

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

**ECONOMY ENTERPRISE AND TRANSPORT
DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Date: Wednesday 13 March 2013

Time: 6.00 p.m.

Place: Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage

Present: Councillors P Stuart (Chair), P Bibby CC (Vice Chair),
J Brown, L Harrington and H Tessier.

Start / End Time: Start Time: 6.00 p.m.
End Time: 6.55 p.m.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor S Walker.

There were no declarations of interest.

2. MINUTES – 4 FEBRUARY 2013

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held jointly with the Community, Health and Older People Development and Scrutiny Committee on 4 February 2013 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the following amendments:

Recommendation S3 – ‘The Stevenage Cycling Strategy Action Plan’:- Members raised concerns car parking on cycle paths in Fairlands Valley Park close to Stevenage Football Club on match days. The Committee noted that these areas would require enforcement and that Officers needed to liaise with the club. A suggestion of installing bollards and proper signage was noted by SBC Officers.

Recommendation S4 – ‘Costing of the cycle schemes’:- SBC officers advised that although most of the schemes had been identified the schemes had not been fully costed. However Members were advised that since JMP panels had now been disbanded, Members needed to liaise with their County Councillors to suggest funding any schemes. However, HCC Officers stated that any new schemes identified by Members would still need to be included in the HCC Integrated Works Programme and subject to the usual criteria before a decision was taken to commence works.

3. MINUTES – 13 FEBRUARY 2013

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2013 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. 2013/2014 SCRUTINY WORKPLAN

Members considered a report concerning its work plan for 2013/2014.

Members were informed that the Committee would be involved at various stages with the development of policy.

The Scrutiny Officer advised Members that he had been informed by the Regeneration Manager that the Local Investment Plan as a policy item would be considered in the third quarter of 2013/2014 Municipal year.

The Portfolio holder suggested an area for possible Policy Development for Member to consider could be issues around the transport links between the Roaring Meg, the Leisure Park and the Town centre was noted by Members.

It was **RESOLVED**

1. That feedback from the Scrutiny Evaluation Questionnaire completed by Members be noted.
2. That having taken account of previous suggestions made by the Committee, ideas put forward by Members and topics raised at the Scrutiny Workplan event held on 15 February 2013, the Committee would consider Community Transport including public transport as a joint scrutiny exercise with Community, Health and Older People Development & Scrutiny Committee (CHOP D & S Cttee), should the CHOP D & S Cttee be unable to agree a joint scope for the review then the Committee will scrutinise Climate Change Strategy.
3. That updates of recommendations from previous studies on Inward Investment Opportunities & Business Support and Training & Employment Opportunities for Young People be provided.
4. That Committee would be informed of items of Policy Development work to be undertaken by the Portfolio Holder.
5. That proposals regarding Equalities and Diversity in the Scrutiny function as set out at paragraph 3.9 be noted and used in any future studies as appropriate.

5. URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS

None.