



EXECUTIVE

Date: Tuesday, 23 January 2018

Time: 2.00 pm,

Location: Shimkent Room - Daneshill House, Danestrete

Contact: Jackie Cansick on 01438 242216

Members: Councillors: (Chair), (Vice-Chair), S Taylor, J Gardner, R Henry,
J Hollywell, J Lloyd, R Raynor, S Speller and J Thomas

AGENDA

PART 1

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any apologies for absence or declarations of interest by Members.

2. MINUTES - EXECUTIVE - 12 DECEMBER 2017

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 12 December 2017.

Minutes attached

Pages 5 – 10

3. MINUTES OF OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND SELECT COMMITTEES

To note the following Minutes of the following meetings –

A. Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 29 November 2017

B. Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 13 December 2017

Minutes attached

Pages 11 – 20

4. COUNCIL TAX BASE 2018/2019

To consider a report that seeks approval of the Council Tax Base for 2018/19 and an increase in the long term empty property premium from 1 April 2018 or such later date when the required regulations are introduced.

Report attached
Pages 21 – 26

5. COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2018/2019

To consider a report for recommendation to Council concerning the 2018/2019 Council Tax Support Scheme.

Report attached
Pages 27 – 44

6. DRAFT STEVENAGE CULTURAL STRATEGY (A 10 YEAR STRATEGY FOR ARTS & HERITAGE)

To consider a report that outlines the development of a Cultural Strategy for the town and summarises a number of cultural ambitions over the next 10 years in order for Stevenage to become a destination creative town.

Report & Appendix attached
Pages 45 - 76

7. 2018/2019 HRA RENT SETTING AND BUDGET

To consider a report for recommendation to Council concerning the 2018/2019 Housing Revenue Account and Budget.

Report & Appendices attached
Pages 77 – 132

8. DRAFT GENERAL FUND AND COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2018/2019

To consider a report concerning the Council's draft General Fund Budget for 2018/19 and projected 2017/18 General Fund Budget and draft proposals for the 2018/19 Council Tax.

Report & Appendices attached
Pages 133 – 204

9. DRAFT CAPITAL STRATEGY 2017/18-2022/23

To consider a report that includes proposals for revisions to the 2017/18 General Fund and Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme and the draft Capital Programme for 2018/19 for consideration by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

Report & Appendices attached
Pages 205 – 250

10. URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS

To consider any Part 1 business accepted by the Chair as urgent.

11. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

To consider the following motions –

1. That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve 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.

2. That Members consider the reasons for the following reports being in Part II and determine whether or not maintaining the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

12. MAJOR REFURBISHMENT CONTRACT PROCUREMENT - CONTRACT AWARD

To consider a Part II report that seeks approval to award the Major Refurbishment Contract (otherwise known as the “Flat Block” contract). This contract is one of the key deliverables highlighted within the HRA Business Plan, with approval given to commence the procurement for two contractors by the Executive in December 2016.

Report & Appendices attached for Members

13. TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION - SELECTION OF A PREFERRED DEVELOPMENT PARTNER FOR SG1

To consider a Part II report on the outcome of the EU compliant procurement for the selection of the Council’s preferred development partner for the Stevenage SG1 development and that seeks approval to appoint the successful preferred bidder and arrangements going forward.

Report & Appendices attached

14. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

To consider any Part II business accepted by the Chair as urgent.

NOTE: Links to Part 1 Background Documents are shown on the last page of the individual report, where this is not the case they may be viewed by using the following link to agendas for Executive meetings and then opening the agenda for Tuesday, 23 January 2018 –

<http://www.stevenage.gov.uk/have-your-say/council-meetings/161153/>

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