

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

For a virtual/remote meeting to be held on Monday, 6 December 2021 at 7.30 pm

Councillors:

Sarah Nelmes (Chair)
Matthew Bedford
Stephen Cox
Stephen Giles-Medhurst
Alex Hayward
Paula Hiscocks
Chris Lloyd

Dominic Sokalski (Vice-Chair)
Reena Ranger
Andrew Scarth
Roger Seabourne
Phil Williams
Debbie Morris

*Joanne Wagstaffe, Chief Executive
Monday, 29 November 2021*

“The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 made under the Coronavirus Act 2020 enable Council / Committee meetings to be held in a virtual format and enables remote attendance.

The meeting will start at 7.30pm and will be virtual / remote, in that they will be conducted at no specific location and all participants are at various locations, communicating via audio and online.

The Council welcomes contributions from Members of the public to its discussion on agenda items at Planning Committee meetings. Contributions will be limited to one person speaking for and one against each item for not more than three minutes. Please note that in the event of registering your interest to speak on an agenda item but not taking up that right because the item is deferred, you will automatically be given the right to speak on the item at that next meeting of the Committee. Details of the procedure are provided below:

Members of the public wishing to speak will be entitled to register and identify which application(s) they wish to speak on from the published agenda for the remote meeting. Those who wish to register to speak must do so by notifying the Committee team by e-mail (CommitteeTeam@threerivers.gov.uk) 48 hours before the meeting. The first 2 people to register on any application (1 for and 1 against) will be sent a link so that they can join the meeting to exercise that right. This will also allow the Committee Team to

prepare the speaker sheet in advance of the remote meeting to forward to the Chair of the meeting.

In accordance with The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 any matters considered under Part 1 business only of the meeting may be filmed, recorded, photographed, broadcast or reported via social media by any person.

Recording and reporting the Council's meetings is subject to the law and it is the responsibility of those doing the recording and reporting to ensure compliance. This will include the Human Rights Act, the Data Protection Act and the laws of libel and defamation.

Please note that the meeting is being held virtually. The business of the meeting will be live streamed at –

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES

(Pages 5
- 14)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 1 November 2021.

3. NOTICE OF OTHER BUSINESS

Items of other business notified under Council Procedure Rule 30 to be announced, together with the special circumstances that justify their consideration as a matter of urgency. The Chair to rule on the admission of such items.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest.

5. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING PETITION SIGNED BY OVER 600 PEOPLE

Three Rivers District Council has designated the Red Cross Centre as a site for future development with 6 dwellings to be built on the land.

This decision will remove a vital, well-used community space, which was built using funds raised directly from Croxley Green residents.

Three Rivers District Council own the land where the Centre is and it is completely their decision to build dwellings there instead. This cannot be allowed to happen.

In 2019 the Parish Council made an offer to take over the Centre to ensure that it remained open and available to Croxley Green residents, community groups and organisations. This has not been accepted.

Croxley Green needs spaces such as this where the community can come together to enable Croxley's great community spirit to thrive and grow.

Three Rivers District Council have not been open and transparent with Croxley Green residents over their plans for the Centre and the decision to mark this site for development is an affront and an insult to our community and must be stopped. Please sign this petition to help support Croxley Green Parish Council in their efforts to take over the Centre to ensure that it remains

open for our community.

Policy

- 6. THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL - TREE STRATEGY 2022-2027** (Pages 15 - 56)
- The purpose of this report is to summarise the content and implications of the Final Tree Strategy for the District, and recommend that the Final version of the Strategy is adopted by Three Rivers District Council (Appendix B – Final Tree Strategy).
- 7. RENT ARREARS FINANCIAL SUPPORT SCHEME FOR 2021-22** (Pages 57 - 60)
- To provide the Committee with the proposed Rent Arrears Financial Support Scheme for 2021/22. This details how the Council will assist renters using the funding granted to the Council from the Government. The full policy can be found in Appendix One.
- 8. REVIEW OF STRATEGIC RISKS** (Pages 61 - 66)
- The purpose of this report is to agree the current risk ratings, mitigations and action plans for each strategic risk.

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- 9. STRATEGIC, SERVICE AND FINANCIAL PLANNING 2022-2025** (Pages 67 - 212)
- This report enables the Committee to comment on its draft service plans.
- 10. BUSINESS RATES POOLING** (Pages 213 - 224)
- To seek approval to enter into a business rates pool with Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) and a number of other Districts within the County for 2022/23
- 11. EXEMPTION FROM PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE RULES - LIVESTREAMING/HYBRID MEETINGS** (Pages 225 - 226)
- To advise Members that an exemption to the Procurement process was approved by the Shared Director of Finance under the Exceptional Circumstances exemption as permitted by the Council's Constitution.
- 12. ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS GRANT (ARG) FUNDING PROPOSALS** (Pages 227 - 234)
- To receive a report.
- 13. WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 235 - 240)
- To receive the Committee's work programme.
- 14. OTHER BUSINESS - if approved under item 3 above**
- 14.1 PROPOSALS FOR SPENDING OF HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND** (Pages 241 - 248)
- As part of efforts to recover following the pandemic, Hertfordshire County Council has been provided with £6.172m funding from the Government's Household Support Fund (HSF). This funding will be used to help people in need this winter with things like the cost of food and energy.

Hertfordshire County Council are working with a range of partners across the county to make sure we can get the right help to those who need it, at the right time. This targeted approach will mean that residents can be supported and get professional assistance from the county council, borough and district councils and organisations such as HertsHelp, our Money Advice Service and local Citizens Advice services.

Three Rivers District Council will receive a total of £33,000 for food support and £44,000 for fuel support.

15. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

If the Committee wishes to consider the remaining item in private, it will be appropriate for a resolution to be passed in the following terms:-

“that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under paragraph X of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act. It has been decided by the Council that in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.”

(Note: If other confidential business is approved under item 3, it will also be necessary to specify the class of exempt or confidential information in the additional items.)

1. OTHER BUSINESS - IF APPROVED UNDER ITEM 3 ABOVE

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General Enquiries: Please contact the Committee Team at committeeteam@threerivers.gov.uk