

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

Meeting:	Council
Date:	Wednesday, 22 May 2019
Place:	Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete
Members Present:	Councillors: (The Mayor 2018/19) Margaret Notley, Doug Bainbridge, Sandra Barr, Philip Bibby CC, Stephen Booth, Lloyd Briscoe, Rob Broom, Adrian Brown, Jim Brown, Teresa Callaghan, Laurie Chester, David Cullen, Michael Downing, Alex Farquharson, John Gardner, Michelle Gardner, Jody Hanafin, Liz Harrington, Richard Henry, Jackie Hollywell, Lizzy Kelly, Graham Lawrence, Mrs Joan Lloyd, John Lloyd, Sarah-Jane McDonough, Adam Mitchell CC, Maureen McKay, Lin Martin-Haugh, John Mead, Sarah Mead, Robin Parker CC, Claire Parris, Loraine Rossati, Graham Snell, Simon Speller, Sharon Taylor OBE CC, Jeannette Thomas and Tom Wren.

1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	<p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A McGuinness.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p> <p>The Mayor announced that she had accepted as urgent the report at Item 10 on the agenda – Constitutional Issues, as without consideration of this report the Council would not have a political decision making structure for 2019/20.</p>	
2	MINUTES - 27 FEBRUARY 2019	
	<p>It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 February 2019 are approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.</p> <p>At this juncture, the outgoing Mayor summarised her year in office and thanked the Mayoress, her PA Tracey Frost, Deputy Mayor, Members and Officers of the Council for their help and support throughout the year. She advised that over £13,000 had been raised for her chosen charities of Carers in Hertfordshire, Stevenage District Scouts and TRACKS Autism.</p>	

On behalf of Members, the Leader of the Council thanked the outgoing Mayor for a successful year in office, and her commitment to the role and the Borough.

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ELECTION OF MAYOR

The Mayor asked for nominations for the Office of Mayor for 2019/20.

Councillor S Taylor OBE CC nominated Councillor Simon Speller for the Office of Mayor.

The nomination was seconded by Councillor L Martin-Haugh.

There being no other nominations a vote was taken and it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Simon Speller be elected as a Mayor for the 2019/20 Municipal Year. Councillor Speller then made the statutory declaration of office.

The Mayor announced that Bridy Speller would be the Mayoress for 2019/20.

In his speech the Mayor announced that, working with the Stevenage District Scouts, his charities for the year would be the Stevenage Community Trust; Stevenage and North Herts Child Contact Centres; Stevenage Haven for the Homeless; and Just Be a Child.

The Mayor then presented awards to the following Members:

- For 20 years' service – Councillor G Snell
- For 35 years' service – Councillor R Parker CC
- Life Vice-Presidents of Stevenage District Scouts – Councillors M Notley and L Chester

