

Daneshill House  
Danestrete  
Stevenage  
Hertfordshire

10 July 2012

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 18 July 2012 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 – ANNUAL COUNCIL – WEDNESDAY 23 MAY 2012**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on Wednesday 23 May 2012.

Minutes attached – Item 2

**3. MINUTES – SPECIAL COUNCIL – WEDNESDAY 23 MAY 2012**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Special meeting held on Wednesday 23 May 2012.

Minutes attached – Item 3

**4. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

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

**5. MAIN DEBATE – ‘MORE THAN JUST A QUALIFICATION – EDUCATION TRANSFORMED’ – NORTH HERTS COLLEGE**

To receive a presentation from Jack Tomlinson, Sabbatical President, North Herts College.

**6. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS**

None.

**7. QUESTIONS FROM THE YOUTH COUNCIL**

None.

**8. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

**9. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL’S UPDATE**

In accordance with the Council’s Standing Orders, 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.

**10. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

None

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

None.

**12. OFFICER REPORT - NEW STANDARDS REGIME FOR MEMBERS**

To consider an Officer report regarding the terms of a new code of conduct for Members and other related matters.

Report & Appendix attached – Item 12 – Page 14

**13. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE – STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL: MAKING A DIFFERENCE – ANNUAL REPORT 2012**

The report attached as item 13 - 'Stevenage Borough Council: Making a Difference – Annual Report 2012' is being considered by the Executive on 10 July 2012 – (the date of despatch of this agenda). Details of the recommendations of the Executive to Council will be circulated on a supplementary agenda.

Report & Appendix attached – Item 13 – Page 60

**14. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE - NEW HOMES BONUS**

At its meeting on 13 March 2012 the Executive considered a report that detailed a range of schemes and initiatives to be funded from the 2012/13 New Homes Bonus allocation. A copy of the report is attached as item 13.

Having considered the report the Executive agreed the recommendations contained therein that included the following recommendation to Council –

That Council be requested to approve the General Fund Revenue Account Contingency Sum held by the Executive be increased by £201,000 to maintain this sum at the £400,000 level previously agreed.

Report attached – Item 14 – Page 96

**15. ANNUAL SCRUTINY REPORT – 2011/2012**

To consider the report attached on the Scrutiny work undertaken by the seven Development & Scrutiny Committees in 2011/2012.

Report & Appendices attached – Item 15 – Page 106

**16. OFFICER REPORT - URGENT KEY DECISION TAKEN BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE – AWARD OF BMO SUPPLY CHAIN CONTRACTS**

To note an urgent key decision taken by the Chief Executive concerning the award of BMO supply chain contracts.

Report & Appendix attached – Item 16 – Page 122

**17. OFFICER REPORT - URGENT KEY DECISION TAKEN BY THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR – RESOURCES – RIGHT-TO-BUY: RE-INVESTING RECEIPTS IN NEW AFFORDABLE RENTED HOMES**

To note an urgent key decision taken by the Strategic Director - Resources concerning the Government's policy to reinvigorate the Right to Buy and its proposed 'One for One' replacement programme.

Report & Appendix attached – Item 17 – Page 129

**18. AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES – 13 FEBRUARY, 28 MARCH, 13 JUNE 2012**

To note the Minutes of the meetings of the Audit Committee held on 13 February, 28 March and 13 June 2012.

Minutes attached – Items 18A/18B/18C – Page 150

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