

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN PART I

MEETING: Special Meeting Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Monday 4 April 2016, 6pm, Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN

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

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Gardner, L Harrington and C Latif. There were no declarations of interest.	G Moody Ext 2203
2. NEW HOMES BONUS	
The Committee was advised that the report, containing the spend proposals for the New Homes Bonus as detailed by the Leader at the Council meeting on 24 February, was to be considered as part of the Council's Budget and Policy Framework. Key comments on the proposals would be reported to the meeting of the Executive scheduled for 5 April 2016. The Committee received a brief introduction to each of the nine spend proposals under consideration from the projects' lead officers.	M Partridge Ext 2456

<p>Members asked a number of detailed questions about each of the projects which were answered by the Officers.</p> <p>A Member suggested that Hertfordshire County Council Public Health team be approached about the potential for them to support fund the 'No More Project'. The Head of Housing Management undertook to follow up this suggestion.</p> <p>In reply to a request the Head of Leisure, Community & Children's Services undertook to circulate a brochure detailing the events planned for the Town's 70th Anniversary celebrations.</p> <p>In reply to a further request the Head of Leisure, Community & Children's Services undertook to circulate a copy of the Economic Impact Assessment that was carried out following the Town's hosting of the finish of a stage of the Women's Cycle Tour of Britain in 2015.</p> <p>In response to comments concerning the funding to be made available for the refurbishment of play areas the Head of Environmental Services undertook to provide members of the Committee with details and costings of play equipment in advance of the Committee's meeting on 6 April.</p> <p>In response to a question about prioritising shrub bed works and neighbourhood project investment at Ward level it was noted that a means for effectively achieving this ambition is currently under consideration. Ultimately though the aim is to ensure that all Wards receive investment over time.</p> <p>It was suggested that schools close to play areas be included in the consultation exercise.</p> <p>It was moved, seconded and RESOLVED that the report is noted and the following comment be passed to the Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee welcomes the proposals put forward under the New Homes Bonus Scheme. 	<p>J Cresser Ext 2028</p> <p>A Sanderson Ext 2311</p> <p>A Sanderson Ext 2311</p> <p>L Myers Ext 8710</p> <p>L Myers Ext 8710</p> <p>M Partridge Ext 2456</p>
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Organisers of events sponsored by LCB monies for the Town's 70th Anniversary celebrations should be encouraged to advertise the event as being supported by the Council. 3. Sponsorship of the Pearl Izumi Cycle Event should be linked with other health initiatives in the Town if possible. 4. Further mitigation of the impact of the Pearl Izumi Cycle Event should be considered as the event is scheduled for a school day during the exam period and the Committee would not wish for the event to have a detrimental effect on those students sitting exams on that day. 5. The Committee suggested that the Neighbourhood Wardens be issued with a uniform to ensure they are recognisable to the public. 	
3. URGENT PART 1 DECISION AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR OF OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
None.	G Moody Ext 2203
4. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC	
Not required.	G Moody Ext 2203
PART II	
5. URGENT PART II BUSINESS	
None.	