

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

MEETING: Environment and Economy Select Committee
DATE: Thursday, 18 October 2018
PLACE: Autun Room, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors: Michael Downing (Chair), Lloyd Briscoe, Jim Brown, David Cullen, Andy McGuinness, Adam Mitchell CC and Simon Speller

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE Tom Pike (Strategic Director) and Chris Berry (Interim Assistant Director – Planning and Regulatory)

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1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. There was representation from Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR), Network Rail, Hertfordshire County Council (Transport Unit) and the Rail Users' Group for Stevenage. Apologies were received from Cllrs M Hurst, J Fraser, L Kelly and S-J Potter. There were no declarations of interest.	ACTION/LEAD F Nyamukapa Ext 2707
2	MINUTES – 1 AUGUST 2018 It was RESOLVED that Minutes of the Environment and Economy (E & E) Select Committee meeting of 01 August 2018 are approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	F Nyamukapa Ext 2707

	<p>The Chair informed the Committee that items relating to the Licence to Occupy procedures and the review of the Direct Services Business Unit (Item 2 – paragraph 2) had been deferred to the November E & E Select Committee meeting.</p>	
3	<p>STEVENAGE RAIL STATION</p> <p>The Chair informed the Committee that although Stevenage Borough Council (SBC) did not have direct responsibility for rail, the Council has a responsibility to look after the welfare its residents including regular rail commuters and more casual rail users. This was why this issue was being considered by the Committee. The long term objective was to establish improved communication between the Council, rail users and rail companies.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the following reports are noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GTR Presentation covering May 2018 lessons, interim measures and December 2018 timetable preparations • ORR Independent Inquiry into Timetable Disruption in May 2018 • The role of Hertfordshire County Council • Rail Users' Group Issues and Questions 2. That the Committee considers holding a follow up meeting for all stakeholders in the spring of 2019, following the December 2018 timetable changes (February/March) 3. That GTR and other operators provide statistics about the number of Stevenage commuters at peak times 4. That train operators be encouraged to consult on key changes with the Rail 	<p>S Weaver Ext 2332</p>

	<p>Users Group</p> <p>5. That Rail operators be encouraged to include Rail Users' Group for Stevenage and other stakeholder groups in consultations prior to the construction of the fifth platform for Stevenage and timetable changes in May 2019 and whilst the temporary bus service between Hertford and Stevenage is in operation</p> <p>6. That GTR be encouraged and advised to provide a reliable service and good quality buses for the replacement bus service</p> <p>7. That ahead of the May timetable changes in 2019, Stevenage Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Council assist with local communication and be provided information regarding the changes</p>	
4	<p>URGENT PART I BUSINESS</p> <p>None</p>	
5	<p>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <p>Not Required.</p>	
<u>PART II</u>		
6	<p>URGENT PART II BUSINESS</p> <p>None.</p>	