

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Agenda Item

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**EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Date: Wednesday 27 January 2010

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Place: Council Chamber

Present: The Deputy Mayor (Councillor J Lloyd CC), H Burrell, M Cherney-Craw, L Chester, D Clark, G Clark, R Clark, D Cullen, M Downing, P Gallagher, J Fraser CC, J Gardner, L Harrington, R Henry, B Jackson, D Kissane, L Knight, C Latif, Mrs J Lloyd, L Martin-Haugh, M Mason, M Notley, R Parker CC, M Patston, R Raynor, G Snell, S Speller, P Stuart, S Taylor CC, J Thomas, V Warwick and A Webb.

In Attendance: -

Start/End Time: Start Time: 7.00 pm
End Time: 7.12 pm

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from the Mayor, Councillor S Myson and Councillors S Batson MBE DL, J Hollywell, M Hurst CC, J Pickersgill, L Strange and B Underwood.

Apologies were also submitted on behalf of the Chief Executive, Nick Parry.

2. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT – RENT SETTING – 2010/2011

Council had before it an officer report recommending the rent levels for 2010-2011. This report had been considered by the Executive at its meeting on 25 January and the Executive's recommendations had been circulated around the chamber. The Scrutiny Overview Committee had also considered the matter on 25 January, and their comments had also been circulated around the chamber.

The recommendations of the Executive were moved and seconded, and following debate it was **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rule 2 in relation to the arrangements

for consultation be suspended in order to determine rent levels to be set for 2010/2011 for implementation from April 2010.

2. That, subject to the final determination from the DCLG being known before the Council meeting on 27 January:

- a) The rents of HRA dwellings be increased, with effect from the week commencing 5 April 2010 by 1.72% in accordance with the Government's Revised National Rent Restructuring Formula, subject to the Government's caps and limits applicable to each property.
- b) Delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director (Resources), in consultation with the portfolio holders for Resources and Housing, for any change to the rent increase as a result of the final subsidy determination, within a tolerance up to the guideline rent increase of 3.1%.