Daneshill House Danestrete Stevenage Hertfordshire

29 September 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 8 October 2014 at 7.00pm and you are summoned to attend to transact the following business.

Yours faithfully

Scott Crudgington Deputy Chief Executive

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. MINUTES – COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY 16 JULY 2014

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Annual meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 16 July 2014.

Minutes attached – Item 2 (pages 1 - 7)

3. MINUTES – SPECIAL COUNCIL – THURSDAY 28 AUGUST 2014

To approve as a correct record the Part 1 section of the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 28 August 2014.

Minutes attached – Item 3 (pages 8 - 9)

4. MAYORS' COMMUNICATIONS

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

5. MAIN DEBATE – THE VOTE FOR WORK EXPERIENCE

To include a presentation from the Youth Council.

6. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

None received

7. QUESTIONS FROM THE YOUTH COUNCIL

None received

8. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None received

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 received

11. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRS / PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

The following questions have been received -

(a) From Councillor G Snell to the Portfolio Holder for Resources Regeneration –

What works have been completed on the Arts and Leisure Centre Walkway, what is the current total cost spent to date on this project and when will the project be finally completed?

(b) From Councillor R Parker to the Portfolio Holder for Economy, Enterprise and Transport –

Has the Council undertaken a feasibility study into the possible effect to residents on changes to bus services in Stevenage caused by cuts to route subsidies?

(c) From Councillor A McGuinness to the Portfolio Holder for Environment & Regeneration –

How much money the Council have currently spent on its attempts to implement parking charges in Fairlands Valley Showground on match days at the Lamex Stadium and what steps have been taken since August to implement this policy?

12. ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW 2013/2014 AND MID YEAR REVIEW REPORT 2014/2015

To consider an officer report on a review of the operation of the 2013/14 Treasury Management and Investment Strategy and recommendations for updating the 2014/15 Treasury Management and Investment Strategy.

This report was considered by the Audit Committee on 3 September 2014 who concurred with the recommendations to Council set out in the report.

This report is on the agenda for the Executive on 30 September 2014. Any comments or recommendations will be reported at the Council meeting.

Report attached – Item 12 (pages 10 - 27)

13. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

To consider an officer report that advises on the outcome of the recent review of the Polling Districts and Polling Places in the Borough of Stevenage and to make recommendations on appropriate or necessary changes or amendments to the existing Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations Order.

Report attached – Item 13 (pages 28 - 31)

14. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS

To consider an officer report on the outcome of a recent review of the Council's Standing Orders.

Report and Appendix attached – Item 14 (pages 32 - 37)

15. AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES – 12 JUNE 2014

To note the Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 12 June 2014.

Minutes attached – Item 15 (pages 38 - 41)

16. AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES – 3 SEPTEMBER 2014

To note the Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 3 September 2014.

Minutes attached – Item 16 (pages 42 - 45)

17. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider the following Motions -

- That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of Exempt information as described in paragraphs 1-7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by SI 2006 No. 88.
- 2. That Members consider the reasons for the following item being in Part II and determine whether or not maintaining the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

<u>PART II</u>

18. PART II MINUTES – SPECIAL COUNCIL – 28 AUGUST 2014

To approve as a correct record the Part II section of the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 28 August 2014.

Minutes attached for Councillors only – Item 18 (pages 46 - 49)