

## SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN PART I

**MEETING:** Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
**DATE:** Thursday 15 December 2016  
**PLACE:** Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors: L Martin-Haugh (Chair), P Bibby (Vice Chair), J Brown, M Gardner, E Harrington, J Hollywell, C Latif, S Mead, A Mitchell, R Parker CC and P Stuart.

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1.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	<b>ACTION/LEAD</b>
	<p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Downing and C Saunders.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	<p>L Jerome Ext 2203</p>
2.	<b>MINUTES – OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 28 NOVEMBER 2016</b>	
	<p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 28 November 2016 are approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</p>	<p>L Jerome Ext 2203</p>
3.	<b>HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT DRAFT BUDGET PROPOSALS 2017/2018 AND RENT SETTING</b>	
	<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 Assistant Director (Finance) presented the report which provided an update on the draft 2017/2018 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget and revised 2016/2017 budget position.</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 report be noted.</p>	
4.	<p><b>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 22 December 2016, it be considered on this occasion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Housing Revenue Account Draft Budget 2016/2017 and Rent Setting</b> – Dealt with as a Budget and Policy Framework item at item 3.</li> <li>• <b>Council Tax Support Scheme</b> – The Assistant Director (Finance) agreed to clarify the position in respect of the single person discount, regarding the length of stay before someone staying on a temporary basis qualified as an adult resident in that property.</li> <li>• <b>Community Safety Data Trends – Police Resourcing</b> – Officers agreed to confirm to Members if the figures within the report reflected the number of incidents or the numbers of calls made to the call centre in response to incidents.</li> </ul>	L Jerome Ext 2203
5.	<p><b>URGENT PART 1 DECISIONS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>None</p>	
6.	<p><b>URGENT PART I BUSINESS</b></p> <p>None.</p>	L Jerome Ext 2203
7.	<p><b>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</b></p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that:</p>	L Jerome

	<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 Local Government (Access to information) (Variation) Order 2006.</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>	Ext 2203
<b>PART II</b>		
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>PART II DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE</b></p> <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 23 December 2016, it be considered on this occasion.</p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the following Part II decisions of the Executive taken on 14 December 2016 are noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Part II Minutes – Tuesday 22 November 2016</b></li> <li>• <b>Major Refurbishment Contract Procurement Options Appraisal (Investment)</b> – The Committee noted that the Executive had approved the report with an additional decision that Officers engage with the Portfolio Holders for Housing, Health &amp; Older People and Neighbourhoods and Co-operative Council concerning consultation proposals linked to this procurement.</li> <li>• <b>Proposed Freehold Disposal</b> - The Committee noted that the Executive had approved the report.</li> </ul>	
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>URGENT PART II DECISIONS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed Freehold Disposal (had not appeared on the Forward Plan - Dealt with at item 8).</li> </ul>	L Jerome Ext 2203
<b>10.</b>	<b>URGENT PART II BUSINESS</b>	

	None.	L Jerome Ext 2203
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