

EXECUTIVE

Date: Wednesday, 20 January 2021 Time: 1.00pm Location: Virtual (via Zoom) Contact: Ian Gourlay (01438) 242703 committees@stevenage.gov.uk

Members: Councillors: S Taylor OBE CC (Chair), Mrs J Lloyd (Vice-Chair), L Briscoe, R Broom, J Gardner, R Henry, J Hollywell and J Thomas.

AGENDA

<u> PART 1</u>

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. MINUTES - 9 DECEMBER 2020

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 9 December 2020 for signature by the Chair. Pages 5 - 16

3. MINUTES OF OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND SELECT COMMITTEES

To note the following Minutes of meetings of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Select Committees –

Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 25 November 2020 Community Select Committee – 2 December 2020 Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 15 December 2020 Pages 17 – 30

4. COVID-19 UPDATE

To consider a verbal update / presentation on the Covid-19 pandemic.

5. LAUNCH OF STEVENAGE AMENITY TREE MANAGEMENT POLICY

To consider a revised policy for how amenity tree management will be delivered in the future. Pages 31 – 70

6. LAUNCH OF STEVENAGE CEMETERY POLICY

To consider a new policy for how the Cemetery service in Stevenage will be delivered. Pages 71 – 118

7. FUTURE TOWN, FUTURE TRANSPORT STRATEGY - 12 MONTH REVIEW

To consider the progress of the projects included in the Future Town, Future Transport Strategy, adopted in October 2019. Pages 119 – 134

8. COUNCIL TAX BASE 2021/22

To consider the Council Tax Base for 2021/22. Pages 135 – 140

9. FINAL HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) AND RENT SETTING REPORT 2021/22

To consider a report for recommendation to Council in respect of the final Housing Revenue Account Budget and Rent Setting for 2021/22. Pages 141 – 234

10. DRAFT GENERAL FUND AND COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2021/22

To consider the Draft General Fund Budget and Council Tax Setting for 2020/21.

[TO FOLLOW]

11. DRAFT CAPITAL STRATEGY 2020/21 - 2025/26

To consider a report that includes proposals for revisions to the 2020/21 General Fund and Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme and the draft Capital Programme for 2021/22 onwards.

[TO FOLLOW]

12. URGENT PART I BUSINESS

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

13. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider the following motions -

 That under Section 100A 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.

14. PART II MINUTES - EXECUTIVE - 9 DECEMBER 2020

To approve as a correct record the Part II Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 9 December 2020 for signature by the Chair. Pages 235 - 238

15. LOCALITY REVIEW LAND AND SITES DISPOSAL REPORT

To consider some proposed site disposals identified as part of the Locality Ward asset and land reviews. Pages 239 - 260

16. THE FORMATION OF A WHOLLY OWNED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COMPANY - RENEWED BUSINESS PLAN APPROVAL AND FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS

To consider a renewed Business Plan for the Wholly Owned Housing Development Company. Pages 261 - 302

17. LEISURE CONTRACT - COVID-19 AND MITIGATION MEASURES

To consider the ongoing impact of Covid-19 on the Council's Leisure Management Contract and to consider mitigation measures to support the effective recovery of leisure facilities post pandemic.

[REPORT TO FOLLOW]

18. 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 Wednesday, 20 January 2021 – http://www.stevenage.gov.uk/have-your-say/council-meetings/161153/

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