

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN PART I

MEETING: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Monday 3 November 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, M Gardner, J Hollywell, C Latif, S Mead, P Stuart and S Speller.

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
An apology for absence was received from Councillor L Harrington. There were no declarations of interest.	G Moody Ext 2203
2. MINUTES – OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 1 OCTOBER 2014	
It was RESOLVED that the Minutes from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 1 October 2014 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	G Moody Ext 2203

3. MINUTES – OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 9 OCTOBER 2014	
<p>It was RESOLVED that the Minutes from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 9 October 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 time left before the end of the call-in period on 5 November 2014, it be considered on this occasion.</p> <p>Minutes - Development and Scrutiny Committees In response to a request the Head of Planning, Regeneration and Transport undertook to circulate the report on the Community Infrastructure Levy that had been considered by the Strategic Management Board.</p> <p>Local Government Act 1972 – Section 85 Councillor R Parker CC requested that his concerns about the use of the provisions of the Act to provide maternity leave and his comment that this could result in requests for paternity leave be noted in the minutes.</p> <p>Town Centre Regeneration In reply to a question the role of the task force was clarified.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the following Part I decisions taken by the Executive at its meeting on 28 October 2014 be noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes – Development and Scrutiny Committees • Local Government Act 1972 – Section 85 • Stevenage Borough Council – People Strategy and Workforce Planning Framework • East Coast Main Line Consortium Prospectus • Town Centre Regeneration 	<p>P Pinkney Ext 2257</p> <p>G Moody Ex 2203</p>

5. URGENT PART 1 DECISIONS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
None	
6. INTERVIEWS FOR SCRUTINY REVIEW INTO SECTION 106 PAYMENTS	
<p>Members of the Committee interviewed Officers about the Council’s Section 106 (s106) processes.</p> <p>Concerns were expressed that in some instances s106 monies had been used inappropriately in the past, and in reply to a question the Committee was advised that the Council did not have an overarching policy for the use of s106 monies as each case was determined on its merits and by negotiation between the Council’s case officer and the relevant developer.</p> <p>The Committee was further advised that, in the opinion of Officers, such a policy could hinder the planning process and jeopardise the achievement of statutory targets for processing planning applications.</p> <p>The Committee was advised that Member input into the s106 process would be welcomed through existing procedures and that Members could interrogate the weekly planning list to identify applications where s106 payments could be an option and then discuss with the relevant case officer.</p> <p>In response to a request the Head of Planning Regeneration and Transport undertook to investigate the possibility of flagging up potential s106 developments on the weekly planning list to either ward councillors or all councillors if the proposed development had town-wide implications.</p> <p>The Strategic Director Environment undertook to liaise with the Scrutiny Officer to write to Hertfordshire County Council to ask for feedback on the County’s s106 process and the rationale behind a number of s106 projects that had caused concern for SBC Members, specifically with regard to sustainable transport provision.</p>	<p>P Pinkney Ext 2257</p> <p>P Bandy Ext 2288 S Weaver Ext 2332</p>

<p>It was RESOLVED that the comments and suggestions of the interviewees be noted and incorporated into the recommendations to the Portfolio Holder and the Chair of the Environment and Economy Select Committee as required.</p> <p>Councillor S Speller left the meeting at the conclusion of this item of business.</p>	<p>S Weaver Ext 2332</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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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>G Moody Ext 2203</p>
<p>PART II</p>	
<p>9. PART II DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE</p>	
<p>This report had not been circulated to Members five clear days before the meeting. The Chair determined however that given the short period left before the end of the call-in period on 5 November 2014, it be considered on this occasion.</p>	

Stevenage Development and Regeneration – Delivery Teams

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

It was **RESOLVED** that the following Part II decision taken by the Executive at its meeting on 28 October 2014 be noted:

- Stevenage Development and Regeneration – Delivery Teams

10. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

None.