

NOTICE OF DECISIONS TAKEN (PART I - FOR PUBLICATION)

MEETING: Executive – Tuesday 30 September 2014 – 14.00 hrs.
Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN

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

The deadline for Call-in of any of the decisions below is **8 October 2014**.

Subject to there being no call-in the attached decisions may be implemented with effect from **9 October 2014**.

ITEM / TITLE	ACTION/LEAD
1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	O Adeoye Ext 2809
<p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H Burrell, J Gardner and J Thomas and the Chief Executive, N Parry.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
2. MINUTES – 22 JULY 2014	O Adeoye Ext 2809
<p>It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to an amendment to recommendation 13, item 11- General Fund Medium Term Financial Strategy (2015/16-2017/18) to read 'That officers liaise with North Herts College offering training for managers on the commercialisation agenda'</p>	
3. MINUTES – 26 AUGUST 2014	O Adeoye Ext 2809
<p>It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 August 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair</p>	

subject to noting that Councillor Taylor was a governor and not a trustee of North Herts College.

4. MINUTES - DEVELOPMENT & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

O Adeoye Ext 2809

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

- A. Community Select Committee – 1 July 2014
- B. Environment & Economy Select Committee – 9 July 2014
- C. Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 28 July 2014
- D. Special Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 27 August 2014

5. 1st QUARTER MONITORING REPORT – GENERAL FUND AND HRA

It was **RESOLVED**:

1. That the 2014/15 1st quarter net decrease in expenditure for the General Fund of £162,790 be approved.
2. That the 2014/15 1st quarter net increase in surplus for the HRA of £215,390 be approved.
3. That the removal of General Fund savings S103 and S186 (as detailed in paragraph 4.4.2) totalling £85,200 be approved.
4. That the permanent removal of HRA savings HS07 and HS10 (as detailed in paragraph 4.11.1 and totalling £100,000 in 2014/15) from the HRA budgets be approved.
5. That a transfer to the Commercialisation Reserve of £100,000 be approved.
6. That carry forward requests of £310,000 for the HRA be approved.
7. That progress of the 2014/15 New Homes Bonus funded schemes be noted.

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

6. 2014/15 CAPITAL STRATEGY

The Executive placed on record its thanks to Keith Brown and his team for its review work regarding procurement and the Strategic Director (Community) informed the meeting that an Executive summary would be prepared alongside an action plan for Members.

It was **RESOLVED**

1. That changes to the capital programme as reported and summarised in paragraph 4.1.2 and 4.3.2 of this report be approved.
2. That removal of non-essential 2014/15 General Fund capital budgets as identified in Appendix B to this report be approved.
3. The reduction in Prudential Borrowing costs as identified in paragraph 4.6.1 for 2014/15 be noted and approved.

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

7. TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW

It was **RESOLVED:**

1. That the 2013/14 Annual Treasury Management Review and 2014/15 Mid Year Review and the prudential and treasury indicators in this report be approved.
2. That changes to the treasury limits (as detailed in paragraph 4.8.2) be approved.

3. That the change to the operational borrowing limit for the General Fund and hence the change to the authorised limit (as detailed in paragraph 4.8.5) be approved.

Reason for Decision: As contained in the report

Options Considered: As contained in the report.

8. RENT ADDENDUM

It was **RESOLVED:**

1. That the default formula (subject to recommendation 2.2 below) applied for the rent increase calculation should CPI (Consumer Price Index) + 1% per annum be agreed.
2. That the formula can be varied to be flexible to enable the Council to increase rents beyond CPI +1% (subject to Members approval for specific development / investment proposals within the HRA Business plan) be agreed.
3. That Council use formula rent for new builds (assuming that these would have converged) and that it would charge CPI + 1% (or whatever the agreed increase would be) thereafter.
4. That Council does not use the flexibility to charge those tenants with high incomes a higher level of rent to stay in their own homes.

Reason for Decision: As contained in the report

Options Considered: As contained in the report.

9. BALANCED SCORECARD – QUARTER 1

It was **RESOLVED:**

1. That the overall performance results for Stevenage Borough Council Balanced Scorecard for quarter one 2014/15 and the performance management activity outlined in paragraphs 3.6 to 3.8 (and summarised in Appendix A) be noted.
2. That officers provide a means of handling high volume enquiries by the public via the council website.

Reason for Decision: As contained in the report (2). To reduce the burden of volume of telephone calls to the customer service centre
Options Considered: As contained in the report.

10. HERTS BUS SERVICE CONSULTATION	
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It was **RESOLVED:**

1. That the decision to respond to HCC consultation be delegated to the Portfolio Holder for Economy, Enterprise and Transport.
2. That Portfolio Holder incorporate all the comments from the debate in his response to Herts County Council

Reason for Decision: As contained in the report (1) and (2). To strengthen the response as deadline to HCC is 8 October 2014
Options Considered: As contained in the report.

11. URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS	
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None

12. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC	
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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.

PART II

12. PART II MINUTES – 26 AUGUST 2014

O Adeoye Ext 2809

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Special Executive held on 26 August 2014 are approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

13. PART II MINUTES – OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

O Adeoye Ext 2809

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Overview & Scrutiny held on 27 August 2014 are approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

14 . URGENT PART II BUSINESS