



## COUNCIL

**Date: Wednesday 8 April 2009**

**Time: 7.00 p.m.**

**Place: Council Chamber**

**Contact: Jackie Cansick**

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## AGENDA

### \*\*\*\* PART I

#### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

#### **2 MINUTES - WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2009**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held Wednesday 25 February 2009.

Minutes attached

#### **3 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

To receive any communications that the Mayor may wish to put before the Council.

#### **4 MAIN DEBATE - 'WEATHERING THE STORM - RESPONDING TO THE RECESSION'**

To receive a presentation from the Strategic Director (Community) and Marian Hurle, the Director of Stevenage Citizens' Advice Bureau regarding how the Council, its partners and the community can best respond to the current economic climate.

#### **5 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS**

None received.

#### **6 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None received.

#### **7 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S UPDATE**

In accordance with the Standing Order 11, the Leader of the Opposition shall be given the opportunity to raise one matter relevant to the Borough that has arisen since the last meeting of the Council.

The Leader of the Council shall then have the opportunity to advise the Council of matters relevant to the Borough that have arisen since the last meeting.

## **8 NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

None received.

## **9 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRS/PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

None received.

## **10 MATTER REFERRED FROM EXECUTIVE - TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (REVISED)**

At their meetings on 17 and 18 March respectively, the Audit Committee and the Executive considered a report recommending a revised Treasury Management Strategy (see report attached). The Executive concurred with the Audit Committee's views and accordingly Council is recommended as follows -

1. That the Treasury Management Strategy, approved at the Council meeting on 25 February 2009, be amended to allow lending to partially and fully nationalised banks, as outlined in the report considered by the Audit Committee and the Executive on 17 and 18 March respectively.
2. That it be noted that in the event of there being no Council meeting scheduled, there are arrangements in place whereby the Chief Finance Officer may make any necessary urgent revisions to the Strategy to protect Council funds.

Report attached  
Appendices attached

## **11 COMPLETED SCRUTINY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE TOPIC GROUP REVIEWS DURING 2008/09 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

To note the work undertaken by Scrutiny Overview Committee Topic Groups during the 2008/09 Municipal Year

Report attached

## **12 AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES - 17 MARCH 2009**

To note the Draft Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on Tuesday 17 March 2009.

Minutes attached