

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS -

Meeting:	Environment & Economy Select Committee	
Date:	Tuesday, 22 June 2021	
Place:	Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete	
Members Present:	Councillors:	Adam Mitchell CC (Chair), Julie Ashley-Wren, Doug Bainbridge, Stephen Booth, Adrian Brown, Wendy Kerby, Sarah Mead, Claire Parris and Simon Speller

1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Michael Downing and Maureen Mckay.	
2	TERMS OF REFERENCE	
	The Committee noted the Terms of Reference.	
3	MINUTES - 13 JANUARY 2021	
	It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on Wednesday 13 January 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	
4	REPORT BACK FROM THE SUB GROUP LOOKING AT THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON YOUNG PEOPLE	
	<p>The committee received a sub-group report and suggested recommendations relating to the impact of Covid19 on young people as part of the Committee's wider review of the economic impact of the pandemic on Stevenage.</p> <p>The Committee met on 10 October 2020 and agreed a scope for this work and the sub-group was led by Councillor Simon Speller.</p> <p>The Committee agreed on the following scope for the sub-group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with Schools Head Teachers, North Herts College Principal, HCC YCH Services for young people and STEMPOINT East 	

- Find out what are the main challenges to young people regarding Covid-19 in education and employment
- Make recommendations for partners to work together to offer practical help for local young people

Councillor Speller described the sub-group report as qualitative and case driven. He advised Members on Near Horizon and Far Horizon Recommendations as set out in the report.

Members debated the sub-group report, and appreciated the time and efforts that had been put in to the report. Members suggested the following could be added to the recommendation:

- The Council to provide help and support to arts and STEM students.
- The Council to work with contractors and partners to provide work experience opportunities.
- To provide opportunities for young people to help in cleaning the environment e.g. through litter picking.

It was **RESOLVED:**

- That the Committee endorsed the recommendations as set out in the sub-group report, together with the Members recommendations at the meeting as set out above.
- That a copy of the sub-group’s report be sent to the contributors

5	ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY SELECT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2021-22	
	<p>The Committee received a suggested Work Programme and agenda planning for the future meetings. The Work Programme is a flexible working document that is subject to change as new issues arise. Members were encouraged to suggest items to be included in the Work Programme at any time.</p> <p>The Scrutiny Officer outlined the following key issues that would be discussed at the future meetings:</p>	

- Continue the scrutiny of the impact of Covid19 on Economic Development in Stevenage and the Council’s response (To agree any further evidence and meetings required to complete the review);
- Scrutinise the Council’s Climate Emergency Strategy Action Plan (Review of the Action Plan Consultation response)
- Update on the 2016 Business Technology Centre Review (To consider delivery of WENTA contract July 2019)
- Local Neighbourhood Centres – Consider the Executive Portfolio Holder Response
- Bulky Waste Charging Proposal – Officer Key Decision – In a Portfolio Holder Advisory Group
- Indoor Market Medium Term Investment Business Case – - In a Portfolio Holder Advisory Group
- Final Future Town Future Parking Strategy – Keep a watching brief on the progress of the Strategy
- Parks and Open Space Strategy – In a Portfolio Holder Advisory Group
- Trees and Woodland Strategy – In a Portfolio Holder Advisory Group

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That the Committee noted the Work Programme.

6	ACTION TRACKER	
<p>The Scrutiny Officer presented the Action Tracker to the Committee. The Action Tracker contained useful information to track the progress of items that the Committee had previously scrutinised.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Committee noted the Action Tracker 		

7	URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS	
	None.	
8	EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS	
	Not required.	
9	URGENT PART II BUSINESS	
	None.	