



ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY SELECT COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, 8 October 2024

Time: 6.00pm,

Location: Council Chamber - Daneshill House

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Members: Councillors: R Broom (Chair), A McGuinness (Vice-Chair), L Brady, F Chowdhury, A Gordon, S Mead, C Parris, E Plater, G Snell, N Williams and J Woods

AGENDA

PART 1

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

2. **MINUTES - 17 SEPTEMBER 2024**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of meetings of the Environment and Economy Select Committee held on 17 September 2024.

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3. **INTERVIEW WITH STEVENAGE CHILDREN'S CENTRE**

To interview Barnardo's Children's Services Manager for Stevenage, Sharon Bell MBE and Barnardo's Communications and Data Analyst, Teresa Killworth, regarding issues for families and parents accessing childcare and attempting to enter back into employment.

4. **INTERVIEW WITH BARNWELL SECONDARY SCHOOL ASSISTANT HEAD TEACHER - JACKIE JOHNSON**

To interview the Assistant Headteacher of Barnwell Secondary School, Jackie Johnson, regarding the skills agenda and how young people are accessing opportunities moving into employment, apprenticeships and further and higher education.

5. **INTERVIEW WITH YOUTH MAYOR AND DEPUTY YOUTH MAYOR**

To interview the Youth Mayor, Lahaina Sutherland and the Deputy Youth Mayor, Frankie Duncan regarding the challenges for young people navigating exams, and accessing opportunities to moving into employment, skills training, apprenticeships and further and higher education.

6. UPDATE ON THE SITE VISIT TO NORTH HERTS COLLEGE SITEC UNIT

To receive an update on the Members site visit to North Herts College Science Innovation and Technology Centre (SITEC) on Friday 27 September 2024.

7. URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS

To consider any Part 1 business accepted by the Chair as urgent.

8. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

To consider the following motions –

1. That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraphs 1 – 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as amended by Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

2. That Members consider the reasons for the following reports being in Part II and determine whether or not maintaining the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

9. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

To consider any Part II business accepted by the Chair as urgent.