

NOTICE OF DECISIONS TAKEN (PART I - FOR PUBLICATION)

MEETING: Executive – Tuesday 3 September 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 H Burrell, CC, R Henry CC, Mrs J Lloyd R Raynor and A Webb.

The deadline for Call-in of any of the decisions below is 11 September 2013.
Subject to there being no call-in the attached decisions may be implemented with effect from 12 September 2013

ITEM / TITLE	ACTION/LEAD
1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	J Cansick Ext 2216
There were no apologies or declarations of interest.	
2. MINUTES – EXECUTIVE – 23 JULY 2013	J Cansick Ext 2216
It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 July 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	
3. MINUTES – OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND SELECT COMMITTEES	J Cansick Ext 2216
It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the following meetings be noted: A. Environment & Economy Select Committee – 10 July 2013 B. Community Select Committee – 18 July 2013	

C. Housing Select Committee – 24 July 2013
D. Overview & Scrutiny Committee - 29 July 2013.

4. TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW 2012/2013

C Fletcher Ext 2933

It was **RESOLVED** that Council be recommended to approve the 2012/2013 prudential and treasury indicators as detailed in the report.

Reason for Decision: As contained in the report

Options Considered: As contained in the report.

5. 1ST QUARTER MONITORING REPORT – GENERAL FUND AND HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT

C.Fletcher Ext 2933

It was **RESOLVED:**

1. That the 2013/14 1st quarter net expenditure adjustment to the General Fund of £81,730 reduction be approved.
2. That the 2013/14 1st quarter increase in expenditure to the HRA of £26,200 be approved.
3. That the progress of the 2013/14 approved savings and growth items be noted.
4. That a transfer from the De-minimus Capital Receipts reserve of £50,000 to fund new IT infrastructure upgrade be approved
5. That a transfer of £150,000 from the Planning Delivery Grant reserve to the Capacity Building reserve to facilitate organisation change and transformation be approved.
6. That a transfer from the Capacity Building reserve of £100,000 be approved to support the Council through the priority based budget process and the transition to a leaner and more efficient organisation.

7. That a transfer from the Capacity Building reserve of £28,000 to increase the capacity in the Customer Service Centre to support Stevenage residents through Welfare Reform changes be approved.

8. That the progress of the 2013/14 New Homes Bonus funded schemes be approved.

Reason for Decision: As contained in the report with the reduction in the net expenditure adjustment in resolution 1 resulting from not making the saving of £25k from the publicity budget for major refuse and recycling campaigns due to the lower tonnages being achieved from glass and paper which may be improved with further publicity.

Options Considered: As contained in the report.

6. CAPITAL STRATEGY UPDATE

A Thomas Ext 2430

It was reported that there was an error in the chart at paragraph 4.5.4 that shows allowable debt receipts of £1.650Million and new provision receipts of £1.209Million for 2012/13. The chart should show allowable debt receipts of £1.209Million and new build receipts of £1.650Million for 2012/13.

It was **RESOLVED:**

1. That the increase to the capital programme as reported and summarised in paragraph 4.1.2 and 4.3.2 of the report be approved.
2. That revisions made by Leaders Services Priority Group (LSPG) as identified in Appendix B of the report be approved.
3. That the reduction in Prudential Borrowing over the life of the strategy as identified in paragraph 4.6.1 of the report be noted

Reason for Decision: As contained in the report

Options Considered: As contained in the report.

7. BALANCED SCORECARD 2013/2014 – QUARTER 1

E Wright Ext 2192

It was **RESOLVED** that the overall performance results for Stevenage Borough Council Balanced Scorecard for quarter one 2013/14 and the performance management activity outlined in Appendix A be noted.

Reason for Decision: As contained in the report

Options Considered: As contained in the report.

8. URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 – SECTION 85

It was reported that Councillor David Cullen had recently undergone major surgery following a recent period of illness. The surgery will require an extended period of convalescence.

Councillor Cullen last attended a Council meeting on 23 May 2013. It had been his intention to attend the Planning & Development Committees in July and August but his illness and hospital stays prevented him being able to attend.

Under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, if a member of a local authority fails throughout a period of 6 consecutive months to attend a meeting of the authority, as defined in the Act, they cease to be a member, unless the failure is due to a reason approved by the authority before the expiry of the 6 month period. In this instance the six month deadline is reached on 22 November 2013.

The Chair considered that it was appropriate to take this matter as urgent business in order that the Executive and Council could approve his absence before the deadline in November and to ease any concerns that Councillor Cullen may have personally regarding his Council position.

It was **RESOLVED** that under the provisions of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 the reason for non-attendance on medical grounds of Councillor David Cullen before the six month deadline is reached on 22 November 2013 be approved and for the avoidance of doubt and given the nature of the decision, it is appropriate for Council to be asked to confirm this action.

Reason for Decision: To ensure that Councillor Cullen does not become disqualified and to ease his concerns during his convalescence
Options Considered: None.

9. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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.

PART II

10. PART II MINUTES – 23 JULY 2013

J Cansick Ext 2216

It was **RESOLVED** that the Part II Minutes of the meeting held on 23 July 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

11 . URGENT PART II BUSINESS

None