

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN PART I

MEETING: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Monday 24 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, J Brown, M Gardner, L Harrington, S Mead and P Stuart.

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Broom, M Cherney-Craw, J Hollywell and C Latif. There were no declarations of interest.	G Moody Ext 2203
2. MINUTES – OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 3 NOVEMBER 2014	
It was RESOLVED that the Minutes from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 3 November 2014 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	G Moody Ext 2203

<p>3. DRAFT COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY</p> <p>The Head of Business Strategy, Community and Customer Services presented the Draft Community Safety Strategy which was being put before the Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Budget and Policy Framework rules of the Council's Constitution.</p> <p>In response to a Member request for comparative data (Stevenage and the rest of the County and Stevenage ward by ward) and the Head of Business Strategy, Community and Customer Services undertook to take the request to the Responsible Authority Group for consideration.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the strategy be noted.</p>	<p>R Protheroe Ext 2983</p> <p>G Moody Ext 2203</p>
<p>4. PART 1 DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE</p> <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 27 November 2014, it be considered on this occasion.</p> <p>New Policy for the Management of Commercial Properties</p> <p>In reply to a question it was confirmed that should a Voluntary and Community Organisation (VCO) renew its lease at the end of the five-year period the rent payable would remain at the level paid at year five unless there were extenuating circumstances to warrant a review. Members requested that this be written into the policy.</p> <p>In response to a request the Corporate Property Manager undertook to provide a table detailing the levels of rent to be paid under the new policy compared with rents currently being paid.</p>	<p>P Bandy Ext 2288</p> <p>J Herbert Ext 2141</p>

<p>Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan</p> <p>Members asked a number of detailed questions about the plan which were answered by the Officers.</p> <p>In reply to an issue raised the Strategic Director (Communities) highlighted recommendation 2.8 of the Executive report which stated that a plain English version of the plan would be prepared complete with summary details of the projected budget and cash flow.</p> <p>2nd Quarter Monitoring Report – General Fund and HRA</p> <p>A Member suggested that as the proposed savings at the football ground had been deleted, the football club should be approached to provide stewards in the car parking area to ensure public safety. The Strategic Director (Resources) undertook to consider this suggestion and feedback to the Executive.</p> <p>Capital Strategy Update</p> <p>In reply to a question concerning the highways issues with the Hertford Road Play Area the Assistant Director Finance undertook to investigate and provide an update to the Committee.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the following Part I decisions taken by the Executive at its meeting on 18 November 2014 be noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Policy for the Management of Commercial Properties • Housing Revenue Account Business Plan • 2nd Quarter Monitoring Report – General Fund and HRA • Capital Strategy Update 	<p>M Partridge Ext 2456</p> <p>S Crudgington Ext 2185</p> <p>C Fletcher Ext 2033</p>
<p>5. URGENT PART 1 DECISIONS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</p>	

None	
6. URGENT PART I BUSINESS	
None.	
7. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC	
<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 item of business on the grounds that it 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>	G Moody Ext 2203
PART II	
8. PART II DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE	
<p>This report had not been circulated to Members five clear days before the meeting. The Chair determined however that given the short time left before the end of the call-in period on 27 November 2014, it be considered on this occasion.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the following Part II decision taken by the Executive at its meeting on 18 November 2014 be noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority Based Budgeting. 	

9. URGENT PART II BUSINESS	
None.	