4	ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR	
<p>It was moved and seconded that Councillor Jim Brown be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the 2019/20 Municipal Year.</p> <p>There being no other nominations a vote was taken and it was RESOLVED that Councillor Jim Brown be appointed Deputy Mayor for the 2019/20 Municipal Year.</p> <p>Councillor Brown then made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office. The Deputy Mayor announced that Penny Schenkel would be his Deputy Mayoress for the 2019/20 Municipal Year.</p>		
5	APPOINTMENT OF YOUTH MAYOR	
<p>It was moved, seconded and RESOLVED that William Sarenden be elected as Youth Mayor for the 2019/20 Municipal Year.</p>		
6	APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL	
<p>It was moved, seconded and RESOLVED that Councillor Sharon Taylor OBE CC be appointed Leader of the Council for 2019-2023.</p> <p>In her speech of thanks Councillor Taylor informed the Council that Councillor Mrs Joan Lloyd would be the Deputy Leader and that she would also be the Portfolio Holder for Resources.</p> <p>The other Members of the Executive and their Portfolios would be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Mrs Joan Lloyd – Resources • Councillor Jackie Hollywell – Communities, Community Safety and Equalities • Councillor Richard Henry – Children, Young People and Leisure 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor John Gardner – Environment and Regeneration • Councillor Lloyd Briscoe – Economy, Enterprise and Transport • Councillor Rob Broom – Neighbourhoods and Co-operative Working • Councillor Jeannette Thomas – Housing, Health and Older People
7	BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2019
	<p>Council considered a report that detailed the results of the Borough Council Elections that were held on 2 May 2019.</p> <p>The Leader thanked the Returning Officer, the Local Land Charges and Electoral Services Manager and his Team for the excellent and smooth management of the Election process.</p> <p>It was moved, seconded and RESOLVED that the results of the Stevenage Borough Council Elections 2019 be noted.</p>
8	APPOINTMENT OF LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION
	<p>The Interim Chief Executive advised the Council that the Leader of the Opposition would be Councillor Phil Bibby CC and that Councillor Graham Lawrence would be his deputy.</p>
9	APPOINTMENT OF LEADERS AND DEPUTY LEADERS OF THE POLITICAL GROUPS ON THE COUNCIL
	<p>The Interim Chief Executive advised the Council that Councillors Sharon Taylor OBE CC, Phil Bibby CC and Robin Parker CC had been appointed as Leaders of the Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrat Groups respectively. It was noted that Councillors Mrs Joan Lloyd, Graham Lawrence and Andy McGuinness would be Deputy Leaders of the Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrat Groups respectively.</p>

10	CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES	
	<p>Council considered a report relating to the Member level decision making structure of the Council and the Council's Constitution for the 2019/20 Municipal Year which had been circulated on the Supplementary Agenda.</p> <p>It was moved, seconded and RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Terms of Reference, as detailed in the appendices to the report; and the size and political composition for the following bodies that form the non-Executive Member level decision making structure of the Council be approved subject to the rules of proportionality where appropriate for the 98 Committee places where applicable (relevant Committees are identified thus*) – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview and Scrutiny Committee* (Appendix A) – 14 Members (10 Labour Group, 2 Conservative Group, 2 Liberal Democrat Group) • Community Select Committee* (Appendix B) – 10 Members (7 Labour Group, 2 Conservative Group, 1 Liberal Democrat Group) • Environment and Economy Select Committee* (Appendix C) – 11 Members (7 Labour Group, 3 Conservative Group, 1 Liberal Democrat Group) • Planning & Development Committee* (Appendix D) – 13 Members (8 Labour Group, 3 Conservative Group, 2 Liberal Democrat Group) • Licensing Committee (Appendix E) – 14 Members (9 Labour Group, 3 Conservative Group, 2 Liberal Democrat Group) • General Purposes Committee* (Appendix F) – 14 Members (9 Labour Group, 3 Conservative Group, 2 Liberal Democrat Group) 	

- Appointments Committee* (Appendix G) - 8 Members (6 Labour Group, 1 Conservative Group, 1 Liberal Democrat Group)
- Standards Committee* (Appendix H) – 8 Members (6 Labour Group, 1 Conservative Group, 1 Liberal Democrat Group)
- Audit Committee* (Appendix I) – 8 Members (6 Labour Group, 1 Conservative Group, 1 Liberal Democrat Group) + 1 Co-opted non-elected member
- Statement of Accounts Committee* (Appendix J) – 8 Members (6 Labour Group, 1 Conservative Group, 1 Liberal Democrat Group)
- Joint Consultative Committee* (Appendix K) – 4 Members (3 Labour Group, 1 Conservative Group,)

* Indicates where those bodies covered by the rules of proportionality for the purposes of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups), Regulations 1990 – total Committee places being 98

2. That the dates for Council meetings for the Municipal Year, as shown at Paragraph 4.4 of the report, are approved, and that the draft dates for other meetings, as shown at Appendix L to the report, are noted.
3. That 5 Members be appointed to the Housing Management Advisory Board (4 Majority Group, 1 Opposition Member).
4. That the amendments to the Constitution detailed in Paragraphs 4.10 - 4.11 of the report be approved.

