

## SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

**MEETING:** Community Select Committee  
**DATE:** Thursday, 12 July 2018  
**PLACE:** Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors: Sarah Mead (Chair), Adam Mitchell CC (Vice-Chair), Sandra Barr, Jim Brown, Liz Harrington, John Mead, Sarah-Jane Potter and Simon Speller

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE** Neil Baker (Community Development Manager) and Rob Gregory (Assistant Director – Communities and Neighbourhoods)

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<b>1</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>  Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Hearn and T Wren.  Cllr J Mead declared a personal interest in Item 4 by virtue of being a Trustee of the Stevenage Community Food Bank.  Cllr S Mead declared a personal interest in Item 4 by virtue of being a Trustee of the Stevenage Community Food Bank.	<b>ACTION/LEAD</b>  F Nyamukapa Ext 2707
<b>2</b>	<b>MINUTES – 20 JUNE 2018</b>  It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Minutes of the Community Select Committee held on 20 June 2018 are approved as a correct record for signature by the Chair.	F Nyamukapa Ext 2707

3	<p><b>RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT SCOPING DOCUMENT</b></p> <p>The Scrutiny Officer presented the revised scoping document for the Scrutiny Review of Resident Engagement.</p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that Cllr Judi Billing CC be added to the list of potential external witnesses for the Resident Engagement Scrutiny Review.</p>	S Weaver Ext 2332
4	<p><b>THIRD SECTOR SCRUTINY REVIEW REPORT</b></p> <p>The Assistant Director (Communities and Neighbourhoods) introduced the Third Sector Scrutiny Review Report. The Community Development Manager highlighted the context of the last review and indicated that four key priority areas had been selected for development in the 2012-2015 Voluntary Sector Strategy. It was noted that none of the priority areas of voice and representation, sustainability, harnessing corporate giving and volunteering had recorded clear evidence of progress against the objectives. Members and Officers expressed concern that the strategy did not have a clear action plan on how objectives were measured for impact and outcomes. The Community Development Manager also briefed Members on the national, Hertfordshire and Stevenage context of the voluntary community sector (VCS). Members acknowledged the diversity of VCS activities, interests and levels of commitment among volunteers in the Borough.</p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the review of the VCS Strategy 2012-15 is noted</li> <li>2. That the Voluntary and Community Sector 2012-2015 strategy not be updated but be replaced with clear and concise guidelines based on our co-operative approach</li> </ol>	S Weaver Ext 2332 R Gregory Ext 2568

	<p>3. That a Modern Member Programme (MMP) be arranged to train Members on how to help volunteers</p> <p>4. That officers use Community Select Committee as a reference group for the voluntary community sector review and the re-commissioning of the contract with the Citizens Advice Bureau</p> <p>5. That future grants and other forms of assistance to the voluntary sector be linked to performance targets with an annual review</p> <p>6. That the SBC website be updated to include links to national volunteering portals</p>	<p>R Gregory Ext 2568</p> <p>R Gregory Ext 2568</p> <p>R Gregory Ext 2568</p> <p>R Gregory Ext 2568</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>URGENT PART I BUSINESS</b></p> <p>None</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</b></p> <p>Not Required.</p>	
<b><u>PART II</u></b>		
<b>7</b>	<p><b>URGENT PART II BUSINESS</b></p> <p>None.</p>	