

NORTH HERTS COUNCIL

WEEK ENDING FRIDAY 03 JANUARY 2025

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NEWS AND INFORMATION

AGENDA & REPORTS

PUBLISHED WEEK COMMENCING 30 DECEMBER 2024

None

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS WEEK COMMENCING 6 JANUARY 2025

Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 7 January 2025
Finance, Audit & Risk Committee – 8 January 2025
Joint Staff Consultative Committee – 8 January 2025

UPCOMING CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS FROM FRIDAY 3 JANUARY 2025

Date	Event	Location
Fri 10 Jan 2025 @ 9:30am (1-2 hrs)	North Herts Heroes judging panel	Hybrid Meeting

UPCOMING VICE-CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS FROM FRIDAY 3 JANUARY 2025

Date	Event	Location
	None	

UPCOMING OTHER EVENTS FROM FRIDAY 3 JANUARY 2025

Date	Event	Location
	None	

Council Activity

Climate Hive Engagements

The [Climate Hive](#) now has over 400 subscribers and we continue to update users with the latest climate activity and awareness initiatives such as LNRS engagement, green grants, Recycle Week, upcoming environmental films and open surveys.

Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Work continues on Hertfordshire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS). Key stakeholders are helping develop specific strategic priorities for Hertfordshire's urban areas. These priorities aim to join up fragmented habitats, provide wildlife corridors, improve greenspaces, and help improve air quality. The first draft of the web platform is completed and user testing begins in the new year. More information can be found at [HNRP Get Involved](#).

Cabinet Panel for the Environment

The next meeting is due to be held on the 22nd January. The topic for discussion is adaptation and flooding. Officers will also provide an update on the new Climate Change Adaptation risk on the corporate risk management system. More information and previous meetings can be found [here](#).

HCCSP LARA Pilot

The Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership (HCCSP) has been chosen to take part in the fully-funded programme of the Local Area Retrofit Accelerator ([LARA](#)). Workshops are taking place over a twelve-week period to develop the Retrofit Strategy for Hertfordshire.

Solar Together

Year-end figures for the second cohort of Solar together total at 1,665 Solar PV installations across Hertfordshire.

PSDS Application

An application has been submitted to Phase 4 of the UK Government's Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) for a grant towards decarbonising Hitchin Town Hall and North Herts Museum, District Council Office and the learner pool at North Herts Leisure Centre. More info [here](#).

For queries or comments, please contact the Policy & Strategy Team at environmentpanel@north-herts.gov.uk

Headlines

National Planning Policy Framework

The [National Planning Policy Framework](#) has been revised and published, it sets out government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied.

MET Office and Air Quality

The MET Office have written an article on [how air quality in the UK is changing](#), underlining how progress has been made in reducing UK air pollution.

1/4 of properties at risk of flooding by 2050

The Environment Agency has provided an updated figure that around [8 million properties](#) in England could be at risk from flooding by 2050. London is at greatest risk from surface flooding, with the East of England second on the list. Take a look at the MET Office's [Climate Data Portal](#) to explore the Climate of North Herts and what risks we may face.

Clean Air Night

Clean Air Night is on Wednesday 22nd January. Take a look at [CleanAirNight](#) for more information.

Funding

Hertfordshire Environmental Improvement Grant

Hertfordshire County Council are on the lookout for projects to support with their Environmental Improvement Grant, with up to £3,000 in funding available for people or groups who are hoping to improve nature on their land and in their local communities. For further information on eligibility and to apply, head to [Environmental Improvement Grants](#).

Green Grants for VCSE organisations

[Hertfordshire Community Foundation \(HCF\)](#) are offering grants of up to £1,000 for Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations to become more environmentally sustainable. Funds can be used on capital projects or items to improve energy efficiency and environmental sustainability on work premises. For more information on the criteria and how to apply, head to [Green Grants 2024](#).

Local Events

LGCHF Home Energy Workshop
[Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation](#) are looking for residents of Letchworth to nominate their home and participate in a hands-on workshop focused on retrofitting homes for better energy efficiency.

Where: Your home in Letchworth

When: January 2025

Email response@letchworth.com for more information and to nominate your home.

Sustainability Tips

Plastic Free & Sustainable Products

Disposable nappies, incontinence products and period products all create a lot of waste, so switching to reusables make sense, for your wallet and the planet!

There are lots of options to choose from when it comes to reusable products, and Hertfordshire Residents can apply for a 15% discount on a selected range of nappy, incontinence and period products, catering for the whole family.

For more information and to apply for discounts:

[Herts Sustainable Periods](#)

[Herts Confident Continence](#)

[Herts Reusable Nappies](#)

HEAT Energy App

The HEAT Herts Energy Advice Tool, an energy saving app continues to be available for residents to download and use. The app is designed to take residents through their home and fill in a survey to identify how they can reduce their energy usage in order to save money on bills and help the environment.

