

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Date: Thursday 16 July 2015

Time: 18.00 p.m.

Place: Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage

Present: Councillors L Martin-Haugh (Chair), L Bell, L Briscoe,
M Gardner, S Mead and P Stuart

Start / End Time Start Time: 18.00 hrs
 End Time: 19.10 hrs

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Bibby, J Brown, M Downing, L Harrington, M Hurst, C Latif and R Parker CC.

There were no declarations of interest.

2. MINUTES – OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 15 JUNE 2015

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 15 June 2015 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3. PART 1 DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

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 22 July 2015, it be considered on this occasion.

The Scrutiny Officer informed the meeting of a typographical error on the notice of decisions in the supplementary agenda, that it should state that decisions may be implemented with effect from 23 July and not 21 July 2015

MINUTES – OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND SELECT COMMITTEES

2014/15 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE OUTTURN

The Accountancy Service Manager advised Members that the outturn position

included in the report was subject to external audit and that audited accounts would be presented to the Audit and Statement of Accounts Committee in September.

4TH QUARTER MONITORING REPORT – GENERAL FUND AND HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT.

In response to a question, the Strategic Director Community informed Members that a review of the operations of Building Maintenance Organisation (BMO) was to seek independent accreditation through the Housing Quality Network (HQN). He advised that the HQN's review would aid efforts to improve the quality of service that tenants receive through ensuring that the BMO operated as efficiently, effectively and economically as possible with reference to recognised industry benchmarks. The Officer indicated that the outcomes of this process would be shared with Members when it was completed. Members were also informed that BMO staff had been trained with multi-tasking skills .

It was **RESOLVED** that the following Part I decisions taken by the Executive at its meeting on 14 July 2015 be noted:

- Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Select Committees
- 2014/15 Capital Expenditure Outturn
- 4th Quarter Monitoring Report – General Fund and Housing Revenue Account

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

None.

5. URGENT PART I BUSINESS

The Chair informed Members that a Special Executive meeting was to be convened on Friday 24 July to consider a Part I report titled Town Centre Framework which had been published on the Forward Plan of Key Decisions. The Chair advised that she had waived the right for the Committee to call in the decision and that SBC would be publicising the outcome of the outcome after the meeting of the Executive.

6. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Not required

7. PART II DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

None

8. URGENT PART II BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

None.

9. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

None.

Chair