

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN PART I

MEETING: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Wednesday 6 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 Hurst, C Latif, and P Stuart.

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Downing, M Gardner, L Harrington, S Mead and R Parker CC. There were no declarations of interest.	G Moody Ext 2203
2. MINUTES – OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 14 MARCH 2016	
It was RESOLVED that the Minutes from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 14 March 2016 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	G Moody Ext 2203

3. PART 1 DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE	
<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 13 April it be considered on this occasion.</p> <p>New Homes Bonus</p> <p>The Committee was advised that the Executive were very grateful for the level of scrutiny that this item had received at the Overview and Scrutiny meeting held on 4 April.</p> <p>The Committee wished the Minutes to record its thanks to the Head of Environmental Services for the prompt circulation of the play equipment details as requested at the meeting held on 4 April.</p> <p>Temporary Accommodation Procurement and Placements Policies 2016/2017</p> <p>Members asked a number of questions about out of area placements from other Local Authorities into Stevenage and in reply to a request the Assistant Director Housing Services undertook to circulate details of such placements as far as they are known.</p> <p>Annual Report of the Housing Management Board</p> <p>The Committee was advised that the title page of the Annual Report would be amended to read 'Housing Management Board' rather than 'HMB'.</p> <p>In response to a request the Resident Involvement Manager undertook to email Members a link to the on-line report when published.</p>	<p>G Moody Ext 2203</p> <p>P Nourse Ext 2455</p> <p>M Herdman Ext 2183</p>

<p>Fraud Prosecution Policy</p> <p>The Committee was advised that authority to make minor changes to the policy had been delegated to the Assistant Director of Finance in consultation with the Resources Portfolio Holder. Any significant change would result in the policy being presented back to the Audit Committee and the Executive.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the following Part 1 decisions of the Executive are noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Minutes – Tuesday 8 March • Overview and Scrutiny Minutes • New Homes Bonus • Temporary Accommodation Procurement and Placements Policies 2016/2017 • Annual report of the Housing Management Board • Fraud Prosecution Policy 	<p>C Fletcher Ext 2933</p>
<p>4. URGENT PART 1 DECISION AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR OF OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</p>	
<p>None.</p>	<p>G Moody Ext 2203</p>
<p>5. URGENT PART I BUSINESS</p>	
<p>None</p>	
<p>6. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</p>	
<p>Not required.</p>	<p>G Moody Ext 2203</p>
<p>PART II</p>	
<p>7. PART II DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE (if any)</p>	
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<p>It was RESOLVED that the following Part II decision is noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write Off of Housing Benefit Overpayments and Disabled Facilities Grant Greater than £10,000 	
<p>8. URGENT PART II BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</p>	
<p>It was RESOLVED that the following Part II decision authorised by the Chair is noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition of a Town Centre Property. 	
<p>9. URGENT PART II BUSINESS</p>	
<p>None.</p>	