The app is available for both Android and iOS users:

[Download the HEAT app for Apple devices](#)

[Download the HEAT app for Android devices](#)



Veganuary

Make an impact on your carbon footprint by reducing your dairy and meat intake this month with Veganuary. [Veganuary 2025 | Home](#) | [The Go Vegan 31 Day Challenge](#).

Have your say!

Property Flood Resilience Survey

Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) is keen to hear from residents whose homes have flooded, or are at risk of flooding, to decide whether to reintroduce a grant scheme to fund flood defences for properties. [Complete the survey](#) to express your interest in the grant scheme.

Economic Strategy survey

[Hertfordshire Futures](#) is developing a new Economic Strategy for the county for the next 10 years and beyond. They want to hear from all stakeholders on building a more inclusive and sustainable economy. Take the [survey](#) and share your views now!

Green Heat Coop survey

[Green Heat Coop](#) are working on a guide for homeowners on how to make properties more energy and cost efficient in Royston and surrounding villages. Take the survey to help guide services and tailor resources!

[Royston & Villages Household Survey 2024](#)

Sustainable Tips for the New Year!

Looking for a new year's resolution? Try implementing some sustainable practices into your daily routine and help save the planet!

- Start recycling one more item
- Try being vegan and reducing your carbon footprint from dairy and meat intake
- Rescue more usable food and save it going to landfill

For more tips, head over to the [Climate Hive](#) on how you can be more sustainable in the New Year!

Thermal Imaging Cameras

Now the colder months are with us, find out more about thermal imaging and how you can loan a camera, save money on your energy bills and reduce your carbon emissions. Head to the North Herts Climate Hive. [Thermal Imaging Cameras](#).



RESOURCES

MEMBERS INFORMATION NOTE

COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID (REGISTER OF ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE)

A nomination has been received for the following:

Cricketers PH, Damask Green Road, Weston, Herts

The nominations have been accepted and the asset will be placed on the list of successful nominations for a period of five years.

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RESOURCES

MEMBERS INFORMATION NOTE

COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID (REGISTER OF ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE)

A nomination has been received for the following:

- Weston Stores and Post Office, Post Office Row, Weston, Herts. SG4 7DR
- The Rising Sun PH, 21 Halls Green, Weston, SG4 7DR

I must inform you that the nomination has not been successful and will therefore be recorded on the Council's list as an unsuccessful nomination.

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RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT

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

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 of **North Herts Prosperity Fund (NHPF)** funding of:

1.1.1 **£17,169** to LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY COMMUNITY GROUP towards replacement of the main hall floor at Mrs Howard Memorial Hall.

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:

2nd January 2025

4. REASON FOR DECISION

4.1 The Council has some unused funds which must be used by 31 March 2025. The applicant in 1.1.1 had previously submitted an application for NHPF funding, but was unsuccessful at that initial stage. It has confirmed a continuing need for this funding towards the replacement flooring and confirmed they will be able to use the funding by the hard deadline of 31 March 2025.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 There are no other reasonable alternative options proposed for this amount, as the alternative is to lose the funding (unused funds cannot be carried forward for 2025/26).

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

6.1 Consultation has taken place with the Community Partnerships team. It was also previously raised with Cllrs Bryant, Daniel Allen and Thomas (and the Managing Director) on 16 December 2024 by the Service Director: Legal & Community.

6.2 Cllr Debenham has also been consulted, as Executive Member for Environment, Leisure & Green Spaces, as the funds described were originally allocated to Place for Business [original allocation report Cabinet 19 March 2024 [CLICK HERE](#)].

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 North Herts Prosperity Fund initially had £210,000 to allocate to Parishes and Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations.

8.2 Unspent £66,780 has been identified for use before 31 March 2025.

8.2 This delegated decision confirms that application 1.1.1 has been accepted by the Executive Member for Community and Partnerships, and Service Director.

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 This grant has been assessed against the Subsidy Control Act 2022.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1. The available North Herts Prosperity Fund budget is **£66,780**.

10.2. Of the £66,780 allocated there is a prescribed Capital/Revenue split on the funding. The proportion of spend will be £43,715 capital funding and £23,065 revenue funding.

10.3 It is possible that when all applications have been taken into account that the prescribed capital / revenue split may not be met as set out in paragraph 10.2. However, 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 If the grant application in the delegated decision is awarded as outlined in 1.1.1, the remaining balance will be **£49,611**.

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.

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

3.1.25

Signature of Service Director Consulted



Date: 2.12.24

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 [N/A]

SERVICE DIRECTORATE: LEGAL AND COMMUNITY

1. DECISION TAKEN

Following notification of a change to the membership of the Planning Control Committee, subsequent to appointments made at the Annual Council meeting, that:

Cllr Martin Prescott (appointed as a Substitute Member of the Planning Control Committee) replace Cllr Michael Muir (who then becomes the Conservative Substitute Member of the Planning Control Committee).

