

## SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN

**MEETING:**                    **Environment and Economy Select Committee**  
**Tuesday 12 January 2016, Skimkent Room, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**    M Downing (Chair), M Hurst (Vice-Chair), D Bainbridge, L Briscoe, R Broom, J Brown, A McGuinness, J Mead and P Stuart.

<b>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	
<p>An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor J Fraser.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interests.</p>	<p>D Lau Ext 2910</p>
<b>2. MINUTES – 24 NOVEMBER 2015</b>	
<p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Economy Select Committee held on 24 November 2015 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</p>	<p>D Lau Ext 2910</p>
<b>3. BRIEFING ON FLYTIPPING, LITTERING &amp; ENVIRONMENTAL LAW</b>	
<p>The Environmental Performance Manager provided a verbal update on Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN), littering, fly-tipping and the operation of the Environmental Enforcement Team.</p> <p>In response to a question on whether the reduced service hours at the Hertfordshire County Council's (HCC) Waste Recycling Centre on Caxton Way, Stevenage had resulted in an increase in fly-tipping, the Head of</p>	<p>L Myers Ext 8710</p>

<p>Environmental Services indicated that there was no quantifiable evidence presently to show there is an increase in fly-tipping.</p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the briefing note on fly-tipping, littering and environmental law be noted.</p>	
<p><b>4. REPORT &amp; RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SCRUTINY REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY CENTRE</b></p>	
<p>The Scrutiny Officer informed Committee of a number of typographical errors in the report, such as replacing the word “now” in recommendation 4.6 with the word “new”. These errors would be corrected by the Scrutiny Officer in the final version of the report.</p> <p>The Committee was of the opinion that the recommendations needed to be more challenging and amended some of the recommendations and added a further two recommendations as detailed below.</p> <p>The Scrutiny Officer committed to emailing Committee Members a summary of the Committee’s proposed changes to recommendations after the meeting.</p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED:-</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the findings of the review, contained within this report and the recommendations below be presented to the Portfolio Holder for Economy, Enterprise and Transport and the Strategic Director (Environment) and that a response be provided from these and any other named officers and partners within two months of the publishing of this report;</li> <li>2. That Officers in Regeneration and Economic Development carry out a feasibility study to identify the business case for a new town centre based workspace perhaps targeted at Stevenage’s Bio-Science support service businesses. The feasibility study should look at what could be achieved in Stevenage regarding stimulating business incubation in the town centre and explore suitable locations, perhaps at</li> </ol>	<p>S Weaver Ext 2332</p>

<p>the regenerated transport hub;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. That Officers establish what external funding streams are available (European ERDF, LEP, HCC, SBC, Princes Trust, etc.) to support any new ventures such as business workspace/incubation in the town centre;</li> <li>4. That Officers investigate Impact Hub and other similar social enterprise, Community interest Companies, to find out what interest there could be to work together to establish a social enterprise workspace in Stevenage;</li> <li>5. That Officers and Members engage in promoting Economic Development, work with local education providers, including secondary schools, SET, North Herts College and the University of Hertfordshire, working closely with Wenta/BTC, to encourage more collaborative working and stimulation of entrepreneurial ventures for young people;</li> <li>6. That Officers in preparing any contract extension or new contract for the management of the BTC ensure that as a requirement of the contract adequate and meaningful collection of equalities and diversity data for incubation and workspace clients at the BTC be recorded in order that a profile of businesses supported at the BTC can be monitored.</li> <li>7. That a breakdown of how long companies have been based at the BTC since Wenta took on the contract to manage the Centre and the Chells Industrial Workshops, be provided to Members;</li> <li>8. That the Executive Portfolio Holder be challenged to increase the amount of incubation space made available and being actively used at the BTC.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>5. URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS</b></p>	
<p>None.</p>	

<b>6. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</b>	
Not Required.	
<b>PART II</b>	
<b>7. URGENT PART II BUSINESS</b>	
None.	