

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN PART I

MEETING: Community Select Committee
DATE: Wednesday 19 October 2016
PLACE: Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN
MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors: S Mead (Chair), M Notley (Vice-Chair), J Brown, E Connolly, J Mead, A Mitchell and G Snell

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1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Bainbridge, E Harrington and C Saunders. There were no declarations of interest.	ACTION/LEAD L. Jerome Ext 2203
2	MINUTES – 7 SEPTEMBER 2016 It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Select Committee held on 7 September 2016 are approved as a correct record to be signed by the Chair.	L. Jerome Ext 2203
3	REVISIT TO RECOMMENDATIONS AND AGREED ACTIONS FROM THE 2012 REVIEW INTO THE STEVENAGE MUSEUM Jo Ward, Museum Curator updated the Committee on the current situation with regard to the Museum in response to the original review recommendations. In particular the Committee was updated in respect of the work undertaken following the flood, IT issues, the Heritage Lottery Fund Project and the current anti-social behaviour issues which were affecting the museum. Members expressed concern regarding future flood prevention. Officers advised that it was only at one	Jo Ward Ext 8883 G Caine Ext 2206

	<p>of the doors in the Museum where there was a tendency to flood regularly. Members requested that officers look into what was available in terms of flood doors/gates as it was not acceptable for officers to have to put sandbags down every evening.</p> <p>Officers advised the Committee of the anti-social behaviour around the museum, specifically in relation to the drug paraphernalia that was being found in the grounds. Unfortunately the CCTV cameras did not cover the whole of the grounds. PCSOs did check the area on a regular basis but the Museum staff were still finding evidence of drug use around the building. The Chair commented that there were health and safety concerns around officers carrying out these checks. It was suggested that the local Bedwell Ward councillors could take up the matter with the Police.</p> <p>In response to a question, the Strategic Director, Community advised that currently a definitive plan did not exist in terms of location or budget for a new Museum but that it would form part of the Town Centre Regeneration plans. The Strategic Director advised that he would be meeting with Councillor Henry, Executive Member for Children, Young People and Leisure to talk about the future arts provision, including the Museum, in Stevenage. Members also asked officers to clarify where the museum store would be sited following the regeneration of the Town.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the Committee's thanks be conveyed to Jo Ward, Museum Curator and her team for their work and commitment to the Museum particularly during the difficult time after the flood.</p>	<p>Jo Ward Ext 8883</p> <p>M Partridge Ext 2456</p>
4	<p>SCRUTINY REVIEW INTO DAMP AND MOULD IN STEVENAGE HOUSING STOCK</p> <p>The Strategic Director, Community submitted apologies for this item on behalf of Neil Wilson-Prior, Head of Asset Management who was unwell and unable to attend the meeting.</p> <p>He advised that since the last meeting officers had been actively working with the two SBC tenants who had been in attendance. The contact with the tenants had been positive in terms of the Council's engagement with them, however, in relation to Council staff, two key officers had recently left which had had an impact on the work of the section. The Chair agreed that staff turnover was one of the main issues affecting the work in this area.</p>	

	<p>It was agreed that it would be helpful for Councillors to be able to be clear when responding to constituents on any enquiries regarding damp and condensation issues, as to the timeline for when they should expect to receive a response from the Council.</p> <p>In relation to the draft Damp and Condensation Strategy, as the officer was not in attendance to answer any questions, it was requested that the Strategy should be re-circulated to Members for comments to be submitted to Stephen Weaver, Scrutiny Officer within 2 weeks from this meeting. The Strategy, including any comments from the Members, should then be trialled for 6 months with officers bringing a detailed report back to this Committee on the implementation and progress of the Strategy.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 That the Scrutiny Officer circulate the draft Damp and Condensation Strategy to Members for comment by Wednesday 2nd November; 2 That a progress report be submitted to this Committee in 6 months' time detailing the implementation and progress of the Strategy. 3 That the Head of Asset Management be requested to submit a report to a future meeting of this Committee regarding the current position in relation to the scale of the damp and mould problem within the Council's housing stock. 	<p>S Weaver Ext 2332</p> <p>N Wilson-Prior Ext 2238</p>
5	<p>URGENT PART I BUSINESS</p> <p>None</p>	
6	<p>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <p>Not Required.</p>	<p>L Jerome Ext 2203</p>
<u>PART II</u>		

7	URGENT PART II BUSINESS None.	
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