

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN PART I

MEETING: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Monday 23 June 2014, 6pm, Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors: L Martin-Haugh (Chair), R Parker CC (Vice-Chair), L Bell, R Broom. J Brown, M Cherney-Craw, J Hollywell, L Harrington, C Latif, P Stuart and S Walker.

ALSO PRESENT: A member of the press.

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
An apology for absence was received from Councillor P Bibby. There were no declarations of interest.	G Moody Ext 2203
2. TERMS OF REFERENCE	
It was RESOLVED that the Terms of Reference be noted.	G Moody Ext 2203

3. MINUTES – OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 20 MARCH 2014	
<p>In reply to a question concerning the management of enquiries through the Customer Contact Centre the Committee was advised that a full report would be made to the next meeting.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the Minutes from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 20 March 2014 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</p>	<p>S Crudgington Ext 2185</p> <p>G Moody Ext 2203</p>
4. NEW HOMES BONUS	
<p>The Committee had before it a draft report for comment which would be presented in its final form to the Executive in July.</p> <p>Members asked a number of detailed questions about the report which were answered by the Officer.</p> <p>In reply to a specific question concerning rough sleepers and beggars in the Town Centre Walkway the Strategic Director Community undertook to consider the issue and respond to Members outside of the meeting.</p> <p>The Assistant Director Finance undertook to amend the wording of paragraph 4.4.1 of the report to highlight that it had been before the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 23 June and not the Resources Development and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the report be noted and that no comments be forwarded to the Executive.</p>	<p>C Fletcher Ext 2933</p> <p>M Partridge Ext 2456</p> <p>C Fletcher Ext 2933</p>
5. PART 1 DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE	
<p>This report had not been circulated to Members five clear days before the meeting nor had it been made available for public inspection. The Chair determined however that given the short period of time left before</p>	

the end of the call-in period on 25 June 2014, it be considered on this occasion.

Town Centre Regeneration

A Member commented that paragraph 2.4 of the Executive report appeared to be unfinished. The Strategic Director Resources undertook to investigate and report back directly to the Member concerned.

Members asked a number of questions concerning the potential outcomes from the meeting with Lord Heseltine and were advised that further details would be forwarded as they become available.

Stevenage Borough Council Balanced Scorecard for Quarter Four 2013/2014

The Strategic Director Resources presented the Council's Balanced Scorecard for Quarter Four and advised the Committee that with a score of 98.15 the overall result was slightly down on Quarter Three (score 99.12).

Members asked a number of detailed questions about the scorecard which were answered by the Officer.

In reply to a specific question concerning the level of BME involvement the Committee was advised that the wording of the measure would be rewritten for 2014/2015. Concerns were expressed that this could lead to the loss of the measure and the Strategic Director Resources undertook to inform the Committee in advance of the scope of the new indicator.

The Committee was advised that the Executive had raised concerns over the performance of the Customer Service Centre in relation to answering telephone calls and that a full report would be made to the next meetings of both the Executive and the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

Urgent Part 1 Business

The Committee was advised of the award of Alderman to former councillor Brian Underwood.

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<p>It was RESOLVED that the following Part I decisions of the Executive taken on 17 June 2014 be noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Centre Regeneration • Stevenage Borough Council Balanced Scorecard for Quarter Four 2013/2014 • Urgent Part 1 Business – Award of Alderman. 	
<p>6. URGENT PART 1 DECISIONS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</p>	
<p>None</p>	
<p>7. URGENT PART I BUSINESS</p>	
<p>None.</p>	
<p>8. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</p>	
<p>It was RESOLVED that:</p> <p>1. 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 involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraphs 1-7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as amended by SI2006 No.88.</p> <p>2. Members having considered the reasons for the following report being in Part II and determined that the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighed the public interest in disclosure.</p>	<p>G Moody Ext 2203</p>
<p>PART II</p>	

9. PART II DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE (IF ANY)	
None.	
10. URGENT PART II DECISIONS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
<p>The Committee was advised of an Urgent Part II Decision in respect of the award of an External Works Contract authorised by the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>The Committee was further advised by the Strategic Director Community of the reason for urgency.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the Urgent Part II Decision authorised by the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.</p>	
11. URGENT PART II BUSINESS	
None.	