

NOTICE OF DECISIONS TAKEN (PART I - FOR PUBLICATION)

MEETING: Executive – Tuesday 17 June 2014 – 14.00 hrs.
Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors S Taylor OBE CC (Chair), J Gardner (Vice Chair), H Burrell, R Henry CC, Mrs J Lloyd, R Raynor, S Speller, J Thomas and A Webb

The deadline for Call-in of any of the decisions below is 25 June 2014.

Subject to there being no call-in the attached decisions may be implemented with effect from 26 June 2014

<u>ITEM / TITLE</u>	<u>ACTION/LEAD</u>
1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	J Cansick Ext 2216
<p>The Chair welcomed Councillors S Speller and J Thomas as new members of the Executive.</p> <p>The Executive extended its thanks to the new Mayor, Councillor S Batson MBE DL CC, for her previous work on the Executive as Portfolio Holder for Community, Health and Older People.</p> <p>The Chair commented that with the reallocation of some Portfolio Holder responsibilities it would be necessary for the job descriptions to be rewritten as appropriate.</p> <p>There were no apologies for absence or declarations of interest.</p>	

2. MINUTES – 11 FEBRUARY 2014	J Cansick Ext 2216
<p>It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
3. MINUTES – 18 MARCH 2014	J Cansick Ext 2216
<p>It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
4. APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE BODIES	
<p>It was RESOLVED that following bodies be appointed with the terms of reference set out on in the report with the membership detailed below -</p> <p>Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) (Employer Side)</p> <p>Chairman – Portfolio Holder for Resources – Councillor Mrs J Lloyd Councillor J Gardner Councillor R Raynor Councillor A Webb</p> <p>Appeals, Grievances and Litigation Panel</p> <p>Chairman – Portfolio Holder for Resources – Councillor Mrs J Lloyd Councillor J Gardner Councillor R Raynor Councillor S Taylor OBE CC</p> <p>Stevenage, North Herts, East Herts and Hertsmere Joint CCTV Committee</p>	

SBC Lead – Portfolio Holder for Safer Communities – Councillor R Henry CC
Councillor Mrs J Lloyd
Councillor A Webb

Stevenage and East Herts. Joint Executive Revenues and Benefits Shared Service Committee

SBC Lead – Portfolio Holder for Resources – Councillor Mrs J Lloyd
Councillor J Thomas
Councillor A Webb
Councillor R Raynor (substitute)

Reason for Decision: To delegate specific Executive functions.

Options Considered: None

5. MINUTES - DEVELOPMENT & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

J Cansick Ext 2216

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the following meetings be noted:

- A. Community Select Committee – 3 March 2014
- B. Environment & Economy Select Committee – 12 March 2014
- C. Community Select Committee – 18 March 2014
- D. Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 20 March 2014
- E. Housing Select Committee – 25 March 2014
- F. Community Select Committee – 16 April 2014
- G. Housing Select Committee 22 April 2014

6. TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION

Peter Bandy Ext.2288
Richard Javes Ext. 2962

Prior to the consideration of the report the Leader informed the Executive of a meeting that she and the Strategic Director Planning

and Regeneration had had with Lord Heseltine, representatives from Hertfordshire County Council, the Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership, the Minister of State's Office and local Member of Parliament Stephen McPartland concerning the possible establishment of an Urban Development Corporation to drive forward the redevelopment of the town centre.

A joint press statement with the other interested parties, containing more details from the meeting was scheduled for release on Thursday 19 June.

In light of this meeting and its potential outcome an additional recommendation was added (1) to those contained within the report. As a contingency it was discussed that the Council should continue with its own plans for the Town Centre Regeneration until the establishment of the Urban Development Corporation and any supporting funding had been confirmed by Government.

It was **RESOLVED:**

1: That, in view of recent discussions regarding the possible establishment of an Urban Development Corporation, the Executive reviews the agreed Regeneration Framework and Task Force arrangements at its meeting on 30 September and that in the interim Officers continue to research and implement short-term projects (as referred to in paragraph 3.12 of the report) as appropriate.

2: That a 'task force' be established to co-ordinate and deliver town centre regeneration through a public-private partnership chaired by the Borough Council;

3: That the 'task force' be established as the delivery mechanism for regeneration and be chaired by the Borough Council. The initial membership will include Members and officers from: Stevenage Borough Council, Hertfordshire County Council, the Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), the Hertfordshire Chamber of Commerce, Stevenage Town Centre Management Company and the Highways Agency;

4: That the 'task force' be supported by an officer team drawn from the Planning, Regeneration and Transport team and will be accountable to the task force;

5: That a Regeneration Framework be developed to provide a basis for: (a) co-ordinating private and public sector-led initiatives; (b) identifying infrastructure requirements and the programmes necessary to deliver them; and (c) promote development opportunities

town centre to investors, developers, residents, businesses and visitors -acting as a focus for inward investment.

Reason for Decision: (1) to avoid any unnecessary delay in the implementation of projects that will be of benefit to the town and (2-5) as contained in the report.

Options Considered: As contained in the report.

7. 2013/2014 BALANCED SCORECARD – 4TH QUARTER

Scott Crudgington Ext 2185

The Leader requested that in view of the number of telephone calls received by the Customer Service Centre a high level review be undertaken of the service with feedback to be made to the next meeting of the Executive in July. The Strategic Director Resources undertook to action this request.

It was **RESOLVED**:

That the overall performance results for Stevenage Borough Council Balanced Scorecard for quarter four 2013/14 and the performance management activity outlined in paragraphs 3.6 to 3.8 (and summarised 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

The Executive was informed that the award of Alderman had been formally presented to former councillor Brian Underwood by the Leader and the Mayor.

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 . URGENT PART II BUSINESS

None.