

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS TAKEN (PART I - FOR PUBLICATION)**

**MEETING:** Executive – Tuesday 8 March 2016 – 14.00 hrs.  
Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors S Taylor OBE CC (Chair), J Gardner (Vice-Chair), S Batson MBE DL CC, R Henry CC, Mrs J Lloyd, R Raynor, S Speller, J Thomas and A Webb.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chief Inspector Richard Harbon

**The deadline for Call-in of any of the decisions below is 16 March 2016.**

**Subject to there being no call-in the attached decisions may be implemented with effect from 17 March 2016**

<b>1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	<b>J Cansick Ext 2216</b>
None	
<b>2. MINUTES – TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2016</b>	<b>J Cansick Ext 2216</b>
It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 16 February 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	
<b>3. MINUTES – OVERVIEW &amp; SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – AND SELECT COMMITTEES</b>	<b>J Cansick Ext 2216</b>
It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Minutes of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 17 February 2015 be noted.	
<b>4. PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER</b>	<b>R Protheroe Ext 2938</b>
Chief Inspector Richard Harbon was in attendance for this item.	
The Portfolio Holder for Safer Communities and Equalities informed the Executive that the Responsible Authorities Group had received details of incidents and statistics relating to Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) reported in different areas in Stevenage and the proposals had been drafted based on this evidence. The consultation undertaken had supported	

the proposals.

Hotspot maps of ASB reports were circulated.

Members queried the resources available to enforce the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) and requested reassurance that sufficient arrangements were in place.

The Executive acknowledged ASB activity taking place in Marymead and action being taken to address the reported concerns through the Responsible Authorities Group. At the current time this area was not included in the PSPO but the position would continue to be monitored.

It was **RESOLVED:**

1. That in principle agreement is given to replace the two existing Designated Public Place Orders (DPPO) with a zoned Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) covering the three areas of Stevenage, the Town Centre/Old Town, the Hyde and the Oval (details as set out in Appendix B), subject to the Strategic Director (Community) confirming that the resources necessary to support its implementation are in place following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Safer Communities & Equalities and pending written agreement from Hertfordshire Constabulary.
2. That the Responsible Authorities Group review the PSPO 6 months following implementation and that a report is presented to the Executive one year after implementation.

*Reason for Decision: As contained in the report and on evidence presented to the Responsible Authorities Group as reported by Portfolio Holder for Safer Communities and Equalities and to ensure that sufficient resources are available before implementation.*

*Other Options Considered: As contained in the report.*

**5. THIRD QUARTER MONITORING REPORT GENERAL FUND AND HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT**

C Fletcher Ext 2933

A revised section 3.5 of the report was circulated to Members.

It was **RESOLVED:**

1. That the 2015/16 3rd quarter General Fund projected net decrease in expenditure of £267,640 is approved.

2. That the cumulative changes made to the original General Fund net budget remains within the £400,000 (increase) variation limit delegated to the Executive are noted.
3. That the transfer to the allocated reserves, as detailed in paragraphs 3.10.4-3.10.6, is approved
4. That the transfer of £90,420 to the capital (paragraph 3.10.7 refers) is approved.
5. That the net decrease of £11,330 to the 2016/17 General Fund budget that will contribute to the 2017/18 financial security savings target is approved.
6. That new General Fund carry forward requests of £177,220 (as listed in table two) are approved.
7. That the 2015/16 3rd quarter net increase in HRA surplus of £480,180 is approved.
8. That the cumulative changes made to the original HRA net budget still remains within the £250,000 (increase) variation limit delegated to the Executive are noted.
9. That the net decrease of £14,370 to the 2016/17 HRA budget that will contribute to the 2017/18 savings target is approved.
10. That new HRA carry forward requests of £226,890 (as listed in table ten) are approved.

*Reason for Decision: As contained in the report.*

*Other Options Considered: As contained in the report.*

**6. 2015/16 THIRD QUARTER CAPITAL STRATEGY UPDATE**

**C Fletcher Ext 2933**

The Executive reiterated its concern that at present the Council was unable to fully utilise its share of the retained Right-to-Buy receipts as a result of Government restrictions concerning its use. Significant efforts were being made at a local and national level through the Local Government Association and other fora to set out how policy change in this area would address the need to increase the supply of housing. However, if current policies regarding the repayment of the one for one replacement receipts remain in situ, the Council will incur interest charges upon their repayment if a level of receipts were not returned to the government. It was noted that in order to retain the projected unused receipts to build new homes (£10.3Million) the Council would have to provide match funding in the region of £23Million which was not

possible for a number of reasons including the limit on HRA borrowing .

