

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN PART I

MEETING: Environment & Economy Select Committee
DATE: 4 July 2016
PLACE: Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN
MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors: M Downing (Chair), M Hurst (Vice Chair), D Bainbridge, R Broom, J Brown, L Chester, L Harrington, A McGuinness and P Stuart

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1.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>An Apology for absence was received from Councillor J Fraser.</p> <p>Councillor A McGuinness declared a personal interest in item 5 – Scrutiny Review into Allotments as he rents an allotment from the Council.</p> <p>The Chair informed the Committee that as the Interim Head of Regeneration was unavailable the order of business would be altered, so that item 5 would be considered before item 4.</p> <p>An update on the BTC Scrutiny Review from the Executive Member for Economy, Enterprise and Transport was circulated before the commencement of the meeting.</p>	ACTION/LEAD
2.	<p>TERMS OF REFERENCE</p> <p>Noted</p>	O Adeoye Ext 2809
3.	<p>MINUTES – 22 MARCH 2016</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Environment & Economy Select Committee held on 22 March 2016, are approved as a correct record to be signed by the Chair</p>	O Adeoye Ext 2809

<p>4.</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIO RESPONSE TO BTC REVIEW</p> <p>The Committee considered the Executive Portfolio Holder’s response to the review of the BTC, together with an update.</p> <p>The Committee was of the view that the original response could have been more positive but appreciated that the update given had been more constructive as it put into context the review recommendations against activity that is being planned regarding economic development and the town centre regeneration.</p> <p>The Portfolio Holder’s response had indicated that the information regarding the breakdown of the duration of time companies had been based at the Business Technology Centre (BTC) (since Wenta had begun management of the BTC) and Members enquired when this might be available. Additionally Members asked when data on the Equalities & Diversity profiling would begin to be recorded.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the Executive Portfolio response to BTC review be noted.”</p>	<p>N O’Neil Ext 2871</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>DRAFT SCOPING DOCUMENT & PRESENTATION – SCRUTINY REVIEW INTO ALLOTMENTS</p> <p>The Head of Environmental Performance & Development Manager gave a presentation on Allotments in Stevenage, highlighting both the benefits and challenges.</p> <p>Members were advised on issues around the distribution and location of allotments within Stevenage and in particular how Council presently monitors its management in conjunction with the Stevenage Gardens & Allotments Association (SGAA).</p> <p>The Committee were informed that SBC was presently developing its Allotment Strategy 2016-2026.</p> <p>The Committee considered the Draft Scoping Document and made a number of comments as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A suggestion for a site visit to allotments was welcomed by Members, with the Scrutiny Officer 	<p>S Weaver Ext 2332</p>

	<p>advising that this would be scheduled and Members would advised of the date .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of how central charges and depreciation are agreed • Bench marking with other new towns • Profile of allotment holders • Consider recent 2014 Allotment users survey findings • Governance arrangement with SGAA • Community ownership models • Consideration of current notice to quit procedures <p>The Chair thanked the Officer for the presentation</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the scoping document be noted with Members additional comments as recorded.</p>	
6.	<p>URGENT PART I BUSINESS</p> <p>None.</p>	
7.	<p>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <p>Not Required</p>	<p>O Adeoye Ext 2809</p>
<u>PART II</u>		
8.	<p>URGENT PART II BUSINESS</p>	