Rural community forum agreed to help fund Groundwork's wild play sessions within the woodlands surrounding Knebworth House, focusing on the benefits of outdoor play - encouraging families to get outside to learn and improve both their physical and mental wellbeing.

Groundwork East said: "We are delighted to have been awarded these funds so we can offer some fantastic learning opportunities to local families. Evidence shows that being outside, playing and learning can hugely improve overall wellbeing. Our team is very excited to get started!"

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