

Daneshill House
Danestrete
Stevenage
Hertfordshire

18 February 2020

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, 26 February 2020 at 7.00pm and you are summoned to attend to transact the following business.

Yours faithfully

Matthew Partridge
Chief Executive

AGENDA

PART 1

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. MINUTES - 29 JANUARY 2020

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 29 January 2020

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3. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

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

4. MAIN DEBATE - 2020/21 COUNCIL TAX AND GENERAL FUND AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

To approve the Council's Final General Fund Budget for 2020/21, projected 2019/20 General Fund Budget and final proposals for the 2020/21 Council Tax and Council Tax Support Scheme

Reports and Appendices attached

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5. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

None.

6. QUESTIONS FROM THE YOUTH COUNCIL

In accordance with Standing Orders, written responses to the following questions will be tabled at the Council meeting:

Questions from the Youth Council

- (A) "How could Brexit affect Stevenage?"
- (B) "How do we deal with items being dumped at different places (such as trolleys)?"
- (C) "Could there be a cycle track as part of the Town Centre regeneration?"
- (D) "Could the King George Field be reviewed to provide better use for young people e.g. include cycling and multi sports use?"

7. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

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

None.

10. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRS/PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

In accordance with Standing Orders, written responses to the following questions will be tabled at the Council meeting:

- (A) Question from Councillor Alexander Farquharson

"What is the Council doing to ensure that vulnerable residents, who struggle to manage their finances, are not taken advantage of by credit card and loan companies?"

- (B) Question from Councillor Jody Hanafin

"Could the Council provide an update on the situation regarding the provision of a new Post Office in the Old Town's High Street and advise whether any progress has been made toward sourcing a temporary facility in the meantime?"

(C) Question from Councillor Graham Lawrence

“Given the Government’s decision to ban the sale of petrol & diesel cars by 2035, what is this Council doing to ensure that all new developments in Stevenage are future proofed by having a plentiful number of electric car charging points installed?”

(D) Question from Councillor Margaret Notley

“As there is already very limited disabled parking provision at the car parks adjacent to Stevenage railway station, will extra spaces be made available after the completion of the fifth platform as the need is likely to increase?”

11. UPDATE FROM SCRUTINY CHAIRS

To receive an update from the Chairs of each of the Scrutiny Committees on recent activities

12. ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY INCLUDING PRUDENTIAL CODE INDICATORS 2020/21

To consider an Officer report that recommends the approval of the Treasury Management Strategy 2020/21 including the Annual Investment Strategy and the prudential indicators

Report and Appendices attached

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13. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2020/21 (INCLUDING IRP REPORT)

To consider the Independent Remuneration Panel report that recommends to Council a Members’ Allowances Scheme for 2020/21

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14. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2020/2021

To consider an officer report recommending the pay policy statement for the financial year 2020/21

Report and Appendix attached

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15. LICENSING ACT 2003 STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES/POLICY

To consider an officer report that recommends to Council the adoption of the Statement of Licensing Policy, as required under the Licensing Act 2003

Report and Appendices attached

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16. AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES

To note the draft Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 3 February 2020.

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