

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN PART I

MEETING: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Wednesday 17 December 2014, 6pm, Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors: Councillors: L Martin-Haugh (Chair), L Bell, P Bibby, J Brown, M Cherney-Craw, M Gardner, J Hollywell, L Harrington and P Stuart.

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Broom and R Parker CC. There were no declarations of interest.	G Moody Ext 2203
2. MINUTES – OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 24 NOVEMBER 2014	
It was RESOLVED that the Minutes from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 24 November 2014 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	G Moody Ext 2203

<p>3. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT DRAFT BUDGET PROPOSALS 2015/2016 AND RENT SETTING</p> <p>The Committee was reminded that this was before them as a Budget and Policy Framework item and any comments made would be incorporated into the final report that the Executive would consider for recommendation to Council in January.</p> <p>The Committee did not wish for any comments to be incorporated into the final report.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the strategy be noted.</p>	
<p>4. DRAFT COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2015/2016</p> <p>The Committee was reminded that this was before them as a Budget and Policy Framework item and any comments made would be incorporated into the final report that the Executive would consider for recommendation to Council in January.</p> <p>The Committee expressed concern that the timescale for a meaningful consultation would have been tight had significant changes been made to the scheme.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the strategy be noted.</p>	
<p>5. 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 24 December 2014, it be considered on this occasion.</p> <p>Minutes – Overview and Scrutiny Committee The Strategic Director (Resources) updated the Committee of the issues with the Hertford Road Play Area.</p>	

Balanced Scorecard – Quarter Two.

The Strategic Director (Resources) presented the Balanced Scorecard for Quarter Two.

The Committee was advised that there had been a downturn in performance since Quarter One and that there were now twelve red indicators.

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

Concerns were expressed about the roll-out of the thin client hosted desk-top for Members and the Strategic Director (Resources) suggested that should the ICT User Satisfaction indicator remain at red for quarter three then the Committee could call for a Scrutiny into the subject should they choose to do so.

It was **RESOLVED** that the following Part I decisions taken by the Executive at its meeting on 16 December 2014 be noted:

- Minutes – 18 November
- Minutes – Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Select Committees
- Balanced Scorecard – Quarter Two
- Urgent Part I Business – Congratulations to Lewis Hamilton and land sales receipt.

6. URGENT PART 1 DECISIONS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

None

7. URGENT PART I BUSINESS

None.

8. 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>	<p>G Moody Ext 2203</p>
PART II	
9. PART II MINUTES – OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 24 NOVEMBER 2014	<p>G Moody Ext 2203</p>
<p>It was RESOLVED that the Part II Minutes from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 24 November 2014 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
10. 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 24 December 2014, it be considered on this occasion.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the following Part II decisions taken by the Executive at its meeting on 16 December 2014 be noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part II Minutes – 18 November 2014 • Part II Minutes – Overview and Scrutiny Committee • Voluntary Sector Funding 2015/2016 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friendslife – Women’s Tour Finish Event• Council House Building Programme	
11. URGENT PART II BUSINESS	
None.	