



ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY SELECT COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, 17 January 2023

Time: 6.00pm,

Location: Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete

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Members: Councillors: R Broom (Chair), A Mitchell CC (Vice-Chair), Ashley-Wren, S Booth, A Brown, J Brown, M Downing, B Facey, C Parris and L Rossati

AGENDA

PART 1

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. MINUTES - 15 DECEMBER 2022

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Environment and Economy Select Committee meeting held on 15 December 2022.

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3. FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

To consider the final report and recommendations of the Committee's review of the Council's response to the Climate Emergency. The report has been amended from the draft report that Members considered in December based on the comments that Members raised at the meeting.

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4. COST OF LIVING SCRUTINY REVIEW

To receive a presentation from Ben Threadgold, SBC Interim Head of Policy and Communities and Daryl Jedowski, SBC Corporate Policy and Research Officer on the work that SBC and partners have been undertaking to respond to the Cost-of-Living Crisis, with a focus for the meeting on the impact on local residents.

In addition to the officer presentation there will be an opportunity to interview the above SBC officers as well as Charlotte Blizzard-Welch, CEO Stevenage Citizens Advice and SBC officer Gemma Maret, Co-operative Neighbourhoods

Programme Manager regarding warm spaces.

A copy of the report provided to the Executive in December 2022 on the Cost-of-Living Crisis Response is attached as a useful background document outlining the work that the Council and partners are undertaking.

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5. URGENT PART I BUSINESS

To consider any Part I business accepted by the Chair as urgent.

6. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

To consider the following motions –

1. That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve 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.
2. That Members consider the reasons for the following reports being in Part II and determine whether or not maintaining the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

7. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

To consider any Part II business accepted by the Chair as urgent.