2. DECISION TAKER

Melanie Stimpson, Democratic Services Manager.

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

19 December 2024.

4. REASON FOR DECISION

4.1 As per the constitution, the Service Director: Legal and Community and the Democratic Services Manager (given as a sub delegation) have delegated authority to make appointments (or where relevant nominate) Councillors or Substitutes to Committees, Sub-Committees, panels, boards and outside bodies, in consultation with Group Leaders during the civic year in respect of the appointments that have previously been made at Annual Council.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None considered. Appointments to seats allocated to each political party under the provisions of Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 are made on a politically proportionate basis at the Annual Council meeting. It is therefore a matter for the respective Group Leaders on who they wish to nominate as an appointment or replacement.

5.2 Regarding outside organisation and other bodies to which the Council has a seat, it is for Group Leaders to discuss and determine which Members be appointed.

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

6.1 In accordance with the Constitution, the delegated decision is made in consultation with Group Leaders.

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 Leader of the Conservative Group provided notification on 10 December 2024 of a change to the Conservative membership of the Planning Control Committee – that Cllr Martin Prescott (who was serving as a Substitute Member of the Planning Control Committee) replace Cllr Michael Muir (to then become a Substitute Member of the Planning Control Committee).
- 8.2 The Group Leaders were notified of the change on 18 December 2024, subsequent to appointments made at the Annual Council meeting.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1. 14.6.9 (a) Delegation of Authority – Service Director: Legal and Community of the Constitution states:

(xix) To make appointments (or where relevant nominate) Councillors or Substitutes to Committees, Sub-Committees, panels, boards and outside bodies, in consultation with Group Leaders during the civic year in respect of the appointments that have previously been made at Annual Council.

- 9.2 14.6.2 (c) Scheme of Delegations to Officers – General Principles - *All officers discharging these functions may authorise any member of their staff to act on their behalf and shall keep a written record of all sub-delegations in a register held by the Monitoring Officer (subject to the limitations at 14.6.3 and within specific policies).*

- 9.3 Sub delegation to Democratic Services Manager under 1.14.1 of officer's delegations:

e) The appointment, nomination or revocation of appointment of any individual to any office/ body other than to Full Council in the event of vacation of office, in consultation with Group Leaders in respect of elected Councillors (in accordance with any requirements under the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, or any legislation replacing the same under section 14.5.1 of the Constitution.

- 9.4 4.8.4 Appointment of Substitute Members of Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels states:

(c) The Democratic Services Manager ('the Proper Officer') may change substitutes on Committees, Sub-Committees or Panels for a meeting at the request and in consultation with the relevant Group Leader providing:

- (i) any Member substituting must have undertaken any pre-Committee compulsory training before such a request is made to act as the substitute; and*
- (ii) the request is sent via email to the Proper Officer at least 7 clear working days before the meeting.*
- (iii) The appointment as substitute is for a particular meeting and shall then cease.*

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1. There are no direct financial implications. There is a Members' Allowance budget which is approved via the budget setting propose.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 A vacancy on a Committees, Sub-Committees or Panel be that as a Full Member or as a Substitute Member could result in the respective political party not being fully represented at a particular meeting and that the district council is not represented at the outside organisation/bodies meetings.

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 There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 The Social Value Act and “go local” policy do not apply to this decision.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

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

15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 15.1 The Committee, Member and Scrutiny Team are responsible for updating the committee management system to ensure the membership on committees etc is accurate as well as ensuring the relevant members are notified of any summons to a meeting and agenda publication.
- 15.2 In addition, the Committee, Member and Scrutiny Team are responsible for notifying changes to the outside organisations and other bodies as well as notifying the payroll provider (in respect of members allowances’ and where relevant the appointment attracts a special responsibility allowance).

16. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 16.1 [Annual Council – 23 May 2024](#)

17. APPENDICES

- 17.1 N/A

NOTIFICATION DATE

Date: 20 December 2024

Signature of Decision Taker



Call-in does not apply to NON-EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

Press release

23 December 2024

Hitchin Swimming and Fitness Centre unveils £400k gym upgrade

Hitchin Swimming and Fitness Centre unveiled its £400,000 gym refurbishment yesterday, delivering a state-of-the-art fitness facility to the local community.

Originally scheduled for completion in summer 2025, the ambitious project was finished more than six months ahead of schedule as part of a broader improvement programme by Everyone Active, which operates the facility in partnership with North Herts Council.

Over the past month, work has been underway to transform the fitness space at the leisure facility, on Fishponds Road.

The gym space has been expanded with a complete layout redesign, knocking through into an unused ground-floor storage area to form part of a spacious new strength training section.

