

NOTICE OF DECISIONS TAKEN (PART I - FOR PUBLICATION)

MEETING: Executive – Tuesday 28 October 2014 – 14.00 hrs.
Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors S Taylor OBE CC (Chair), J Gardner (Vice-Chair), R Henry CC, Mrs J Lloyd, R Raynor, S Speller and J Thomas.

The deadline for Call-in of any of the decisions below is 5 November 2014.

Subject to there being no call-in the attached decisions may be implemented with effect from 6 November 2014.

ITEM / TITLE	ACTION/LEAD
1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	J Cansick Ext 2216
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H Burrell and A Webb. There were no declarations of interest.	
2. MINUTES – 30 SEPTEMBER 2014	J Cansick Ext 2216
It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	
3. MINUTES - DEVELOPMENT & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES	O Adeoye Ext 2809
Councillor R Henry referred to the Minutes of the Community Select Committee of 10 September and informed the Executive that the meeting of the Stevenage Health & Wellbeing Partnership scheduled for 3 October had not taken place. He undertook to investigate	

the reason for this.

Councillor Raynor indicated that he would be responding in writing to the comments made by the Environment & Economy Select Committee on 22 September concerning the Green Travel Plan.

It was noted that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 1 October had been informed that the IT solution put forward to address the problem of high volumes of calls to the Customer Services Centre would take up to 6 months to deliver. The Executive was of the view that every effort should be made to shorten this delivery time.

With reference to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee's scrutiny of Section 106 (S.106) agreements (Minutes of 9 October 2014) the Executive was of the view that it was important that the focus of the review was on process and not the spend of individual S.106 monies. It was noted that the Head of Planning, Regeneration and Transport had undertaken to circulate to the Members of that Committee the report that had been considered by the Senior Management Board on the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Executive Members requested that they also be sent this report. Additionally it was considered appropriate that S.106s and CIL should be to topic of a Modern Member Programme Briefing.

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

- A. Community Select Committee – 10 September 2014
- B. Environment & Economy Select Committee – 22 September 2014
- C. Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 1 October 2014
- D. Environment & Economy Select Committee – 7 October 2014
- E. Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 9 October 2014

4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 – SECTION 85

J Cansick Ext 2216

It was **RESOLVED**:

1. That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Executive accepts the reason for Councillor Graham Clark's potential non-attendance at meetings for a period in excess of 6 months and therefore should he be unable

to attend a meeting before 7 January 2015 he will remain a Member of the Council.

2. That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Executive accepts the reason for Councillor Vickie Warwick's potential non-attendance at meetings for a period in excess of 6 months and therefore should she be unable to attend a meeting before 11 March 2015 she will remain a Member of the Council.

3. That the approvals given in 1. and 2. above remain in place until 26 May 2015.

Reason for Decision: As contained in the report

Options Considered: As contained in the report.

5. STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL - PEOPLE STRATEGY, AND WORKFORCE PLANNING FRAMEWORK

C Hefferon Ext 2164

The Executive was of the view that specific reference should be made into the Strategy to the Council's policy on the 'living wage' and that the Council should be seeking the appropriate accreditation.

Members requested that an Equalities Impact Assessment on the Strategy should also be produced.

It was **RESOLVED**

1. That the People Strategy 2014-2017, as shown at Appendix A is approved for implementation subject to specific reference being included detailing the Council's policy on 'the living wage', and the achievements made against the Strategy to date be noted.

2. That the Strategy may be updated as necessary by the Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Resources during the 3-year period 2014 - 2017 to reflect changing circumstances and workforce requirements.

3. That the new approach to Workforce Planning that is now in place across all Service Delivery Units is noted.

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

6. EAST COAST MAIN LINE CONSORTIUM PROSPECTUS

Richard Javes Ext.2962

It was **RESOLVED:**

1. That the prospectus for investment in the East Coast Main Line, prepared by the Consortium of East Coast Main Line Authorities, and more generally the work undertaken by ECMA, is welcomed.
2. That the Council commit itself to continuing to ensure the widespread recognition of the importance of Stevenage as a major long-distance rail hub for northern Hertfordshire and eastern Bedfordshire.
3. That the supplementary estimate of £11,500 for 2015/16 onwards be agreed in order that the Borough Council take out membership of the Consortium of East Coast Main Line Authorities and the East West Rail Consortium.

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

7. TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION

Richard Javes Ext.2962

It was **RESOLVED:**

1. That the establishment of the Stevenage First Town Centre Task Force is noted.
2. That a proposal is made to the Stevenage First Town Centre Task Force Board to go out to competition to select a specialist firm to develop a Town Centre Regeneration Framework.

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

8. URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS

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. STEVENAGE DEVELOPMENT & REGENERATION – DELIVERY TEAMS

This report had not been circulated to Members 5 clear days before the meeting, the Chair determined however that given the reason for urgency detailed in the report it be considered on this occasion. Furthermore as the required 28 days' notice of this Part II report which includes a recommendation for a Key Decision had not been given, the agreement of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that the matter was urgent and could not be deferred was sought and approved.

The Executive emphasised that as the regeneration of the Town Centre and the development of a new housing building programme across the Town were key priorities, sufficient dedicated resources had to be allocated to support these projects. This was to be recognised by the creation of two new Assistant Director Posts, each with an appropriately skilled and experienced team.

It was **RESOLVED** that the recommendations in the report to establish a new structure to deliver town wide regeneration and housing development are approved.

Reason for Decision: As contained in the report

Options Considered: As contained in the report.

11 . URGENT PART II BUSINESS

None