

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, 9 January 2019

Time: 6.00pm

Place: Shimkent Room - Daneshill House, Danestrete

Present: Councillors: Sarah Mead (Chair)(Chair), Adam Mitchell CC (Vice-Chair)(Vice Chair), Sandra Barr, Jim Brown, John Mead, Sarah-Jane Potter, Simon Speller and Tom Wren

Start / End Start Time: 6.00pm
Time: End Time: 6.15pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Liz Harrington and Roni Hearn.

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - 7 NOVEMBER 2018

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Community Select Committee meeting held on 7 November 2018 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3 RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT - DRAFT REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee considered the draft report and recommendations of the Committee's review into the Council's resident Engagement. The Committee commended officers for including in the report an analysis of digital engagement and for implementing some of the Committee's recommendations such as the installation of a digital screen in the Customer Services Centre. Members noted that residents preferred time limited projects. The Council made extensive consultations on most issues. However, there was a perception that the Council consulted on its terms.

In response to the Chair's invitation, Members made proposals for additional recommendations to the report.

It was **RESOLVED:**

1. That the report be noted
2. That the recommendations are approved
3. The recommendation on branding (4.12) be amended to include a reference to designing a recognisable logo for consultation and engagement
4. That the following recommendations be added to the report

- a. Officers provide a report in the near future containing details of the extent to which the recommendations have been implemented
- b. A review be carried out to reflect changes in demographics of the Town
- c. Results of public engagements and consultations be published more widely
- d. A paragraph referencing the Council's Co-operative approach and Co-operative Neighbourhood Management

4 **URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS**

None.

5 **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Not required.

6 **URGENT PART II BUSINESS**

None.

CHAIR