

Daneshill House  
Danestrete  
Stevenage  
Hertfordshire

28 September 2010

Dear Sir/Madam

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Stevenage Borough Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage on Wednesday 6 October at 7.00pm and you are summoned to attend to transact the following business.

Yours faithfully

Nick Parry  
Chief Executive

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## **AGENDA**

### **PART I**

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

**2. MINUTES – COUNCIL – WEDNESDAY 14 JULY 2010**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 14 July 2010.

Minutes attached.

**3. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

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

**4. MAIN DEBATE – 'YOUNG AT HEART'**

This debate concerning the needs of the rising number of older people in the Town is to be introduced by the Portfolio Holder for Community, Health and Older People. The Council will also receive presentations from Officers of Hertfordshire County Council and from Marion Birch, Chief Executive, Age UK Hertfordshire.

**5. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS**

None received.

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

To receive the following question from a member of the public in accordance with Standing Order 12:

### **Ms C Saint Leitner – Silam Road, Stevenage**

"Are elderly people forced to have a wheelie bin for the land fill waste as it would be easier in many cases if we were allowed to carry on with the plastic bags, and as the bins get smelly and dirty has it been considered how we clean them ? "

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

In accordance with Standing Order 13, 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**

Under the provisions of Standing Order 14, the following Motion has been submitted for consideration:

"That in the past Stevenage people who are cancer patients have had to travel significant distances for radiotherapy treatment, to Mount Vernon or Addenbrookes often at the time when the illness and/or its treatment has left them feeling weak and unwell. Some patients are unable to drive as a result of their treatment and for them the journey to the radiotherapy unit is made even more difficult as they have to rely on hospital transport or lifts from family members.

Therefore this Council -

- Strongly supports the campaign to build a radiotherapy unit at the Lister Hospital in Stevenage.
- Welcomes the progress that has been made at the Lister in recent years and the significantly better results and outcomes that this has achieved, particularly in the treatment of cancer but believes that a radiotherapy unit is the next step to ensuring patients receive the treatment they need close to home.
- Calls upon the Minister for Health to consider the funding of a radiotherapy unit at Stevenage as an urgent priority for the benefit of the residents of North and East Hertfordshire."

Mover: Councillor Sharon Taylor CC  
Seconder: Councillor Sherma Batson MBE DL

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

None received.

**10. MATTER REFERRED FROM EXECUTIVE - TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW 2009/2010**

At its meeting on 28 July 2010 the Executive considered a report for recommendation to Council concerning the a review of the 2009/2010 Treasury Management activity compared to the 2009/2010 Treasury Management Strategy and it was agreed –

‘That Council be recommended to approve the 2009/10 Treasury Management Review.’

Report and Appendix attached.

**11. MATTER REFERRED FROM EXECUTIVE - NEW EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

At its meeting on 22 September 2010 the Executive considered a report for recommendation to Council concerning New Executive Arrangements to be introduced in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and it was agreed –

1. That Council be recommended to note the statutory requirements of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 ('the Act') to alter the current Executive Arrangements.
2. That Council be recommended to note that the Government is proposing further amendments to Executive Arrangements and the Act but that these will not be enacted in time to change the statutory requirements which are set out in this report
3. That Council be recommended to authorise public consultation as set out in 3.7 of the report to inform on its choice of new Executive Arrangements.
4. That Council be recommended to authorise a further report to the Executive on the responses to the consultation exercise.
5. That Council be recommended to convene an Extraordinary meeting in December 2010 to consider a further report setting out the results of the consultation and options for the new form of Executive arrangements to begin in May 2011.

Report attached.

**12. MATTER REFERRED FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE – REVISIONS TO FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

At its meeting on 6 September 2010 the Audit Committee considered a report for recommendation to Council concerning revisions to the Constitution in relation to Financial Regulations and it was agreed –

‘That the Financial Regulations be recommended to Council for approval.’

Report and Appendices attached.

**13. MATTER REFERRED FROM THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE - ADOPTION OF BYELAWS FOR ACUPUNCTURE, TATTOOING, SEMI-PERMANENT SKIN COLOURING, COSMETIC PIERCING AND ELECTROLYSIS**

At its meeting on 9 September 2010 the General Purposes Committee considered a report for recommendation to Council concerning the updated Department of Health model byelaws for acupuncture, tattooing, electrolysis, cosmetic piercing and semi-permanent skin colouring and it was agreed –

‘That the Council be recommended to adopt the updated byelaws and authorise:

1. The affixing of the common seal to the attached byelaws; and
2. The Head of Environmental Health and Licensing to carry out the necessary procedure and apply to the Secretary of State for confirmation of the new byelaws.’

Report and Appendix attached

**14. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE – 28 JUNE 2010**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Statement of Accounts Committee held on 28 June 2010. These Minutes are before Council as this Committee is not scheduled to meet again in this Municipal Year.

Minutes attached

**15. AUDIT COMMITTEE - MINUTES – 28 JUNE , 22 JULY AND 6 SEPTEMBER 2010.**

To note the Minutes of the meetings of the Audit Committee held on 28 June, 22 July 2010 and the Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2010 (attached as items 15 A, B and C respectively).

The Minutes of the Audit Committee are submitted for information as it is an advisory Committee of the Council.

Minutes attached

**16. URGENT KEY DECISION TAKEN BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL– FREE SWIMMING**

To note a report submitted for information in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Constitution concerning a Key Decision taken by the Leader of the Council as a matter of urgency and where the Call-in Procedure was waived by the Chair of the Scrutiny Overview Committee.

Report & Appendix attached

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