

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN PART I

MEETING: Community Select Committee
DATE: Tuesday 28 June 2016
PLACE: Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN
MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors: S Mead (Chair), M Notley (Vice-Chair), D Bainbridge, J Brown, E Connolly, J Mead and A Mitchell

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1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Harrington, C Saunders and G Snell. There were no declaration of interest.	ACTION/LEAD O Adeoye Ext 2809
2	TERMS OF REFERENCE It was RESOLVED that the terms of reference be noted.	O Adeoye Ext 2809
3	MINUTES – 31 MARCH 2016 It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Select Committee held on 31 March 2016, are approved as a correct record to be signed by the Chair.	O Adeoye Ext 2809
4	EXECUTIVE MEMBER RESPONSE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY BUDGETS SCRUTINY REVIEW The Committee acknowledged the Executive Member’s response to the recommendations from the Local Community Budget Review.	

	<p>Members made a number of comments with regards to the Executive Member's response to be brought to that Member's attention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation 2 – In response to a question on when LCB training could be provided for Members, the Head of Leisure, Environmental Health & Children's Services Officer advised that following the outcome of this meeting, Officers could proceed with facilitating training for Members. • Recommendation 5 – Members requested a slight change with the wording in the application form process, requesting information on who benefits from the grant. Members requested that the wording ' in no more than 100 words' to read ' in no more than approximately 100 words' as not all cases would the information requested be limited to only 100 words. The Head of Leisure, Environmental Health & Children's Services advised that the request was simply a guide, however the wording could be changed. • Recommendation 6-Members suggested if the applicant has an interest in the application, then the form should ask applicants to specify their interest. • Recommendation 8 – In response to Member's request for further Officer involvement in the application process, the Head of Leisure, Environmental Health & Children's Services Officer indicated he could include a revised note in the Member Guidance Notes which would remind Members of their responsibility to check the suitability of an award but that officer advice would be available on request. • Recommendation 10 – The Head of Leisure, Environmental Health & Children's Services would be requesting colleagues in IT to confirm if it is technically feasible to defer a grant if the whole amount had not been awarded. • Recommendation 12 - Members were concerned that the monitoring feedback form of completed projects was not being made available to Members who had supported the project. It was requested that the Executive Member be invited to the Committee for further explanation if 	<p>A Sanderson Ext 2175</p> <p>S Weaver Ext 2332</p>
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	<p>he did not agree to Members being given access to this information. It was suggested that Members could be given access to the electronic folder to view for themselves if they so wished.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the Executive Portfolio Holder response be noted.</p>	
5	<p>DRAFT SCOPING DOCUMENT & PRESENTATION – SCRUTINY REVIEW INTO DAMP AND MOULD IN STEVENAGE HOUSING STOCK</p> <p>The Head of Asset Management gave a presentation on Damp and Mould in Stevenage Housing Stock.</p> <p>The Officer acknowledged that mould and damp was caused by a number of factors and that the Council had plans to address it through various initiatives.</p> <p>The Head of Asset Management informed Committee that the Council’s policy on Damp and Mould would be circulated to all Members of the Committee.</p> <p>The Committee considered the Draft Scoping Document and made a number of comments as follows:-</p> <p>A suggestion of a site visit to properties affected by mould and damp was welcomed by Members. The Head of Asset Management agreed to facilitate the visit with Members being able to visit properties where works had been undertaken under the Whole House 1 Contract, to void properties and those still experiencing damp and mould issues.</p> <p>A suggestion to publicise the review via an advert in the local paper and to extend it to Stevenage residents affected by mould and damp was noted. The Scrutiny Officer stated that Officers should first see how many residents could be encouraged to attend based on the information that already existed before pursuing an advert</p> <p>On the issue of inviting a critical friend, Members welcomed inviting Officers from similar sized new towns such as Harlow and Crawley, who have housing stock built around the same time to come and share their experiences.</p>	N Wilson-Prior Ext 2238

	Councillor E Connolly agreed to lead on research questions concerning sheltered housing.	
6	COMMUNITY SELECT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME AND DRAFT MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2016-17 Noted	S Weaver Ext 2332
7	URGENT PART I BUSINESS None.	
8	EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC Not Required	O Adeoye Ext 2809
<u>PART II</u>		
9	URGENT PART II BUSINESS	