The two-floor gym has been reconfigured to improve accessibility, with strength equipment previously located on the first floor now relocated to the ground floor for easier access for disabled users.

The upgrade features state-of-the-art equipment from Life Fitness, a global leader in gym kit. This includes new cardio machines such as arc trainers, cross trainers, treadmills and rowers, alongside advanced strength training equipment like dual pulleys, lat pulldowns, leg presses and squat racks.

Fitness enthusiasts will also benefit from premium Hammer Strength plate-loaded machines and a reconfigured free weights area with benches and dumbbells.

The space has been fully redecorated in Everyone Active's signature bold red and black theme, complemented by modern LED lighting and rubber flooring designed for comfort and noise reduction.

The redesign also maximised available space by transforming the entryway and former staff desk area, making room for additional equipment while maintaining a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere.

The gym officially reopened to members on Sunday 22 December, just in time for the festive season, following the completion of work on Saturday.

Chris Williams, Area Contract Manager at Everyone Active, said: "We are delighted to have completed this major project and are confident the community will enjoy the enhanced facilities.

“The improvements mark a significant step forward for the district’s leisure facilities, and we hope that the transformations will create even more opportunities for locals of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to commence or continue their fitness and wellness journey with us.”

The revamped gym follows a series of recent improvements at Hitchin Swimming and Fitness Centre, including the introduction of Everyone Active’s first Reformer Pilates studio, a new spin studio, and the refurbishment of two other studios.

These upgrades form part of a £1.1 million investment in North Herts leisure facilities by Everyone Active, which took over the council’s leisure contract in April this year.

Thanks to further investment from North Herts Council, the member change area and health suite within the fitness facilities will be refurbished in the new year.

Cllr Mick Debenham, North Herts Council’s Executive Member for Leisure, said: “We’re thrilled to see the completion of this fantastic gym upgrade at Hitchin Swimming and Fitness Centre. This investment highlights our commitment to improving local leisure facilities and ensuring they are accessible, welcoming, and equipped to meet the needs of all residents. The state-of-the-art equipment and reconfigured space will make a real difference to everyone looking to enjoy a healthier, more active lifestyle.”

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Everyone Active

Everyone Active is the trading name for Sports Leisure Management Ltd (SLM), which operates leisure facilities in partnership with local councils across England.

SLM is the longest-established leisure operator in the UK, having formed in 1987. At the time, it managed just one leisure centre in the Midlands, whereas today it has grown to operate more than 230 leisure facilities and cultural services across the country in partnership with over 69 local authorities.

Its influence reaches as far as Sunderland in the north to Chichester in the south, and Mid Suffolk in the east to Plymouth in the south west. SLM’s growth is due to its ability to deliver well-managed leisure facilities and activity services that offer great value for money. Its aim is to increase local people’s participation in sports and leisure activities by advocating that all adults achieve a minimum of 30 minutes exercise five times per week.

Ten councils in Hertfordshire release joint statement on local government reform

"Following the publication of the Devolution White Paper, and subsequent statements by the leader of Hertfordshire County Council, we would like to make it clear that we do not support the creation of one unitary council for Hertfordshire.

"Our county is diverse and made up of over 1.2 million residents across urban, suburban, and rural areas. Any reform of local government in Hertfordshire should follow a period of proper consultation with residents, businesses, elected representatives and stakeholders. Looking at the evidence, we should decide collectively what is best for our area. A single unitary council for the county risks diminishing local representation, with decision-making that is remote from the communities we serve.

"We do not support postponing the county council elections scheduled for May 2025. The government has indicated that this will only happen in priority areas who have clear and agreed plans. This is not the case in Hertfordshire, so we cannot be in the first phase of these reforms.

"We recognise that the government's white paper sets a clear direction of travel. As Hertfordshire's district and borough council leaders, we want to work collaboratively with others to agree how we respond to this. Any changes must be carefully considered, transparent, and inclusive, ensuring that residents and businesses are fully engaged in shaping the future governance of Hertfordshire.

"Our objective must be to get this right for our residents and businesses. That cannot be achieved if we make rushed decisions that have not been given the serious consideration that they deserve."

Statement agreed by the following leaders:

Peter Taylor, Elected Mayor of Watford (Watford Borough Council)
Councillor Richard Henry, Leader of Stevenage Borough Council
Councillor Jeremy Newmark, Leader of Hertsmere Borough Council
Councillor Stephen Giles-Medhurst, Leader of Three Rivers District Council
Councillor Paul de Kort, Leader of St Albans City and District Council
Councillor Max Holloway, Leader of Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council
Councillor Daniel Allen, Leader of North Hertfordshire District Council
Councillor Adrian England, Leader of Dacorum Borough Council
Councillor Mark Mills-Bishop, Leader of Broxbourne Borough Council
Councillor Ben Crystal, Leader of East Herts District Council