

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN

MEETING: **Environment and Economy Select Committee**
Wednesday 18 June 2014 Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors: J Hollywell (Chair), P Bibby (Vice Chair), L Bell, J Brown, G Snell and P Stuart.

1. TO NOTE MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE	ACTION/LEAD
It was RESOLVED that the membership of the Committee for the Municipal year 2014/15 appointed at Annual Council on 10 June 2014 be noted.	O Adeoye Ext 2809
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors D Bainbridge, L Briscoe, E Connolly and C Saunders. There were no declarations of interest.	O Adeoye Ext 2809
3. TERMS OF REFERENCE	
It was RESOLVED that the Terms of Reference be noted.	O Adeoye Ext 2809
4. MINUTES – 12 MARCH 2014	
It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Environment & Economy Select Committee held on 12 March 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	O Adeoye Ext 2809

<p>5. EXECUTIVE RESPONSE TO REFUSE AND RECYCLING</p>	
<p>The Head of Environmental Services provided the Committee with the Portfolio Holder’s response to the Committee’s recommendation following its review on Refuse and Recycling.</p> <p>The Officer advised Members that most of the Committee’s recommendation had been accepted and where possible put in place. In some instances the recommendations were being considered as part of a whole service review which would be undertaken during 2014/15.</p> <p>The Officer advised Members that the review had acted as a catalyst for a whole service review considering the way recycling is being collected.</p>	<p>L Myers Ext 8710</p>
<p>6. DRAFT SCOPING DOCUMENT – TREE AND HEDGE SCRUTINY REVIEW</p>	
<p>The Head of Environmental Services answered questions on the various aspects regarding tree and hedges and offered to provide the Committee with a presentation which would provide Members with a better understanding of the service and its various activities.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That a presentation be provided to Members to include the following issues that Members identified during the scoping discussion: maintenance of tree/ hedges and parks, consultation process with residents, promotion of ‘friends of’ groups etc. 2. That during the review, a critical friend and SBC Housing Officers should be invited to take part in the review. 3. A site visit to various areas around the town incorporating parks and sites that demonstrate typical overhanging 	<p>L Myers Ext 8710</p> <p>S Weaver Ext 2332</p> <p>L Myers Ext 8710 J Hill Ext 2900</p>

and overgrowing hedges and trees be arranged by Officers 4. That the Draft Scoping Document be noted.	S Weaver Ext 2332
7. URGENT BUSINESS	
None	O Adeoye Ext 2809
8. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC	
None	O Adeoye Ext 2809
PART II	
9. URGENT PART II BUSINESS	
None	O Adeoye Ext 2809