

## SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

<b>Meeting:</b>	Council	
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 15 December 2021	
<b>Place:</b>	Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage	
<b>Members Present:</b>	Councillors:	Sandra Barr (Mayor), Philip Bibby CC, Stephen Booth, Lloyd Briscoe, Rob Broom, Lizzy Kelly, Graham Lawrence CC, Nick Leech, Mrs Joan Lloyd, Lin Martin-Haugh, Andy McGuinness, Adam Mitchell CC, Robin Parker CC, Simon Speller, Sharon Taylor OBE CC and Jeannette Thomas

<b>1</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	
	<p>Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Myla Arceno, Julie Ashley-Wren, Doug Bainbridge, Stephen Booth, Adrian Brown, Matt Creasey, Michael Downing, John Duncan, Alex Farquharson, John Gardner, Jody Hanafin, Liz Harrington, Richard Henry, Jackie Hollywell, Chris Howells, Wendy Kerby, Maureen McKay, Sarah Mead, Margaret Notley, Claire Parris, Loraine Rossati, Graham Snell and Tom Wren.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<b>MINUTES - 13 OCTOBER 2021</b>	
	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.	
<b>3</b>	<b>MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS</b>	
	<p>The Mayor announced that in light of the current Covid situation, including the spread of the Omicron variant and the national threat level being increased, the meeting was being held with reduced numbers of Councillors present. The agenda was also to be varied to undertake the required business only, to shorten the meeting.</p> <p>The Mayor then summarised the activities that she and her consort had been involved with since the previous Council meeting</p>	

	in October 2021.	
<b>4</b>	<b>MAIN DEBATE</b>	
	There was no main debate.	
<b>5</b>	<b>PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS</b>	
	There were no petitions and deputations.	
<b>6</b>	<b>QUESTIONS FROM THE YOUTH COUNCIL</b>	
	The Council received two questions from the Youth Council. The responses to the questions had been circulated.	
<b>7</b>	<b>QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC</b>	
	There were no questions from the public.	
<b>8</b>	<b>LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S UPDATE</b>	
	Councillor Bibby advised that he would decline his opportunity to raise a matter relevant to the Borough that had arisen since the last meeting due to the circumstances of this meeting.	
	The Leader of the Council advised that her updates would be circulated to Members after the meeting.	

<b>9</b>	<b>UPDATE FROM SCRUTINY CHAIRS</b>	
	Written updates from the three Scrutiny Chairs would be circulated following the meeting.	
<b>10</b>	<b>NOTICE OF MOTIONS</b>	
	The Notice of Motion submitted by the Labour Group, the Motion from the Conservative Group and the three Motions from the Liberal Democrat Group would be deferred to the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 9 March 2022.	
<b>11</b>	<b>QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRS / PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</b>	
	The Council received 9 questions from Members to Committee Chairs/Portfolio Holders. The responses to the questions had been circulated to all Members. Each questioner was advised to submit any supplementary questions in writing to <a href="mailto:committees@stevenage.gov.uk">committees@stevenage.gov.uk</a> . Written responses would be provided in due course.	
<b>12</b>	<b>QUARTER 1 AND 2 MONITORING REPORT CAPITAL (GENERAL FUND) 2021/22</b>	
	<p>It was moved by Councillor Mrs Joan Lloyd, seconded by Councillor Sharon Taylor and upon being put to the vote it was <b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the additional General Fund budget requirements as set out in table one, para 4.1.1 of the officers report of £291k be approved;</li> <li>2. That additional delegated authorities to Executive of £200k for 2021/22 as set out in paragraph 4.2.1 of the report be</li> </ol>	

	<p>approved;</p> <p>3. That the borrowing for the Railway Station Multi Storey Car Park of between £1.85 and £2.05 million as set out in paragraph 4.2.2 and the use of £1.45 million of the Marshgate receipt as set out in paragraph 4.2.3 of the report be approved;</p> <p>4. That circa £800k of forward-funding to enable demolition of Swingate House as set out in paragraph 4.3 be approved.</p>	
13	<b>MID YEAR REVIEW OF TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2021/22</b>	
	<p>It was moved by Councillor Mrs Joan Lloyd, seconded by Councillor Sharon Taylor, and following debate and upon being put to the vote, it was <b>RESOLVED</b>:</p> <p>1. That the 2021/22 Treasury Management Mid-Year review be approved;</p> <p>2. That the list of approved countries (with approved counterparties) for investments as set out in Appendix D of the Officers report be approved;</p> <p>3. That the updated authorised and operational borrowing limits as set out in Appendix A to the report be approved.</p> <p>4. That the impact of the outstanding decision set out in paragraph 4.1.4 be noted.</p>	
14	<b>APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS - OPTING IN TO THE PUBLIC SECTOR AUDIT APPOINTMENTS (PSAA) PROCESS</b>	
	<p>It was moved by Councillor Teresa Callaghan, seconded by Councillor Mrs Joan Lloyd, and following debate and upon being put to the vote, it was <b>RESOLVED</b>:</p>	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Council opt into the appointing arrangements made by Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) for the appointment of External Auditors covering the period April 2023 to March 2028;</li> <li>2. That the Executive Director Finance (Section 151) confirms the Council's interest in undertaking the opt-in appointing process.</li> </ol>	
<b>15</b>	<b>AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES</b>	
	The Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 10 November 2021, were received and noted.	
<b>16</b>	<b>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</b>	
	<p>It was <b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in Paragraphs 1 – 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as amended by Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.</li> <li>2. That the reasons for the following report being in Part II were accepted, and that the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighs the public interest in disclosure.</li> </ol>	
<b>17</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE MATTER</b>	
	Council considered a report outlining an employee matter which required Council approval under S.40 Localism Act 2011 and the Council's Pay Policy Statement.	

It was **RESOLVED** that the Recommendations contained in the report be approved.