

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN

MEETING: Environment and Economy Select Committee
Wednesday 14 October 2015, Skimkent Room, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors M Downing (Chair), L Briscoe, R Broom, J Brown, J Mead and P Stuart.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillors D Bainbridge, J Fraser, M Hurst and A McGuinness. There were no declarations of interests.	G Moody Ext 2203
2. MINUTES – 7 SEPTEMBER 2015	
It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Economy Select Committee held on 7 September 2015 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the inclusion of Councillor L Briscoe as an attendee.	G Moody Ext 2203
3. MINUTES – 17 SEPTEMBER 2015	
It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Economy Select Committee held on 17 September 2015 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	G Moody Ext 2203

<p>4. NOTES – 29 SEPTEMBER 2015</p>	
<p>It was RESOLVED that the notes from the informal meeting of the Environment and Economy Select Committee held on 29 September 2015 be noted.</p>	
<p>5. SBC GREEN TRAVEL PLAN</p>	
<p>The Engineering Services Manager presented an update to the Council’s Green Travel Plan.</p> <p>Members raised a number of issues related to, but not directly covered by, the travel plan which the Officer undertook to review at a later date. It was suggested that a further review of the plan could be undertaken in twelve months’ time.</p> <p>In response to a request the Engineering Services Manager undertook to circulate a copy of the Stevenage Cycle Map to all Members.</p> <p>The Committee was advised that a low cost hosting service to provide a ‘closed group’ for potential car sharers had been identified. The Committee expressed the view that the Officer should proceed with a trial period for the service.</p> <p>The Committee discussed various methods of promoting the plan and was advised that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee would be conducting a review into Media and Communications. The Scrutiny Officer undertook to advise the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the discussion that had taken place concerning the travel plan.</p> <p>In reply to a question concerning mileage rates the Engineering Services Manager undertook to reply directly to the Member concerned.</p> <p>In reply to a further question it was confirmed that Working from Home requests would be considered where</p>	<p>R Woodisse Ext 2103 S Weaver Ext 2332</p> <p>R Woodisse Ext 2103</p> <p>R Woodisse Ext 2102</p> <p>S Weaver Ext 2332</p> <p>R Woodisse Ext 2332</p>

<p>circumstances permitted.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the progress towards the delivery of the Green Travel plan be noted.</p>	
<p>6. FEEDBACK FROM SITE VISIT TO KENNINGTON OVAL WORKSPACE AND BRIXTON IMPACT HUB FOR THE BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY CENTRE (BTC) REVIEW</p>	
<p>The Committee received a verbal update from Members and the Scrutiny Officer about the site visits undertaken on Monday 12 October.</p> <p>The Committee was advised of the contrasting approaches taken and then discussed the potential benefits of adapting elements from either approach for the Town.</p> <p>It was suggested that a recommendation could be that the Council enter into a discussion with Impact Hub to determine the viability of various locations within Stevenage.</p> <p>In reply to a question the Scrutiny Officer undertook to contact Lambeth Council to determine that Council's view on the operation and merits of the Brixton Impact Hub.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the feedback be noted and incorporated into the draft report and recommendations accordingly.</p>	<p>S Weaver Ext 2203</p> <p>S Weaver Ext 2203</p> <p>S Weaver Ext 2332</p>
<p>7. NEXT STEPS OF THE BTC REVIEW</p>	
<p>The Committee was advised that the next meeting, which would review the draft recommendations from the review, would take place on Tuesday 24 November. The Committee requested that the Leader of the Council be interviewed so that her views on the BTC going forward could be heard.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the final report and recommendations would be presented to the Committee at a meeting</p>	<p>S Weaver Ext 2203</p>

on Tuesday 12 January 2016.	
It was RESOLVED that the dates of the next meetings and the following stages of the review process be noted.	
8. URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS	
None	
9. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC	
Not Required	
PART II	
10. URGENT PART II BUSINESS	
None	