

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

**ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY SELECT COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Date: Monday, 5 July 2021

Time: 6.00pm

Place: Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete

Present: Councillors: Michael Downing (Chair) (Chair), Adam Mitchell CC (Vice-Chair) (Vice Chair), Julie Ashley-Wren, Doug Bainbridge, Stephen Booth, Adrian Brown, Wendy Kerby, Maureen McKay, Sarah Mead, Claire Parris and Simon Speller

Start / End Start Time: Time Not Specified
Time: End Time: Time Not Specified

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no apologies for absence.

Councillor Claire Parris declared an interest as trustee of St. Nicholas Community Association.

2 SUMMARY OF DECISION FROM 22 JUNE MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the Summary of Decisions of the Committee meeting held on Tuesday 22 June 2021 be noted. The minutes of the 22 June 2021 meeting will be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

3 EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIO HOLDER RESPONSE TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRES REVIEW

The Select Committee received a response from the Executive Portfolio holder on the Neighbourhood Centres Review. The Select Committee established to review the Neighbourhood Centres on 13 March 2019 and agreed a scope on 25 June 2019. Covid19 impacted the end of the review process; however, prior to this, Members managed to carry out a number of site visits with officers which led to a number of local actions and subsequent recommendations. 5 Recommendations were proposed to the Executive. The Executive Portfolio holder responded to the recommendations set out in the agenda report.

It was **RESOLVED:**

- That the Committee endorsed the Executive Portfolio holder response as set out in the agenda report.

4 **NEXT STEPS IN THE REVIEW INTO THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON STEVENAGE**

The committee received a report on next steps in the review of the economic impact of Covid19 on Stevenage. The report set out the review progress. Members agreed to invite Business Relationship Manager to the Select Committee to clarify how the Council was supporting self-employed and other businesses hit hard by the pandemic.

It was **RESOLVED:**

- That the next steps in the review into economic impact of Covid-19 on Stevenage be noted.
- That the mapping exercise be noted.

5 **URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS**

None.

6 **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Not required.

7 **URGENT PART II BUSINESS**

None.

CHAIR