It was **RESOLVED:**

1. That the 2015/16 General Fund capital programme net decrease in expenditure of £670,370 is approved, as summarised in paragraph 4.1.4 and detailed in Appendix A to this report.
2. That the 2016/17 General Fund capital programme net increase in expenditure of £414,590, as summarised in paragraph 4.3.1 is approved.
3. That the 2015/16 Housing Revenue Account capital programme decrease in expenditure of £150,830 is approved, as summarised in paragraph 4.2.1 and detailed in Appendix B to this report.
4. That the 2016/17 Housing Revenue Account capital programme net increase in expenditure of £151,180, as summarised in paragraph 4.3.3 is approved.
5. That in conjunction with the Leader and Portfolio holders for Housing and Resources, officers consider the repayment of Right to Buy “One for One” receipts and mitigating actions to minimise the interest costs to the HRA (paragraph 4.4.10).

*Reason for Decision: As contained in the report*

*Other Options Considered: As contained in the report*

## **7. FUTURE TOWN FUTURE COUNCIL – OUTCOMES AND RESOURCES**

**K Griffiths Ext 2976**

The Chief Executive introduced the report and circulated a presentation.

The resources sought within the report were key to ensuring the successful delivery of the Future Town Future Council programme. More detail regarding the individual strands of the programme including outcomes and timelines would be provided as the programme moved forward. In future these resource needs would be addressed within the annual budget reports.

The Executive was of the view that it was important for the Programme content to be communicated to the public effectively and in a timely fashion.

It was **RESOLVED:**

1. That the ambition, benefits, quick-wins and projects for the programme are approved.
2. That the allocation of £103,650 which amounts to £103,650 HRA resources is approved to support the programme during 2016/17 as outlined in paragraph 5.1.3.
3. That £290,050 is allocated during 2017/18 (£119,630 General Fund and £170,420 HRA) to support the delivery of the programme, as outlined in paragraph 5.1.3.
4. That delegated authority is given to the Chief Executive to make any future amendments to the scope of the programme following consultation with the Leader and the Executive Portfolio holder for Resources and the relevant Portfolio Holders/Member Champions.
5. That annual progress and outcome updates are provided formally to the Executive, commencing from July 2016 with additional informal reporting and discussion with Members of the Executive on a quarterly basis.

*Reason for Decision: As contained in the report*

*Other Options Considered: As contained in the report*

**8. STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL BALANCED SCORECARD FOR QUARTER THREE  
2015/16**

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The Chief Executive reported that there was a slight improvement in quarter 3 with 66 measures achieving green status, 7 yellow/amber and 10 red.

The Executive noted the reduction in staff sickness absence levels and continuing efforts to improve performance in this regard.

There was concern that the number of households in temporary accommodation remained yellow but as previously reported this related in part to the growing complexity of cases that the Housing team were striving to manage.

The Executive considered those measures that were outside acceptable variance, as detailed in section 3.9 of the report.

It was **RESOLVED:**

1. That the overall performance results for Stevenage Borough Council Balanced Scorecard for quarter three 2015/16 summarised on Appendix A is noted.
2. That performance improvement outlined in paragraphs 3.7 and status updates, set out in paragraph 3.8 of this report, as a result of the implementation of performance management activity previously approved are noted.
3. That for areas of performance considered outside an acceptable variance of the target set, the planned performance management activity outlined in paragraph 3.9 of this report are endorsed.

*Reason for Decision: As contained in the report*

*Other Options Considered: As contained in the report*

#### **9. URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS**

The Executive recorded its sympathy and condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Coleen Bennett (nee Murphy) who had sadly passed away the previous week following a long and brave battle with cancer. Colleen was a much valued member of staff who worked in the community and made a real difference to the town. She would be greatly missed.

#### **10. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**J Cansick Ext 2216**

Not required

#### **PART II**

#### **11. URGENT PART II BUSINESS**

None.