

NOTICE OF DECISIONS TAKEN (PART 1 – FOR PUBLICATION)

MEETING: Executive – Tuesday 10 July 2012 – 18.00 hrs.
Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors S Taylor (Chair), J Gardner (Vice-Chair), H Burrell, R Henry, Mrs J Lloyd and A Webb

**The deadline for Call-in of any of the decisions below is 18 July 2012.
Subject to there being no call-in the attached decisions may be implemented with effect from 19 July 2012**

<u>ITEM / TITLE</u>	<u>ACTION/LEAD</u>
1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	J Cansick Ext 2216
Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors S Batson MBE, DL and R Raynor There were no declarations of interests	
2. MINUTES – EXECUTIVE – 29 MAY 2012	J Cansick Ext 2216
It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 May 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	
3. MINUTES OF DEVELOPMENT & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES	J Cansick Ext 2216
It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Development & Scrutiny Committees be noted	

4. STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL: MAKING A DIFFERENCE ANNUAL REPORT 2012 (<i>Media & Communications</i>)	H Lewis Ext 2496
<p>It was RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council be recommended to agree the content of the Draft Annual Report 2012 at Appendix A, and arrangements for final publication. 2. That Council be recommended to approve an amendment to the Constitution; to remove the Annual Report and the Best Value Performance Plan from the Policy and Budget Framework specified items at Article 4. <p><i>Reason for Decision: As contained in the report.</i> <i>Options Considered: As contained in the report.</i></p>	
5. CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT PLANS – SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS (X7) (<i>Environment & Regeneration</i>)	S Williams Ext 2255
<p>It was RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the draft responses to the representations received, as set out in the appended Statement of Consultation be approved. 2. That the 7 Conservation Area Management Plans Supplementary Planning Documents be adopted as material considerations in the determination of planning applications registered on or after 19 July 2012. 3. That the Head of Planning, Regeneration and Transport be authorised, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Regeneration, to make such minor amendments as are necessary in the final preparation of these documents. <p><i>Reason for Decision: As contained in the report with the implementation date in 2. amended to allow for the potential call-in period.</i> <i>Options Considered: As contained in the report.</i></p>	

6. NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR LETTING GARAGES TO VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS (*Resources/Community, Health & Older People*)

C Perricone
Ext 2129

It was **RESOLVED:**

1. That subsidised rental charges be introduced for voluntary and community sector groups and organisations that currently occupy, or apply to occupy, a Council owned garage.
2. That the introduction of the subsidised rental charges be deferred until the economic climate is more favourable to those groups and organisations.
3. That, when the charges are introduced, the introduction be graduated over a period of time until they reach a maximum of 50% of the prevailing full rent.
4. That only voluntary and community sector groups and organisations that can show they are associated with the Town and its residents be eligible to apply for a subsidised garage and that this be limited to one garage per group or organisation and:
 - If the group or organisation is already receiving financial and/or “in kind” support from the Council, then the application will be approved.
 - If the group or organisation is not already receiving financial and/or “in kind” support from the Council, then the application will be determined by the Community and Neighbourhood Services Manager against the criteria set out in Appendix B to the report.
5. That groups and organisations currently occupying a Council garage rent free will not be able to apply for additional rent free or subsidised garages.
6. That all groups and organisations occupying a rent free or subsidised Council garage will be required to transfer to a low demand garage if it is found that the garage that they occupy can be let at the full rent, unless the group or organisation agrees to

pay the full rent.

7. That the number of garages available to qualifying voluntary and community sector groups and organisations requiring a rent free or subsidised garage be initially capped at 100 and kept under review on an annual basis.

8. That when officers consider it appropriate for a report to come forward to the Executive, they firstly refer the matter to the relevant Development & Scrutiny Committee(s) to consider the impact on voluntary sector and community groups and organisations of the charging regime.

9. That delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director (Environment), in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Resources and Community, Health and Older People to change the 'cap' of 100 garages for use by the voluntary and community sector.

Reason for Decision: As contained in the report and 8 to allow the relevant Development & Scrutiny Committee to examine the implications should the decision to charge be implemented.

Options Considered: As contained in the report.

7. 4TH QUARTER GENERAL FUND AND HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA)
(Resources/Housing)

C Fletcher
Ext 2933

A revised table 8 to the report was circulated at the meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** that.

1. That the 2011/12 actual net expenditure on the General Fund of £9,769,467 be approved, subject to the 2011/12 audit of the Statement of Accounts.

2. That the 2011/12 actual net in year surplus on the HRA of £2,080,401 be approved, subject to the 2011/12 audit of the Statement of Accounts.

3. That the new carry forward requests totalling £220,740 and £147,300, as detailed in Appendix A, be approved for the General Fund and HRA respectively.
4. That the transfer to the Single Status Provision of £213,492 for the General Fund and £332,985 for the HRA be approved.
5. That transfer of SHL company balances of £764,450 to the HRA be approved.
6. That ongoing General Fund savings of £80,780 for 2012/13 be approved.
7. That ongoing HRA savings of £164,630 for 2012/13 be approved.

Reason for Decision: As contained in the report.

Options Considered: As contained in the report.

8. 2011/2012 CAPITAL STRATEGY OUTTURN (Resources)

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It was **RESOLVED:**

1. That the 2011/12 capital expenditure outturn of £17,941,820 be approved, as detailed in Appendix A to this report.
2. That the funding applied to the 2011/12 capital programme be approved as detailed in Appendix A to this report.
3. That the 2011/12 slippage of £940,300 be approved as detailed in the Appendix A to this report.
4. That the revisions to the Capital Programme following review by Leaders Service Priority Group (LSPG) as summarised in paragraph 4.5.3 be approved.
5. That the Minimum Revenue Contribution relating to 2011/12 and funded in 2012/13 of £105,050 be approved.

Reason for Decision: As contained in the report
Options Considered: As contained in the report.

**9. URGENT DECISION TAKEN BY STRATEGIC DIRECTOR (RESOURCES) - RIGHT TO BUY:
RE-INVESTING RECEIPTS IN NEW AFFORDABLE RENTED HOMES (Housing)**

R Protheroe
Ext 2938

It was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

Reason for Decision: As contained in the report
Options Considered: As contained in the report

10. URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS

ROYAL VISIT/JUBILEE BEACON/OLYMPIC TORCH

It was **RESOLVED** that the Executive record its thanks to Aidan Sanderson, Geoff Caine, all the staff involved and partner agencies who worked very hard to make these events so successful.

Reason for Decision: In recognition of the hard work put into organising these events.
Options Considered: None

11. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Not required

PART II

12. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

None