

Daneshill House
Danestrete
Stevenage
Hertfordshire

29 November 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, 7 December 2016 at 7.00pm and you are summoned to attend to transact the following business.

Yours faithfully

Scott Crudgington
Chief Executive

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. MINUTES – COUNCIL - 4 OCTOBER 2016

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 4 October 2016.

Minutes attached – Item 2 (from page1)

3. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

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

4. MAIN DEBATE – PRESENTATION FROM THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR HERTFORDSHIRE

To receive a presentation from David Lloyd Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire on the new Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan (previously called the Police and Crime Plan).

5. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

None received

6. QUESTIONS FROM THE YOUTH COUNCIL

None received

7. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A. Question from Aubert Pereira*

'Road Safety and Cyclists

An increasing number of cyclists in Stevenage cycle on the pavement and within the Town Centre shopping precinct. Also some cyclists do not stop at pedestrian crossings but keep on cycling at speed, ignoring pedestrians who are on the crossing.

As it is against the law to cycle on the pavement and to ignore pedestrian crossings, what action will the Commissioner take to stop this menace and danger to the safety of Stevenage pedestrians?

Examples:

- cyclists enter the Town Centre Shopping Precinct from behind the Library and continue cycling through to TESCO. PCSOs strolling along this shopping area ignore the cyclists on their bikes.
- cyclists on the pavement along North Road and the High Street are on the pavement, even at night and are cycling on the pavement without lights.
- Letters have appeared in The Comet asking when will the Police tackle these nuisance cyclists.

* This question may be dealt with under item 4

8. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S UPDATE

In accordance with the Council's Standing Orders, 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.

9. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

A. To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor R Raynor:

'That at a time of significant planned growth, which can only be delivered sustainably by continuing investment in public transport, the prospect of the rail link between Hertford and Stevenage being severed for up to six years is totally unacceptable. Not only will this inconvenience thousands of passengers but will encourage more traffic onto already congested roads.'

B. To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor S Taylor OBE CC:

‘That the Council calls upon the Government to reconsider transitional arrangements for the state pension from women born after 6 April 1951, so that women do not live in hardship due to pension changes they were not told about until it was too late’

10. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRS / PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

A. Question from Councillor R Parker –

Regarding the recent refurbishment of the Autun Room in Daneshill House, and in view of the severe financial constraints under which SBC is supposed to be operating can we please be told what was the need for the refurbishment of it, the cost, details of any savings that will result from it, the payback time, the benefit to the council tax payers of Stevenage and the original cost of the furniture which has been disposed of and where has it gone?

B. Question from Councillor G Snell –

Regarding the recent refurbishment of the toilets in Daneshill House, and in view of the severe financial constraints under which SBC is supposed to be operating can we please be told what was the need for the refurbishment and the cost and details of what savings will result from it, the payback time and the benefit to the council taxpayers of Stevenage?

C. Question from Councillor A McGuinness –

With the cold weather setting in, what are the Council doing to ensure there is enough spaces in suitable homeless accommodation within the Town so that those that desperately need it, our given the support they deserve?

11. 2016/2017 MID YEAR TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW

The report, attached as item 11, was considered by both the Audit Committee and the Executive at their respective meetings on 9 and 22 November 2016. Both bodies agreed the following recommendations to Council –

1. That the 2016/17 Treasury Management Mid-Year Review and the prudential and treasury indicators in this report be approved.
2. That the removal of the current treasury management limit to maintain £10Million in instant access or overnight balances limits (as shown at

paragraph 4.7.9 and Appendix C of the report) be approved.

3. That the latest approved Countries for investments as shown at paragraph 4.7.11 and Appendix D of the report be agreed.
4. That it be noted that the Audit Committee has requested that any short term borrowing that was caused as a result of cash flow shortages from not holding £10Million in instant access accounts, is reported to that Committee.

Report & Appendices attached (from page 6)

12. REVISION TO CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS

The report, attached as item 12 was considered by the Audit Committee at its meeting on 9 November 2016 when that Committee agreed –

That the revised Contract Standing Orders be recommended to Council for approval.

Report & Appendices attached (pages 25)

13. APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS (FOR AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FROM 2018/19 ONWARDS)

The report, attached as item 13, was considered by both the Audit Committee and the Executive at their respective meetings on 9 and 22 November 2016. Both bodies agreed the following recommendation to Council –

That the Council opts in to the appointing person arrangements provided by Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) for the appointment of external auditors for a five year period commencing on 1 April 2018.

Report & Appendices attached (from page 72)

14. STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL CO-OPERATIVE CORPORATE PLAN FUTURE TOWN FUTURE COUNCIL

To consider an officer report, attached as item 13, that seeks approval of the Council's Corporate Plan - Future Town Future Council. As a Budget & Policy Framework item a draft report was submitted to Executive and the Overview & Scrutiny Committee. Final proposals were considered by the Executive on 22 November 2016 and the attached report has been drafted in line with the final recommendations arising from that meeting.

Report & Appendices attached (from page 90)

**15. AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES – 28 SEPTEMBER AND
9 NOVEMBER 2016**

To note the Minutes of the meetings of the Audit Committee held on 28 September and 9 November 2016.

Minutes attached (from page 110)
