SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN (PART 1 – FOR PUBLICATION)

MEETING: Special Council – Wednesday 22 May 2013 – 19:50 hrs.

Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Councillors with the exception of those listed at item 1 below.

ALSO PRESENT: A Danaher (Youth Mayor 2012/2013), J Barnes (Youth Council) and A Mboho

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Clark, L Harrington, M Hearn, B Underwood, the Right Honourable Shirley Williams, Stephen McPartland MP, Hilda Lawrence and Major Tony Jones of the Royal Anglian Regiment.

There were no declarations of interest.

2. FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH – DR. JOACHIM GERHARD

A number Councillors and Aldermen of the Borough spoke in tribute to Dr Gerhard, recognising his services in supporting the tripartite link between Ingelheim, Autun and Stevenage and for the promotion of Civic Links between Stevenage and Ingelheim during his term as Oberbürgermeister of that town from 1996 until 2012.

A certificate was then presented to Dr Gerhard.

Dr Gerhard made an acceptance speech in which he spoke with affection about his memories of Stevenage and of the importance of maintaining civic links in Europe.