

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN (PART 1 – FOR PUBLICATION)

MEETING: Annual Council – Tuesday 24 May 2016 – 19.00 hrs.
Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Councillors with the exception of those listed at item 1 below.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Cullen, L Harrington and A Webb. There were no declarations of interest.
2. MINUTES – 25 FEBRUARY 2015
It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council meeting of 24 February 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor subject to the correction of a typographical error in item 5. The first line of paragraph 7 on page 4 should read ‘The Leader of the Liberal Democrats’ and not ‘The Leader of the Liberal Democratic Party’ as stated.
3. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR
The Mayor asked for nominations for the Office of Mayor for 2016/17. Councillor S Taylor OBE CC nominated Councillor J Lloyd CC for the Office of Mayor.

The nomination was seconded by Councillor S Batson MBE DL CC.

A vote was taken and it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor John Lloyd be elected as Mayor for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

Councillor Lloyd then made the statutory declaration of office.

The Mayor announced that his wife, Councillor Mrs Joan Lloyd would be his Mayoress for 2016/17.

In his speech the Mayor announced that his charities for the year would be the Pheonix Group for Deaf Children based at the Hyde and the Garden House Hospice.

The Mayor then presented awards to the following Members:

- For 20 years' service Councillors R Henry CC, M Notley and S Speller
- For 25 years' service Councillors M Downing and P Stuart
- For 30 years' service Councillor R Parker CC
- For 40 years' service Councillor Mrs J Lloyd.

On behalf of the Council Councillor J Thomas received a Housing Excellence award from the Mayor for the Ditchmore Lane project.

4. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** that Councillor P Stuart be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

Councillor Stuart then made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

The Deputy Mayor announced that Mr Tony Turner would be her consort for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

5. APPOINTMENT TO YOUTH MAYOR
It was moved, seconded and RESOLVED that Emma Chapman be elected as Youth Mayor for the 2015/2016 Municipal Year.
6. BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2016
It was moved, seconded and RESOLVED that the results of the Stevenage Borough Council Elections 2016 be noted.
7. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION
The Chief Executive advised the Council that the Leader of the Opposition would be Councillor J Fraser and that Councillor P Bibby would be his deputy.
8. APPOINTMENT OF LEADERS AND DEPUTY LEADERS OF THE POLITICAL GROUPS ON THE COUNCIL
The Chief Executive advised the Council that Councillors S Taylor OBE CC, J Fraser and R Parker CC had been appointed as Leaders of the Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrat Groups respectively. It was noted that Councillors J Gardner, P Bibby and G Snell would be Deputy Leaders of the Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrat Groups respectively.
9. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES
It was moved, seconded and RESOLVED:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Terms of Reference, as detailed in the appendices to the report, are approved for the following bodies that form the non-Executive Member level decision making structure of the Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview and Scrutiny Committee* (Appendix A) – 13 Members (10 Labour Group, 2 Conservative Group, 1 Liberal

Democrat Group)

- Community Select Committee* (Appendix B) – 10 Members (7 Labour Group, 2 Conservative Group, 1 Liberal Democrat Group)
- Environment and Economy Select Committee* (Appendix C) - 10 Members (7 Labour Group, 2 Conservative Group, 1 Liberal Democrat Group)
- Planning & Development Committee* (Appendix D) – 13 Members (10 Labour Group, 2 Conservative Group, 1 Liberal Democrat Group)
- Licensing Committee (Appendix E) – 13 Members (10 Labour Group, 2 Conservative Group, 1 Liberal Democrat Group)
- General Purposes Committee* (Appendix F) – 13 Members (10 Labour Group, 2 Conservative Group, 1 Liberal Democrat Group)
- Appointments Committee* (Appendix G) - 8 Members (6 Labour Group, 1 Conservative Group, 1 Liberal Democrat Group)
- Standards Committee* (Appendix H) – 8 Members (6 Labour Group, 2 Conservative Group, 0 Liberal Democrat Group)
- Audit Committee* (Appendix I) – 8 Members (6 Labour Group, 1 Conservative Group, 1 Liberal Democrat Group) + 1 Co-opted non-elected member
- Statement of Accounts Committee* (Appendix J) – 8 Members (6 Labour Group, 2 Conservative Group)

* Indicates where those bodies covered by the rules of proportionality for the purposes of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups), Regulations 1990.

2. That the composition of the Executive and the Portfolios, as detailed at paragraph 4.3 and Appendix K respectively, are noted.
3. That it is noted that the terms of reference for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the two Select Committees may be amended at a future Council meeting to reflect any changes in the areas of direct responsibility of the

individual members of the Senior Management Board.

4. That the dates for Council meetings for the Municipal Year, as shown at paragraph 4.7 of the report, are approved and the draft dates for other meetings as shown at Appendix L to the report are noted.
5. That five Members be appointed to the Housing Management Board (4 Majority Group, 1 Opposition Member).
6. That it is noted that the Leader has given delegated authority to all Members regarding the spend of their £2,500 Local Community Budget and for the Youth Mayor's £3,300 Youth Community Budget.

10. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED:**

1. That the membership of Committees, together with the Chairs and Vice Chairs where detailed, are appointed for the 2016/17 Municipal Year as follows:

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

13 Members (10-2-1)

Councillors – L Martin-Haugh (Chair), P Bibby (Vice Chair), J Brown, M Downing, M Gardner, E Harrington, J Hollywell, C Latif, S Mead, A Mitchell, R Parker CC, C Saunders and P Stuart.

COMMUNITY SELECT COMMITTEE

10 Members (7-2-1):

Councillors – S Mead (Chair), M Notley (Vice Chair), D Bainbridge, J Brown, E Connolly, E Harrington, J Mead, A Mitchell, C Saunders and G Snell.

ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY SELECT COMMITTEE

10 Members (7-2-1):

Councillors – M Downing (Chair), M Hurst (Vice Chair), D Bainbridge, R Broom, J Brown, L Chester, J Fraser,

E Harrington, A McGuinness and P Stuart.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

13 Members (10-2-1)

Councillors – D Cullen (Chair), D Bainbridge, L Briscoe, R Broom, L Chester, M Downing, J Fraser, M Gardner, E Harrington, J Hollywell, G Lawrence, M McKay and G Snell.

LICENSING COMMITTEE

13 Members (10-2-1)

Councillors – L Chester (Chair), D Bainbridge, L Briscoe, H Burrell, E Connolly, E Harrington, S Hearn, C Latif, M McKay, M Notley, C Saunders, G Snell and P Stuart.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

13 Members (10-2-1)

Councillors - L Chester (Chair), D Bainbridge, L Briscoe, H Burrell, E Connolly, E Harrington, S Hearn, C Latif, M McKay, M Notley, C Saunders, G Snell and P Stuart.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

8 Members (6-1-1)

Councillors – S Taylor OBE CC (Chair), S Batson MBE DL CC, P Bibby, H Burrell, J Gardner, R Henry CC, R Parker CC and S Speller.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

8 Members (6-2-0)

Councillors – Mrs J Lloyd (Chairman), P Bibby, R Broom, L Briscoe, E Connolly, M Gardner, M Notley and L Martin-Haugh.
Independent Person who must be consulted on alleged breaches to the Code of Conduct - Mr Allen Holland

AUDIT COMMITTEE

8 Elected Members (6 -1-1) + 1 Independent co-opted Member

Councillors – M McKay (Chair), H Burrell, L Chester, D Cullen, J Gardner, J Hollywell, G Lawrence and A McGuinness.

Mr. Brian Mitchell - Independent, non-elected Member

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

8 Members (6-2-0)

Councillors – Mrs J Lloyd (Chairman), P Bibby, L Briscoe, J Fraser, J Mead, S Mead, R Rayner and J Thomas.

2. That 5 Members be appointed to the Housing Management Board as agreed at Item 9, resolution 3, as follows

5 Members (4 Majority Group, 1 Opposition Member)

Councillors – P Bibby, C Latif, L Martin-Haugh, J Mead and S Mead.

11. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the following individuals are appointed to represent the Council on the various bodies detailed below for one year, unless otherwise stated.

AGE CONCERN (STEVENAGE) - Councillor C Latif

BEDWELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - Councillor E Harrington

BRAGBURY CENTRE – Councillor D Bainbridge

CHELLS MANOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - Councillor A McGuinness

COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL ENGLAND – HERTFORDSHIRE SOCIETY – Executive Member by Portfolio

DOUGLAS DRIVE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION - Councillor J Lloyd CC

EAST OF ENGLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – Leader - By Position

EAST OF ENGLAND REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL – Executive Member by Portfolio

EAST OF ENGLAND LGA IMPROVEMENT AND EFFICIENCY PANEL – Councillor R Henry CC

HCC HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – Councillor M McKay

HCC JOINT WASTE MANAGEMENT GROUP – Executive Member by Portfolio.

HERTFORDSHIRE LOCAL AUTHORITIES LEADERS GROUP – By Position: Leader.

HERTFORDSHIRE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND POLICY GROUP – Executive Member by Portfolio.

HERTFORDSHIRE SUPPORTING PEOPLE COMMISSIONING BODY MEMBERS OVERVIEW – Executive Member by Portfolio.

HERTFORDSHIRE SUSTAINABILITY FORUM STEERING GROUP – Executive Member by Portfolio.

HOME-START STEVENAGE - Councillor J Gardner

KADOMA LINK ASSOCIATION - Councillors R Broom and G Snell

LIVING ROOM PROJECT - Councillor J Hollywell

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (LGA) - By Position: Leader

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION UNIT - Councillor M Downing

LUTON AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (VIA HLGA) – Councillor J Gardner

OLD STEVENAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - Councillor J Brown

OVAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - Councillor M McKay

PIN GREEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - Councillor J Thomas

RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY GROUP (COMMUNITY SAFETY) – Executive Member by Portfolio.

SoSTEVENAGE PARTNERSHIP –The Leader and the Deputy Leader

SHEPHALL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - Councillor J Lloyd CC

ST. NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - Councillor R Henry CC

STEVENAGE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTRE – Councillor Mrs J Lloyd

STEVENAGE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU – Councillor R Raynor

STEVENAGE COMMUNITY TRUST – Councillors R Henry CC and J Mead

STEVENAGE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP – Executive Member by Portfolio

STEVENAGE CONSOLIDATED CHARITIES (FOUR YEAR PERIOD) - Councillors R Raynor and C Latif to 2020,
Councillors M McKay and L Martin-Haugh to 2017.

STEVENAGE CREDIT UNION LTD - Councillor L Chester

STEVENAGE FURNITURE RECYCLING SCHEME - Councillor R Broom

STEVENAGE HAVEN – Councillor L Chester

STEVENAGE/AUTUN /INGELHEIM ASSOCIATION – Councillors R Henry CC and S Speller

STEVENAGE LEISURE LIMITED (OBSERVER) – The Leader and Executive Member by Portfolio

STEVENAGE WORLD FORUM FOR ETHNIC COMMUNITIES - Councillor J Gardner

SYMONDS GREEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - Councillor L Chester

TIMEBRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – Councillor P Stuart

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ACT 2004- ADJUDICATION JOINT COMMITTEE – Executive Member by Portfolio