

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN (PART 1 – FOR PUBLICATION)

- MEETING:** Council – Wednesday 10 December 2014 – 19.00 hrs.
Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Councillors with the exception of those listed at item 1 below.
- ALSO PRESENT:** JoJo MacCarthy (Chair Youth Council) and Junior Klutse (Vice Chair Youth Council)
Chris Badger, Assistant Director – Health Integration with Hertfordshire County Council and
Jacqui Bunce – East and North Hertfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group – NHS

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
<p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Bainbridge, R Broom, G Clark, D Cullen, G Snell, V Warwick and the Youth Mayor Shae Field.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
2. MINUTES – COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2014
<p>It was RESOLVED that subject to the deletion of the name of Councillor Saunders from the list of attendees, the Minutes of the Council meeting of 8 October 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.</p>
3. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS
<p>The Mayor provided Council with a brief update of events that she had attended since the last meeting.</p> <p>The Mayor welcomed and congratulated JoJo McCarthy as the newly elected Chair of Stevenage Youth and Junior Klutse, the new Vice-Chair. She also took the opportunity to express the Council's thanks to the out going Chair, Joseph Barnes for his contributions at Council meetings.</p>

She informed Council that she had met many staff during her visits to the various service delivery units of the Council and would like to thank officers for their hard working efforts.

The Mayor congratulated Councillor Cherney-Craw on her significant birthday and wished her well.

She also announced the sad deaths of two stalwarts in the community, Spencer Thomas and Mary Griffith and expressed the Council's condolences.

Finally the Mayor proposed a motion to the Council's congratulations to Lewis Hamilton on his Formula 1 World Title.

The Motion was seconded and put to vote and it was **RESOLVED**:

'That this Council formally records its best wishes and congratulations to Lewis Hamilton on his magnificent victory in the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix which resulted in him becoming only the fourth Briton to win two F1 World titles. Everyone in Stevenage is so proud of this great achievement and we all hope that the 2014 World Championship will not be his last. We wish him all the very best for next season.'

Councillor Taylor requested that a letter with the details of the motion be sent to Lewis Hamilton.

4. MAIN DEBATE – 'SHARE THE CARE' – HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION – WHAT THIS MEANS FOR STEVENAGE

Council received a presentation from Chris Badger (HCC) and Jacqui Bunce (East & North Hertfordshire CCG)

After a full debate, which included input from the public gallery, it was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED**

'That this Council is concerned at the reduction in funding from the County Council, such as the Supported Living Fund. We do however support the ongoing integration of Health and Social Care activities on the basis that it will improve the quality of life of those living in Stevenage. This way of working should benefit our residents who require

support especially those with complex health needs. Particular focus is required with locally identified health improvement priorities (smoking cessation, healthy weight, mental health and emotional wellbeing). We urge the County Council to ensure that resources for core services including the Housing related support grant for older people are maintained or where necessary increased to meet local needs now and in the future.'

5. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

None

6. QUESTIONS FROM THE YOUTH COUNCIL

None

7. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

8. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S UPDATE

The Leader of the Opposition enquired if the Council would be reviewing its policy on fortnightly collections following concerns about overflowing litter and dog bins.

In response Councillor Taylor advised that a written response produced by the Services Manager - Street Scene & Amenities highlighting steps Officers would be employing to address this issue would be made available to Councillor Parker.

Council received updates about the following:

- Stevenage First Task Force

- Housing Business Plan
- North Herts Local Plan
- Cuts in Bus Subsidies by HCC
- RTP (Royal Town Planning Institute Certificate)
- Small Business Saturday
- District Officer Public Health
- Domestic Abuse Conference
- Youth Conference
- Youth Enterprise Company Programme
- Community Volunteering Qualification
- LCB Update
- Community Centres
- Housing Enforcers TV Programme
- Tenant's Welfare Day
- Damp, Mould, Condensation Project

9. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

A Motion congratulating scientists and engineers that had worked on the Rosetta spacecraft including the Philae lander was moved by Councillor Parker and seconded by Councillor McGuinness.

After a debate it was put to the vote and it was **RESOLVED** that

'This Council congratulates all the scientists, engineers and others, many of them Stevenage based, who worked for years on the Rosetta spacecraft including the Philae lander, and thereby contributed to the huge success of the mission, resulting in November 2014 in the first ever landing on a comet.'

10. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRS / PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Council received four questions:

- A. In response to a question about the main debate, the Leader advised that previous topics that had been debated at Council were of public interest and relevant to the residents in the town but the Council would undertake a review of the procedure for Main Debate after the elections in May 2015.
- B. The Portfolio Holder Environment and Regeneration replied to a question concerning wildlife and pond area near the Towers and explained what works were going to take place to tidy up this area.

In reply to a supplementary question, the Portfolio Holder advised that letters would be sent out to residents notifying them of the works being carried out. He also undertook to send a written reply to Councillor Parker regarding the Anti Social Behaviour issues in that area.

- C. The Portfolio Environment and Regeneration replied to a question concerning the impact of the HCC cuts in opening hours at the Stevenage Household Waste and Recycling Centre. He explained that Districts had opposed the cuts as they feared that this would lead to an increase in fly tipping but this would be monitored. He also outlined the communication plan to be put in place
- D. In response to a question about parking penalty charge notices (PCN), the Portfolio Environment and Regeneration advised that a written reply would be provided explaining the different categories of PCN and the various amounts raised.

In reply to a supplementary question on whether a review on the parking schemes in Chells could be undertaken considering that it was introduced two years ago, the Portfolio advised that a written response would be provided.

11 AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES – 11 NOVEMBER 2014

It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Audit Committee of 11 November 2014 be noted