11	APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL	
	<p>Details of the individuals nominated to serve on each Committee had been circulated at the meeting.</p> <p>The Interim Chief Executive advised of an error in the order of business for this item which quoted the “2018/19 Municipal Year” when, of course it should read “2019/20 Municipal Year”.</p>	

It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED:**

1. That the membership of Committees, together with the Chairs and Vice-Chairs, where detailed, are appointed for the 2019/20 Municipal Year as follows:

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

14 Members - (10-2-2)

Councillors – L Martin-Haugh (Chair), P Bibby CC (Vice-Chair), S Barr, J Brown, L Chester, M Downing, M Gardner, J Mead, S Mead, A McGuinness, S-J McDonough, A Mitchell CC, C Parris, R Parker CC.

COMMUNITY SELECT COMMITTEE

10 Members - (7-2-1)

Councillors – S Mead (Chair), M Notley (Vice-Chair), S Booth, A Brown, T Callaghan, A Farquharson, L Harrington, J Mead, C Parris, L Rossati.

ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY SELECT COMMITTEE

11 Members - (7-3-1)

Councillors – M Downing (Chair), A Mitchell CC (Vice-Chair), D Bainbridge, S Barr, S Booth, A Brown, J Brown, T Callaghan, D Cullen, J Hanafin, L Rossati.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

13 Members – (8-3-2)

Councillors – D Cullen (Chair), D Bainbridge, S Barr, M Gardner, J Hanafin, L Harrington, L Kelly, G Lawrence, J Lloyd, S-J McDonough, M McKay, G Snell, T Wren.

LICENSING COMMITTEE

14 Members – (9-3-2)

Councillors – L Chester (Chair), D Bainbridge, S Barr, J Brown, M Downing, J Hanafin, L Harrington, R Henry, G Lawrence, J Lloyd, M McKay, A McGuinness, L Rossati, G Snell.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

14 Members – (9-3-2)

Councillors – L Chester (Chair), D Bainbridge, S Barr, J Brown, M Downing, J Hanafin, L Harrington, R Henry, G Lawrence, J Lloyd, M McKay, A McGuinness, L Rossati, G Snell.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

8 Members – (6-1-1)

Councillors – S Taylor OBE, CC (Chair), P Bibby CC, M Downing, J Gardner, R Henry, Mrs J Lloyd, R Parker CC, J Thomas.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

8 Members – (6-1-1)

Councillors – Mrs J Lloyd (Chair), T Callaghan, M Downing, L Martin-Haugh, J Mead, M Notley, L Rossati, T Wren.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

8 Elected Members – (6-1-1) + 1 Independent Co-opted Member (G Gibbs)

Councillors – M McKay (Chair), S Barr, S Booth, L Chester, D Cullen, J Gardner, L Kelly, G Lawrence.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

8 Members – (6-1-1)

Councillors Mrs J Lloyd (Chair), P Bibby CC, R Broom, L Chester, J Hollywell, J Mead, S Mead, G Snell.

2. That 5 Members (4 Majority Group, 1 Opposition Member) be appointed to the Housing Management Board as agreed at Minute 10, resolution 3, as follows:

Councillors L Harrington, L Kelly, J Lloyd, L Martin-Haugh, M Notley.

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APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Council considered the list of individuals nominated to serve on Outside Bodies which had been circulated at the meeting.

It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the following individuals are appointed to represent the Council on the various bodies detailed below for one year, unless otherwise stated:

COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL ENGLAND THE HERTFORDSHIRE SOCIETY – Portfolio Holder for Environment and Regeneration

EAST OF ENGLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – The Leader of the Council

EAST OF ENGLAND REGIONAL PLANNING - Portfolio Holder for Environment and Regeneration

HCC JOINT WASTE MANAGEMENT GROUP - Portfolio Holder for Environment and Regeneration

HERTFORDSHIRE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND POLICY GROUP - Portfolio Holder for Environment and Regeneration

HERTFORDSHIRE LOCAL AUTHORITIES LEADERS GROUP – The Leader of the Council

HERTFORDSHIRE SUPPORTING PEOPLE COMMISSIONING BODY MEMBERS OVERVIEW GROUP – Portfolio Holder for Housing, Health and Older People

