

## SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN PART I

**MEETING:** **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**  
**Monday 19 October 2015, 6.00pm, Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors: L Martin-Haugh (Chair), P Bibby, L Briscoe, J Brown, M Downing, M Gardner, E Harrington, M Hurst, C Latif, R Parker CC and P Stuart.

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<b>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Bell and S Mead.  There were no declarations of interest.	G Moody Ext 2203
<b>2. MINUTES – OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 22 SEPTEMBER 2015</b>	
The Head of Service (Chief Executive’s Unit) updated the Committee on the following outstanding actions from the previous meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Evidence to support the introduction of a PSPO covering the Oval, the Town Centre and The Hyde</li><li>• Consultation</li><li>• Enforcement of PSPOs.</li></ul>	R Protheroe Ext 2938

<p>Members were advised to contact the Head of Service (Chief Executive’s Unit) if they wished to view hard copies of the evidence used to support the introduction of PSPOs.</p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Minutes from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 22 September 2015 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</p>	<p>G Moody Ext 2203</p>
<p><b>3. PART 1 DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE</b></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 21 October 2015, it be considered on this occasion.</p> <p><b>FUTURE TOWN FUTURE COUNCIL</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive introduced the report and advised the Committee of his view of the way forward for the Town and the Council for the next five years. The report identified nine project strands which covered the key external and internal challenges the Council needed to address in order to deliver local resident, business and Member ambitions.</p> <p>The Committee was further advised that a follow up report would be presented to the Executive later in the year which would outline the key measurable outcomes for each project strand against which Members could hold officers to account along with an assessment of and request for the related resources to support delivery.</p> <p>Members then asked a number of detailed questions about the report which were answered by the Officer.</p> <p>A Member enquired if it would be possible to include a measure related to Health and Wellbeing to help address key local issues including the need to improve levels of physical activity. The Chief Executive undertook to consider this request but noted that a significant amount of work was being undertaken in this</p>	<p>S Crudgington Ext 2185</p>

<p>area through close partnership working arrangements with HCC and as a result of locally targeted financial support secured from the Director of Public Health.</p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the following Part 1 decisions taken by the Executive at its meeting on 13 October 2015 be noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes – 21 September 2015</li> <li>• Minutes – Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Select Committees</li> <li>• Future Town Future Council.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>4. MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS SCRUTINY REVIEW</b></p>	
<p>In reply to a question concerning rapid responses and whether the most appropriate methods of communication were being used the Committee was advised that the issues would be addressed through the examination of a number of case studies during the review.</p> <p>Councillor M Gardner agreed to take the lead role for questioning on Equalities and Diversity issues.</p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Scrutiny Officer be requested to approach a representative from the Local Government Association to act as a ‘critical friend’ for the review.</li> <li>2. That the Scrutiny Officer be requested to approach representatives from local media (press or radio) to be witnesses for the review.</li> <li>3. That the scoping document be noted.</li> </ol>	<p>S Weaver Ext 2332</p> <p>S Weaver Ext 2332</p> <p>S Weaver Ext 2332</p>
<p><b>5. URGENT PART 1 DECISIONS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY</b></p>	

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	
None.	
<b>6. URGENT PART I BUSINESS</b>	
None.	
<b>7. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</b>	
<p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> 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
<b>PART II</b>	
<b>8. PART II DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE</b>	
<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 21 October 2015, it be considered on this occasion.</p> <p>Members asked a number of detailed questions about the report which were answered by the Officer.</p>	P Bandy Ext 2288

<p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the following Part II decision taken by the Executive at its meeting on 13 October 2015 be noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hertfordshire Building Control</li> </ul>	
<p><b>9. URGENT PART II DECISIONS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b></p>	
<p>None.</p>	
<p><b>10. URGENT PART II BUSINESS</b></p>	
<p>None.</p>	