

## SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

**MEETING:** Community Select Committee  
Monday 2 March 2015 Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors S Mead (Chair), M Notley (Vice Chair), L Bell, R Broom, M Gardner, A McGuinness, J Mead and P Stuart

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jim McManus, HCC Director of Public Health

<b>1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	
An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor E Connolly and the Youth Mayor Shae Field.  There were no declarations of interests.  Derek Lau, the Constitutional Services Apprentice, was introduced to the meeting.	G Moody Ext 2203
<b>2. MINUTES – 12 JANUARY 2015</b>	
It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Select Committee held on 12 January 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	G Moody Ext 2203
<b>3. UPDATE ON PUBLIC HEALTH</b>	
The Committee received an update on public health in Stevenage from Jim McManus, Hertfordshire County Council's Director of Public Health.	

<p>A copy of the public health statistics for Stevenage were circulated to the Committee and used as a basis for the discussion which centred on smoking cessation, life expectancy rates and ways of encouraging residents to adopt healthier lifestyle choices.</p> <p>In reply to a question the Committee was advised of the plans for, and progress of the, 'Healthy Hub' in the Arts and Leisure Centre.</p> <p>Jim McManus advised the meeting that further funding could be made available and suggested that the way forward would be to convene a meeting of the interested parties. The Scrutiny Officer undertook to arrange such a meeting.</p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the update be noted.</p> <p>The Chair expressed her thanks to Jim McManus for his attendance at the meeting.</p>	<p>S Weaver Exr 2332</p>
<p><b>4. REVISED UPDATE ON HOMELESSNESS REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS</b></p>	
<p>The Scrutiny Officer represented a revised update of the Homelessness Review Recommendations which had been revised to include more detail on actions taken at the request of the Committee.</p> <p>In reply to a question concerning the actions taken to assist people in managing their finances the Committee was advised that outcomes of the assistance given were monitored and that result were reviewed on a quarterly basis.</p> <p>The Committee requested that a definition of the role of the Young Person Prevention Officer be added to recommendation 3.</p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the revised update be noted.</p>	<p>M Partridge Ext 2456</p>



<p>and best practices regarding relationships with tenants, the caveat that officers provide some more background information to the NLA before embarking on any formal promotion or training with that group.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Subject to the delivery of some satisfactory training sessions with the National Landlords' Association that officers investigate the possibility of a local Accreditation Scheme and report back to Members on the feasibility of this proposal at a future meeting of the Community Select Committee in 2015.</li> <li>5. Housing Officers consider providing some awareness training to tenants on their expectations when renting a property, to educate them and avoid possible pitfalls.</li> <li>6. Officers consider undertaking an awareness campaign regarding the extensive advice that Council Housing Officers are able to provide to Stevenage residents for both private and social rented sector irrespective of the residents tenure.</li> <li>7. Members support the introduction of a Landlord Forum for Stevenage as detailed by the Strategic Housing Solutions Manager and would like to receive an update on the progress of this initiative at a future meeting of the Community Select Committee in 2015.</li> <li>8. The Committee welcome the Strategic Housing Solutions Manager offer of a feasibility study being undertaken into the local suitability of a social lettings agency and await with interest its findings, which Members would like reported to a future meeting of the Community Select Committee in 2015.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>6. PART I BUSINESS</b></p>	
<p>Not Required</p>	<p>G Moody Ext 2203</p>
<p><b>7. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</b></p>	
<p>Not Required</p>	

<b>PART II</b>	
<b>8. URGENT PART II BUSINESS</b>	
None.	G Moody Ext 2203