Daneshill House Danestrete Stevenage Hertfordshire

6 December 2017

#### Dear Sir/Madam

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Stevenage Borough Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage on Thursday, 14 December 2017 at 7.00 pm and you are summoned to attend to transact the following business.

Yours faithfully

Scott Crudgington Chief Executive

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# **AGENDA**

# 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

# 2. MINUTES - 11 OCTOBER 2017

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 October 2017.

Minutes attached Pages 5 – 14

# 3. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

To receive any communications that the Mayor may wish to put before Council.

# 4. MAIN DEBATE - "WE ARE STEVENAGE YOUTH COUNCIL"

To receive a presentation from the Stevenage Youth Council.

# 5. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

None

# 6. QUESTIONS FROM THE YOUTH COUNCIL

None

#### 7. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

# 8. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S UPDATE

In accordance with the Council's Standing Orders, the Leader of the Opposition shall be given the opportunity to raise one matter relevant to the Borough that has arisen since the last meeting of the Council. The Leader of the Council shall then have the opportunity to advise the Council of matters relevant to the Borough that have arisen since the last meeting.

# 9. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor S Taylor OBE CC –

That this Council requests that the Government urgently reconsider its decision not to give financial support to Stevenage Borough Council to fit sprinkler systems in our high rise flat blocks. In the wake of the Grenfell Tower fire, we would want to do all we can to ensure our residents are safe and feel safe. The considerable steps we have already taken in relation to fire safety have gone a long way towards that already but the fire service nationally continue to recommend the fitting of sprinkler systems.

The additional cost for fitting sprinkler systems, without Government support, will take much needed funds from our Housing Revenue Account which we are currently using to deliver against the urgent need for new council homes and to support our decent homes programme.'

# 10. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRS/PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

None

### 11. 2017/2018 MID YEAR TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW

The report circulated at item 11 was considered by the Audit Committee on 8 November and the Executive on 28 November 2017. Both bodies agreed the following recommendations to Council—

- 1. That the 2017/2018 Treasury Management Mid Year review be approved.
- 2. That the latest approved countries for investment as listed in Appendix D to the report be approved.

Report and Appendices attached Pages 15 – 34

# 12. AUDIT COMMITTEE - MINUTES

To note the Minutes of the Audit Committee meetings held on 21 September and 8 November 2017.

Minutes attached Pages 35 - 42