

## SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN PART I

**MEETING:** **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**  
**Wednesday 16 December 2015, 6pm, Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN**

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

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<b>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	
There were neither apologies for absence nor declarations of interest.	G Moody Ext 2203
<b>2. MINUTES – OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 16 NOVEMBER 2015</b>	
It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Minutes from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 16 November 2015 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	G Moody Ext 2203
<b>3. DRAFT COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT (CTS) SCHEME 2016/2017</b>	
The Committee was reminded that the report was before them as a Budget and Policy Framework item and	

<p>any comments made would be incorporated into the final report that the Executive would consider for recommendation to Council in January.</p> <p>In reply to a question concerning projected scheme surpluses the Committee was advised that this issue would be incorporated into the full review of the CTS Scheme scheduled for 2017/2018.</p> <p>The Committee did not wish for any comments to be incorporated into the final report.</p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the strategy be noted.</p>	<p>C Fletcher Ext 2933</p>
<p><b>4. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT DRAFT BUDGET PROPOSALS 2016/2017 AND RENT SETTING</b></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 was advised that a full Equality Impact Assessment would be prepared to accompany the final report.</p> <p>Members asked a number of detailed questions about the proposals which were answered by the Officer.</p> <p>The Committee did not wish for any comments to be incorporated into the final report.</p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the strategy be noted.</p>	<p>C Fletcher Ext 2933</p>
<p><b>5. 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</p>	

the call-in period on 23 December 2015, it be considered on this occasion.

**Draft Council Tax Support Scheme 2016/2017**

Dealt with as a Budget and Policy Framework item at item 3.

**Housing Revenue Account Draft Budget 2016/2017 and Rent Setting**

Dealt with as a Budget and Policy Framework item at item 4.

**Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Revised Stevenage Local Development Structure (LDS)**

Members asked a number of questions about the relative benefits and technical aspects of the CIL and Section 106 payments which were answered by the Officer.

**Stevenage Borough Local Plan: Publication Consultation**

It was noted that the consultation exercise would be extended to properties in Great Ashby that fell within the boundary of North Herts District Council (NHDC). In reply to a question it was confirmed that a reciprocal arrangement would be implemented when NHDC consulted on its own Local Plan in June or July 2016.

Members asked a number of questions about the consultation process and requested that Officers considered an exhibition in the town centre to fully demonstrate the town-wide implications of the plan. The Officer undertook to evaluate this suggestion in conjunction with the other methods of consultation proposed.

Members then asked a number of detailed questions about Green Corridors and the planning process which were answered by the Officer.

**Balanced Scorecard – Quarter Two.**

The Strategic Director (Community) presented the Balanced Scorecard for Quarter Two and advised the Committee that out of the 83 indicators 68 were green, 3 were yellow, 1 was amber and 11 were red. The performance at Quarter 2 was slightly down on that recorded in Quarter 1.

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<p>The Committee was further advised of the corrective measures that were being taken in relation to the Tenant Satisfaction, Community Safety and Customer Service Centre indicators.</p> <p>In reply to a question concerning the use of a holding message for callers to the Customer Service Centre the Strategic Director (Community) undertook to investigate and to ask the Head of the Chief Executive's Unit to feedback to the Member concerned.</p> <p>In reply to a further question concerning the previous use of the interactive board to present the scorecard the Committee was advised that this had been ceased for the 2015/16 financial year because, following discussion ahead of the Quarter 1 BSC presentation, it wasn't felt to be adding any value given that the key performance information was clearly highlighted within the report.</p> <p>It was noted that a revised performance management process was under consideration as a replacement for the balanced scorecard. A Member suggested that officers give consideration to running any new process alongside the existing scorecard system during the transitional period.</p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the following Part I decisions taken by the Executive at its meeting on 15 December 2015 be noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes – 11 November</li> <li>• Minutes – Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Select Committees</li> <li>• Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Revised Stevenage Local Development Structure (LDS)</li> <li>• Stevenage Borough Local Plan: Publication Consultation</li> <li>• Balanced Scorecard – Quarter Two</li> <li>• Part II Minutes – 11 November</li> <li>• Part II Minutes – Overview and Scrutiny Committee 16 November</li> </ul>	<p>R Protheroe Ext 2938</p> <p>M Partridge Ext 2456</p> <p>R Protheroe Ext 2938</p>
<p><b>6. URGENT PART 1 DECISIONS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b></p>	

None	
<b>7. URGENT PART I BUSINESS</b>	
None.	
<b>8. 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>9. PART II MINUTES – OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 16 NOVEMBER 2015</b>	
<p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Part II Minutes from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 16 November 2015 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</p>	G Moody Ext 2203
<b>10. PART II DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE</b>	
None	

<b>11. URGENT PART II BUSINESS</b>	
None.	