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## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, 13 December 2022

Time: 6.00pm

Location: Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage

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Members: Councillors: L Martin-Haugh (Chair), P Bibby CC (Vice-Chair), R Broom, J Brown, M Downing, B Facey, W Kerby, A McGuinness, S Mead, R Parker CC, C Parris, L Rossati and A Wells.

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### AGENDA

#### PART I

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

#### 2. MINUTES - 23 NOVEMBER 2022

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 23 November 2022.

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#### 3. PART I DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

To consider the following Part I Decisions of the Executive taken on 7 December 2022.

2.	Minutes – 16 November 2022	5 – 10
3.	Minutes of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Select Committees	11 – 30
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7.	Draft Housing Revenue Account Budget Setting and Rent Setting Report 2023/24	S3 – S48
8.	Urgent Part I Business	

Notice of Decisions to follow

#### 4. URGENT PART I DECISIONS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

To consider any urgent Part I Decisions authorised by the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

#### 5. URGENT PART I BUSINESS

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

#### 6. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider the following motions:

1. 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.

**7. PART II MINUTES - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 23 NOVEMBER 2022**

To approve as a correct record the Part II Minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 23 November 2022.  
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**8. PART II DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

To consider the following Part II Decisions of the Executive taken on 7 December 2022.

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| 10. | Part II Minutes – Executive – 16 November 2022                 | 99 - 102                |
| 11. | Leisure Services and Active Communities Management Contract    | 103 – 228               |
| 12. | Regeneration Programme Update and SG1 Programme Implementation | 229 – 244               |
| 13. | Making Your Money Count Options 2023/24 (Part 2)               | 245 – 322<br>& S3 – S14 |
| 14. | Urgent Part II Business  |                         |

Notice of Decisions to follow

**9. URGENT PART II DECISIONS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

To consider any urgent Part II Decisions authorised by the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**10. URGENT PART II BUSINESS**

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

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, 23 November 2022

Time: 6.00pm

Place: Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage

**Present:** Councillors: Lin Martin-Haugh (Chair), Rob Broom, Jim Brown, Michael Downing, Bret Facey, Wendy Kerby, Andy McGuinness, Sarah Mead, Claire Parris, Loraine Rossati, Anne Wells and Chris Howells

Substitutes: Councillors: Stephen Booth and Chris Howells

**Start / End Time:** Start Time: 6.00pm  
End Time: 7.20pm

### 1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Phil Bibby CC and Robin Parker CC. Councillors Chris Howells and Stephen Booth were in attendance as substitute Members.

There were no declarations of interest.

### 2 **MINUTES - 18 OCTOBER 2022**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday 18 October 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### 3 **PART I DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

#### 2. **Minutes – 12 October 2022**

Noted.

#### 3. **Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny and Select Committees**

Noted.

#### 4. **Second Quarter Revenue Monitoring Report 2022/23 – General Fund and Housing Revenue Account**

In relation to repairs and voids, Members expressed concern that the funding was inadequate for the amount that was needed to bring properties up to a lettable standard.

Members also suggested that tenants should be reminded that although basic maintenance of a property was their responsibility, any substantial building works or repairs was the responsibility of the Council.

Members were advised that the Community Select Committee was currently undertaking a review of the Repairs and Voids Service.

**5. 2022/23 Mid Year Treasury Management Review and Prudential Indicators**

The Committee was informed that the report had been recommended to Council for approval.

In response to a question, the Strategic Director advised that the Council had never had any investments in Qatar nor any countries where there would be an ethical concern.

**6. Urgent Part I Business**

None.

**4 URGENT PART I DECISIONS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

None.

**5 URGENT PART I BUSINESS**

None.

**6 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was **RESOLVED**:

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 involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraphs 1 to 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by SI 2006 No. 88.

2. That having considered the reasons for the following item being in Part II, it be determined that maintaining the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighed the public interest in disclosure.

**7 PART II MINUTES - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 18 OCTOBER 2022**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Part II Minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 18 October 2022 be approved as a correct record and

signed by the Chair.

**8 PART II DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

**8. Part II Minutes – Executive – 12 October 2022**

Noted.

**9. Making Your Money Count Options 2023/24**

The Strategic Director (CF) answered a number of Members' questions in respect of this item.

**9 URGENT PART II DECISIONS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

None.

**10 URGENT PART II BUSINESS**

None.

**CHAIR**

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of the Local Government Act 1972.

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