



ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY SELECT COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, 22 February 2023

Time: 6.00pm

Location: Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete

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

AGENDA

PART 1

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. MINUTES - 17 JANUARY 2023

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Environment and Economy Select Committee meeting held on Tuesday 17 January 2023.

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3. COST OF LIVING CRISIS - FOCUS ON THE IMPACT ON BUSINESSES

To receive a presentation from the Business Relationship Manager, Mena Caldbeck on the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on small to medium sized businesses (SMEs) in Stevenage.

In addition to the officer presentation there will be an opportunity to interview Simon Holmes, Director of Client Services and Enterprise Partnership Manager at Wenta (an independent, not-for-profit social enterprise that run the Council's Business Technology Centre (BTC)) to present on how businesses at the BTC are being impacted by the cost-of-living crisis.

The Executive Portfolio Holder for Economy, Enterprise and Transport, Cllr Lloyd Briscoe, has been invited to attend the meeting and join in the discussion.

4. URGENT PART I BUSINESS

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

5. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

To consider the following motions –

1. That under Section 100(A) 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.

6. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

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

NOTE: Links to Part 1 Background Documents are shown on the last page of the individual report, where this is not the case they may be viewed by using the following link to agendas for Executive meetings and then opening the agenda for Wednesday, 22 February 2023 – <http://www.stevenage.gov.uk/have-your-say/council-meetings/161153/>

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