HERTFORDSHIRE SUSTAINABILITY FORUM STEERING GROUP - Portfolio Holder for Environment and Regeneration

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION - The Leader of the Council

RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY GROUP (COMMUNITY SAFETY) – Portfolio Holder Communities, Community Safety and Equalities

SOSTEVENAGE PARTNERSHIP - The Leader of the Council and Deputy Leader

STEVENAGE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - Portfolio Holder Communities, Community Safety and Equalities

STEVENAGE LEISURE LIMITED – The Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder Children, Young People and Leisure

AGE CONCERN STEVENAGE – Councillor J Lloyd

BEDWELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – Councillor L Harrington

BRAGBURY CENTRE – Councillor J Lloyd

CHELLS MANOR COMMUNITY CENTRE – Councillor A McGuinness

CROSSROADS CARE (tbc) – Councillors J Gardner and Mrs J Lloyd

DOUGLAS DRIVE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION – Councillor J Lloyd

HOME-START STEVENAGE – Councillor J Gardner

KADOMA LINK ASSOCIATION – Councillor J Gardner and G Snell

LIVING ROOM PROJECT – Councillor J Hollywell

OLD STEVENAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – Councillor J Brown

OVAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – Councillor L Briscoe

PIN GREEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – Councillor J Thomas

SHEPHALL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – Councillor J Mead

ST. NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – Councillor S Barr

STEVENAGE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU – Councillor M Downing

STEVENAGE COMMUNITY TRUST – Councillors R Henry and M McKay

STEVENAGE CREDIT UNION LIMITED – Councillor L Chester

STEVENAGE FURNITURE RECYCLING SCHEME – Councillor J Lloyd

STEVENAGE HAVEN – Councillor R Broom

STEVENAGE / AUTUN / INGELHEIM ASSOCIATION – Councillors R Henry and S Speller

STEVENAGE WORLD FORUM FOR ETHNIC COMMUNITIES – Councillor J Gardner

SYMONDS GREEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – Councillor L Chester

TIMEBRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – Councillor J Hollywell

TURN THE TIDE – Councillor L Kelly

EAST OF ENGLAND LGA IMPROVEMENT AND EFFICIENCY PANEL – Councillor R Henry

HCC HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – Councillor M McKay

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION UNIT – Councillor J Brown

LUTON AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE – Councillor J Gardner

	STEVENAGE CONSOLIDATED CHARITIES (FOUR YEAR PERIOD) – One vacancy; C Latif (to 2020), Councillors M McKay and J Mead (both to 2021).
13	STEVENAGE BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN: ADOPTION
	<p>The Council considered a report seeking the adoption of the Stevenage Borough Local Plan.</p> <p>The Interim Chief Executive advised that this matter had been discussed by both the Executive and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on a number of occasions. The options before the Council were to adopt the Local Plan as submitted, or to not adopt it – there was no provision to make any amendments.</p> <p>It was moved, seconded and RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the outcomes of the Main Modifications (and associated Sustainability Appraisal) consultation be noted (responses summary attached as Appendix A to the report). 2. That the content of the Inspector’s Report be noted (attached as Appendix B to the report). 3. That the firm proposal of Executive, having had regard to the outcomes following consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, be noted. 4. That the Inspector’s recommendation to adopt the Stevenage Borough Local Plan, incorporating main and minor modifications (attached as Appendix C to the report), and associated Policies Map, be accepted, and that the District Plan Second Review 2004 (BD1) be revoked.

14	EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC	
	<p>It was RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 to 7 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by SI 2006 No. 88. 2. That, having considered the reasons for the following items being in Part II, it be determined that maintaining the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighed the public interest in disclosure. 	
15	FUNDING FOR A WHOLLY OWNED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COMPANY	
	<p>The Council considered a Part II report in respect of the recommendations made by the Executive surrounding General Fund finances and loans required to set up the wholly owned housing development company to enable it to purchase properties, as set out in its Business Plan.</p> <p>It was moved, seconded and RESOLVED that the recommendations set out in the report are approved.</p>	