

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS TAKEN (PART I FOR PUBLICATION)**

**MEETING:** Executive – Tuesday 28 May 2013 – 18.00 hrs.  
Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors S Taylor OBE CC (Chair), J Gardner (Vice-Chair), S Batson MBE DL CC, H Burrell, Mrs J Lloyd, R Raynor and A Webb.

**The deadline for Call-in of any of the decisions below is 5 June 2013.  
Subject to there being no call-in the attached decisions may be implemented with effect from 6 June 2013**

<b>ITEM / TITLE</b>	<b>ACTION/LEAD</b>
<b>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	J Cansick Ext 2216
An apology for absence was received from Councillor R Henry CC. There were no declarations of interest.	
<b>2. MINUTES – EXECUTIVE – 9 APRIL 2013</b>	J Cansick Ext 2216
It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 April 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	
<b>3. APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE BODIES</b>	
It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that following bodies be appointed with the terms of reference set out on the agenda with the membership detailed below -	

3(A) Joint Consultative Committee (Employer Side)

Chairman - Executive Member - Resources (Councillor Mrs Joan Lloyd)  
Councillor J Gardner  
Councillor R Raynor  
Councillor A Webb

3 (B) Appeals, Grievances & Litigation Panel

Chairman - Executive Member - Resources (Councillor Mrs Joan Lloyd)  
Councillor J Gardner  
Councillor R Raynor  
Councillor S Taylor OBE CC

3 (C) Stevenage, North Herts. and East Herts. Joint CCTV Committee

SBC Lead - Executive Member - Safer and Stronger Communities (Councillor R Henry CC)  
Councillor Mrs Joan Lloyd  
Councillor A Webb

3 (D) Stevenage and East Herts. Joint Executive Revenues and Benefits Shared Service Committee

SBC Lead - Executive Member – Resources (Councillor Mrs Joan Lloyd)  
Councillor S Batson MBE DL CC  
Councillor A Webb

*Reason for Decision: To delegate specific Executive functions.*

*Options Considered: None*

**4. MINUTES - DEVELOPMENT & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**J Cansick  
Ext 2216It was **RESOLVED** :

1. That the Minutes of the following meeting of a Development & Scrutiny Committees be noted –

4A – Resources – 25 March 2013

4B – Safer & Stronger Communities – 27 March 2013

4C - Community, Health & Older People – 15 April 2013

4D - Resources – 16 April 2013

2. That Officers ensure that the Chairs of the new Scrutiny Committees are fully supported in terms of training and development opportunities in their new role, this to include the opportunity to attend meetings of Parliamentary Select Committees to see how they operate.

*Reason for Decision: 2. To ensure that Chairs are confident in their new role.*

*Options Considered: None*

**5. NEW HOMES BONUS – 2013/14 SCHEME ALLOCATIONS**

S. Crudgington x 2185

It was **RESOLVED**:

1. That an allocation of £357,000 from the 2013/14 New Homes Bonus grant be approved for the implementation and delivery of the following schemes :

(a) Town Centre Improvements Project (Initiative 1) - £200,000;

- (b) Improvements to the Leisure Centre Walkway (Initiative 2) - £60,000;
- (c) BTC Network of Enterprise Clubs for Young People (Initiative 3) - £5,000;
- (d) Women's Resource Centre Grant (Initiative 4) - £5,000;
- (e) Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator (Initiative 5) - £47,000 per annum for 2 years;
- (f) 'No More' Intervention Project (Initiative 6) - £40,000.

2. That it be noted the Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator (initiative 5) will be a two year scheme and funding to support the second year of the programme will need to be funded from the 2014/15 New Homes Bonus grant.

3. That subject to the approval of 2.1 above, Council be requested to approve the General Fund Revenue Account Contingency Sum held by the Executive be increased by £357,000 to maintain this sum at the £400,000 level previously agreed.

4. That the relevant individual Portfolio Holders ensure that the progress of initiatives within their Portfolio area is closely monitored.

5. That given the extent of New Homes Bonus being used within the Town Centre (initiatives 1 and 2) a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Executive regarding the management arrangements in currently in place and proposals for undertaking a review.

*Reason for Decision: As contained in the report and 4. To ensure that progress is monitored and 5. To consider if these arrangements need review.*

*Options Considered: As contained in the report.*

**6. STEVENAGE BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN:FIRST CONSULTAION**

R Javes  
Ext 2962

It was **RESOLVED:**

1. That the developments in relation to the planning system be noted.
2. That the findings of the new evidence studies and the results of the early stage Duty to Co-operate consultation, as set out in the Statement of Consultation (attached as Appendix 1), be noted.
3. That the draft Stevenage Borough Local Plan First Consultation version, and associated Sustainability Appraisal (“the consultation documents” attached as Appendix 2 and Appendix 3 respectively), be approved.
4. That, subject to recommendation 2.3, public consultation on the consultation documents for six weeks commencing on Tuesday 11 June 2013 be approved.
5. That delegated powers be granted to the Strategic Director (Environment), in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Regeneration, to make such minor amendments as are necessary in the final preparation of the consultation documents.
6. That an interim 20-year housing target of 5,300 new homes, or 265 homes per year, for the period 2011 - 2031 be adopted for the purposes of calculating the five-year housing land supply and determining planning applications pending the formal selection of a new housing target for the Borough through the local plan process.
7. That officers be requested to calculate the additional costs of bring forward this plan and the necessary supporting documents, given that the Council had previously produced a comprehensive draft Core Strategy that set out an extensive programme for the growth and regeneration of the Town that the Council was forced to withdraw.

*Reason for Decision: As contained in the report and 7. To be aware of the additional costs incurred.*

*Options Considered: As contained in the report.*

<b>7. URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS</b>	
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None	
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<b>8. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</b>	
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It was **RESOLVED**:

1. That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraphs 1-7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by SI 2006 No. 88.
2. That having considered the reasons for the following item being in Part II it be determined that maintaining the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

<b>PART II</b>	
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<b>9. PROPOSED INCORPORATION OF THE HERTFORDSHIRE CCTV PARTNERSHIP</b>	K Brown X 2154
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It was **RESOLVED** that the recommendations in the report be agreed.

*Reason for Decision: As contained in the report*

*Options Considered: As contained in the report.*

<b>10. URGENT PART II BUSINESS</b>	
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None