

Daneshill House
Danestrete
Stevenage
Hertfordshire

17 February 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Stevenage Borough Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage on Wednesday, 25 February 2015 at 7.00pm and you are summoned to attend to transact the following business.

Yours faithfully

Nick Parry
Chief Executive

AGENDA

PART I

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. MINUTES – 10 DECEMBER 2014

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 10 December 2014.

Minutes attached (from page 1)

3. MINUTES – 28 JANUARY 2015

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Special meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 28 January 2015.

Minutes attached (from page 7)

4. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

To receive any communications that the Mayor may wish to put before Council.

5. MAIN DEBATE – 2015/2016 COUNCIL TAX AND GENERAL FUND AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

The Main Debate concerns the setting of the 2015/2016 Council Tax and the General Fund and Capital Budgets – See Items 5A and 5B respectively. These matters were considered by the Executive at its meeting on 10 February 2015 and the attached officer reports detail the recommendations from that meeting.

Report 5A and Appendices attached
Report 5B and Appendices attached

6. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

None received

7. QUESTIONS FROM THE YOUTH COUNCIL

None received

8. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A. Question from Mr M Wright – Old Town

‘Due to the new parking permit arrangements at the Lister Hospital and the proposed further restrictions in that locality, will the Council please consider appointing at least two additional Mobile Parking Enforcement Officers to enforce the parking restrictions in the Old Town, particularly around the Lister Hospital?’

B. Question from Mr M Pickersgill – Bandley Hill

‘With the chronic shortage of council housing in Stevenage how is the Council going to meet the requirements of those people waiting to be housed?’

9 . LEADER OF THE COUNCIL’S UPDATE

In accordance with Standing Order 14, the Leader of the Opposition shall be given the opportunity to raise one matter relevant to the Borough that has arisen since the last meeting of the Council.

The Leader of the Council shall then have the opportunity to advise the Council of matters relevant to the Borough that have arisen since the last meeting.

10. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

None received

11. QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRS/EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

None received

**12. REPORT REFERRED FROM EXECUTIVE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
- PRUDENTIAL CODE INDICATORS AND TREASURY
MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2015/2016**

The report attached as item 12 was considered by both the Audit Committee and the Executive at their respective meetings on 2 and 10 February 2015. Both bodies agreed the following recommendations to Council –

1. That the 2015/16 Treasury Management Strategy as detailed in Appendix A be adopted.

2. That the Prudential Code Indicators as detailed in Appendix A, attachment six, be adopted.

Report & Appendix attached.

13. OFFICER REPORT - COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY 2015/2018

To consider the attached report (item 13) recommending approval of the Community Safety Strategy 2015/2018. Recommendations from the Executive meeting held on 10 February 2015 are set out in paragraph 2 of the report.

Report & Appendices attached.

14. OFFICER REPORT - MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2015-2016

To consider the attached report (item 14) recommending approval of a Members' Allowances Scheme for 2015/2016.

Report & Appendix attached.

15. OFFICER REPORT - PAY POLICY STATEMENT

To consider the attached report (item 15) concerning the Council's pay policy statement for the financial year 2015/16 in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011.

Report & Appendix attached.

16. MINUTES – AUDIT COMMITTEE – 2 FEBRUARY 2015

To note the Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 2 February 2015.

Minutes attached.

17. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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 item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of Exempt information as described in paragraphs 1-7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by SI 2006 No. 88.
2. That Members consider the reasons for the following item 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.

18. PART II OFFICER REPORT – APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

To consider a Part II Officer report concerning the appointment a senior officer appointment.

Report attached (from page P1)
