

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN PART I

MEETING: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Wednesday 1 October 2014, 6pm, Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN

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

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Gardner and P Stuart. There were no declarations of interest.	G Moody Ext 2203
2. MINUTES – OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 28 JULY 2014	
It was RESOLVED that the Minutes from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 28 July 2014 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	G Moody Ext 2203

3. MINUTES – OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 27 AUGUST 2014	
<p>It was RESOLVED that the Minutes from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 27 August 2014 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</p>	<p>G Moody Ext 2203</p>
4. 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 the end of the call-in period on 8 October 2014, it be considered on this occasion.</p> <p>1st Quarter Monitoring Report – General Fund and HRA</p> <p>In reply to a question concerning the proposed implementation of car parking charges at the Fairlands Valley Show Ground on match days the Committee was assured that the Council had taken reasonable steps to ensure that a robust communications process had taken place. That said it was accepted that officers would give such matters further consideration in future and strive to ensure that all those affected by such changes have an opportunity to comment.</p> <p>2014/2015 Capital Strategy Update</p> <p>Members expressed concerns at the additional slippage of £499k in the Capital Programme 2014/2015.</p> <p>In reply the Committee was advised that the slippage had been identified as a result of new monitoring procurement processes instigated since the 1st Quarter capital report was presented. It was anticipated that the continued implementation of more proactive procurement / contract management arrangements linked to the procurement review (the action plan for which is currently in development) would enable officers to highlight matters earlier and consider appropriate action where possible.</p> <p>In reply to a question the Committee was advised that no monies had been lost from budgets as a result of the slippage.</p>	

Treasury Management Review

In reply to a question concerning the reinvestment of time expired fixed term deposits the Assistant Director Finance undertook to forward relevant details to interested Members.

Rent Addendum

The Committee was advised that the Executive had requested an Equality Impact Assessment for this report.

The Strategic Director (Communities) confirmed that an EQIA had been written for this item but it was being reviewed in light of the comments of the Executive.

In reply to a question it was confirmed that the policy of rent convergence was no longer applicable.

Balanced Scorecard

The Committee was advised that there were five red indicators in the scorecard and each was reviewed in detail by the Strategic Director Resources.

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

In reply to a request from a Member the Strategic Director Resources undertook to provide a list of all measures contained in the scorecard to any Member that expressed an interest in receiving it.

HCC Bus Service Consultation

The Committee was advised that the Executive had delegated the Portfolio Holder Economy, Enterprise and Transport to draft a response to the consultation picking up the points raised at its meeting.

The Committee supported the Executive's stance against the proposals addressed by the consultation.

It was noted that the appendix attached to the report could be misleading as it implied that all highlighted services could be cut whereas only some of them would be impacted.

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<p>It was RESOLVED that the following Part I decisions taken by the Executive at its meeting on 30 September 2014 be noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Quarter Monitoring Report – General Fund and HRA • 2014/2015 Capital Strategy • Treasury Management Review • Rent Addendum • Balanced Scorecard – Quarter 1 • Herts Bus Service Consultation 	
<p>5. URGENT PART 1 DECISIONS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</p>	
<p>None</p>	
<p>6. URGENT PART I BUSINESS</p>	
<p>None.</p>	
<p>7. 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>G Moody Ext 2203</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>PART II</p>	
<p>8. PART II MINUTES – OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 27 AUGUST 2014</p>	
<p>It was RESOLVED that the Part II Minutes from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 27 August 2014 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</p>	<p>G Moody Ext 2203</p>
<p>9. PART II DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE</p>	
<p>None.</p>	
<p>10. URGENT PART II BUSINESS</p>	
<p>None.</p>	