

Daneshill House
Danestrete
Stevenage
Hertfordshire

16 February 2016

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, 24 February 2016 at 7.00pm and you are summoned to attend to transact the following business.

Yours faithfully

Scott Crudginton
Chief Executive

AGENDA

PART I

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. MINUTES – 9 DECEMBER 2015

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 9 December 2015.

Minutes attached (from page 1)

3. MINUTES – 26 JANUARY 2016

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Special meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, 26 January 2016.

Minutes attached (from page 10)

4. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

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

5. MAIN DEBATE – 2016/2017 COUNCIL TAX AND GENERAL FUND AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

The Main Debate concerns the setting of the 2016/2017 Council Tax and the General Fund and Capital Budgets. The reports attached as 5A and 5B were considered by the Executive at its meeting on 16 February 2016 and any updates or changes to the recommendations arising from the Executive will be provided at the meeting or included in a supplementary agenda.

Report 5A and Appendices attached (from page 15)
Report 5B and Appendices attached (from Page 98)

6. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

None received

7. QUESTIONS FROM THE YOUTH COUNCIL

None received

8. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None received

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

The following questions have been received –

(a) From Councillor R Parker CC -

When our refuse or other contractors damage the grass verges, it can take weeks for the damage to be repaired, and only then if it is witnessed and reported to the Council. What are the Council's plans pro-actively to monitor the fact that an incident has occurred, to improve the reporting and repair process and to reduce the frequency of this type of damage?

(b) From Councillor G Snell -

What plans are there to improve the efficiency of the operation of the SBC Search facility on the SBC website?

(c) From Councillor A McGuinness -

What are the Council's plans to increase the provision of publicly accessible toilets across the town?

**12. REPORT REFERRED FROM EXECUTIVE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
- PRUDENTIAL CODE INDICATORS AND TREASURY
MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2016/2017**

The report attached as item 12 was considered by the Audit Committee at its meeting on 1 February. The Audit Committee concurred with the report. The report will also be considered by the Executive 16 February 2016. Any updates or changes to the recommendations arising from the Executive will be provided at the meeting or included in a supplementary agenda.

Report & Appendices attached (from page 128)

**13. OFFICER REPORT – MEMBERS’ ALLOWANCES – REPORT OF
INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL**

To consider the attached officer report (Item 13) concerning the findings of the Independent Panel on Members’ Allowances and, in the light of that report, recommends the Scheme of Allowances for 2016/2017.

Report & Appendices attached (from page 152)

14. OFFICER REPORT - PAY POLICY STATEMENT

To consider the attached report (item 14) concerning the Council's pay policy statement for the financial year 2016/17 in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011.

Report & Appendix attached (from page 163)

15. MINUTES – AUDIT COMMITTEE – 1 FEBRUARY 2016

To note the draft Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 1 February 2016.

Minutes attached (from page 169)
