

Daneshill House
Danestrete
Stevenage
Hertfordshire

18 February 2014

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, 26 February 2014 at 7.00pm and you are summoned to attend to transact the following business.

Yours faithfully

Nick Parry
Chief Executive

AGENDA

PART I

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. MINUTES – 4 DECEMBER 2013

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 4 December 2013.

Minutes attached (from page 1)

3. MINUTES – 29 JANUARY 2014

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Special meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 29 January 2014.

Minutes attached (from page 10)

4. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

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

5. MAIN DEBATE – 2014/2015 COUNCIL TAX AND GENERAL FUND AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

The Main Debate concerns the setting of the 2014/2015 Council Tax and the General Fund and Capital Budgets – See Items 5A and 5B respectively. These matters were considered by the Executive at its meeting on 11 February 2014 and the attached officer reports detail the recommendations from that meeting (updated as necessary).

Report 5A and Appendices attached (from page 13)
Report 5B and Appendices attached (from Page 156)

6. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

None received

7. QUESTIONS FROM THE YOUTH COUNCIL

None received

8. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The following question was received from Mr Mark Pickersgill –

‘Now that the bedroom tax has been effectively defeated and confined to the history books in Scotland, why can’t this Council follow in the same direction and refuse to implement this hated tax any further? ‘

9 . LEADER OF THE COUNCIL’S UPDATE

In accordance with Standing Order 14, 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 received

11. QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRS/EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

None received

12. REPORT REFERRED FROM EXECUTIVE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE - PRUDENTIAL CODE INDICATORS AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2014/2015

The report attached as item 12 was considered by both the Audit Committee and the Executive at their respective meetings on 3 and 11 February 2014. Both bodies agreed the following recommendations to Council –

1. That the 2014/15 Treasury Management Strategy as detailed in Appendix A be adopted.
2. That the Prudential Code Indicators as detailed in Appendix A, attachment six, be adopted.

Report & Appendix attached (from page 181)

13. REPORT REFERRED FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE – REVISION TO CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS 2013/2014

The report attached as item 13 was considered by the Audit Committee at its meeting on 3 February 2014. The Committee agreed the following recommendation to Council –

That the revised Contract Standing Orders, as appended to the report, be approved.

Report and Appendices attached (from page 203)

14. OFFICER REPORT - MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2014-2015

To consider the attached report (item14) recommending approval of a Members' Allowances Scheme for 2014/2015.

Report & Appendix attached (from page 250)

15. OFFICER REPORT - PAY POLICY STATEMENT

To consider the attached report (item 15) concerning the Council's pay policy statement for the financial year 2014/15 in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011.

Report & Appendix attached (from page 254)
